

**CITY OF BEECH GROVE, INDIANA  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:10p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Board of Works Members Ed Bell, Sandra Seward and Mayor Dennis Buckley were present. Also in attendance, were Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented the November 16<sup>th</sup>, meeting minutes to the Board. Ed Bell moved to accept the minutes as presented. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented the November 23<sup>rd</sup>, meeting minutes to the Board. Ed Bell moved to accept the minutes as presented. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ed Bell commented that after review of the appeal brought forward by Mr. & Mrs. Brown, he does believe it warrants further review, because their problem was different than the other claims brought forward by other citizens. Mayor Buckley stated that he would oppose any type of restitution to anyone pursuant to this claim. He feels that the City has met its obligation in this matter. Ed would like to continue the conversation with Sandy at another meeting. Mayor Buckley commented that he and the Board have not discussed the issue outside of this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

**Corporate Claims** – claims in the amount of **\$1, 271, 153.61** were presented to the Board for approval.

Mayor Buckley commented that the claim for the underground tank removal is included as well as the \$128,000.00 for the ambulance chassis.

Sandy Seward moved to accept these claims as presented. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Covanta Contract-** *presented by Brad Meriwether, DPW Director*

Brad explained the increase for Covanta is 31 cents per ton. It is a standard one-year contract. It is still the best price on the market and he does expect the landfill to raise their price too. The last time the increase came through the landfill followed through with a larger increase.

Sandy Seward moved to approve the agreement with Covanta for one year. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Invoice Cloud-** *presented by Clerk-Treasurer McMillan*

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan gave an explanation of what the program is. Invoice Cloud is a partner with Boyce Systems; which is a part of Keystone Accounting Program and the City currently uses Keystone software programs. They are SBOA approved. The program will give the customer the option to sign up for online/paperless billing and to pay online or by telephone. There will be a fee of \$1.95 to the consumer to pay online or by telephone the fee will be \$2.70. The costs to the City of \$50.00 per month will be for the paperless billing. The company estimates that within 12 to 18 months 30% of customers will be on paperless billing and that will save the city approximately sixty cents per customer. The customers will be able to view the history of their billing for the past 24 months.

Sandy Seward moved to approve implementing the Invoice Cloud program. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Changes in Position in the Police Department-** *presented by Chief Swartz*

Chief Swartz asked approval to move Sergeant Matthew Bragg from the road to a Detective Position. Sergeant Bragg will receive an increase in pay for the position, but it will not increase the budget.

Ed Bell moved to approve the position change and pay increase for Matthew Bragg. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chief Swartz asked approval to move Captain Ferrar from a Detective Position to a road position. Captain Ferrar will receive a decrease in pay for the position.

Ed Bell moved to approve the position change for Captain Ferrar. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chief Swartz gave an update of the murder-suicide that occurred in Beech Grove. It was a domestic related event. The female was trying to dissolve the relationship with the male. The male went to the house and shot the female and then shot himself.

There was a purse grab at Walmart over the weekend with very little description.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

Ed Bell wished everyone a safe holiday.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Sandy Seward moved to adjourn. Ed Bell seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 pm. at City Hall Council Chambers.

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Dennis Buckley, Mayor

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Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer

Prepared by: Dan McMillan