

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 18th, 2012**

**Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.**

**ROLL CALL:** Board of Works Members, Dave Harrison, Sandra Seward and Mayor Buckley Present. Also, in attendance were Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

**MEETING MINUTES:** Dave Harrison moved to accept the minutes as presented. Sandra Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Mayor Buckley gave a brief description of the claims

Dave Harrison asked about the payments to Bank of New York Mellon. Clerk Treasurer McMillan explained that the amounts being paid are toward a portion of the Tax Anticipation Warrant Bond that the city owes. In the past, it used to be paid in one lump sum annually, and now it is paid bi-annually in June and July. June's payment consists of;

- \$701,621.00 toward the General Fund Principal and \$3,041.53 toward the General Fund Interest
- \$5,808.00 toward the Fire Pension Fund Principal and \$25.18 toward the Fire Pension Fund Interest
- \$71,204.00 toward the Debt Service Fund Principal and \$45.19, toward the Debt Service Fund interest
- The remaining balance is due in December, and is approximately \$ 1, 600,000.00.

Clerk McMillan also stated that the interest rate on this bond was tremendously low, at just a little over 1%. He said; paying off the loan in two installments, alleviates the burden, from the city, of paying it off in one huge sum. Mayor Buckley commended the clerk's office for the job being done.

Dave Harrison also asked about the Crossroads claim for \$ 10,165.00. Mayor Buckley explained that these are claims toward the Main Street project, and the Board will be seeing more of them. Clerk Treasurer McMillan explained that the second Crossroads bill on the list is for the roundabout. The City of Beech Grove continues to pay these bills from the roundabout, and then receives reimbursement from the City of Indianapolis. Mayor Buckley stated that the city continues to get bills for the years of 2010 and 2011 that were not paid. Clerk Treasurer McMillan explained; he just received a "2010" bill this past week, in the amount of \$27,000.00, for work completed on the Rock Pile. He also stated that this is the first time he has seen this bill.

- Manual Claims in the amount of \$ 877, 561.60 - were presented to the Board for approval. Board of Works Member Sandra Seward, moved to accept the claims as read. Board of Works Member Dave Harrison, seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Regular Claims in the amount of \$ 41,914.82 - were presented to the Board for approval. Board of Works Member Dave Harrison moved to accept the claims as read. Board of Works Member Sandra Seward, seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fire Chief Robert Cheshire reported** - that if approved the new firefighter Christopher Beamer will start on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Christopher is replacing Bruce Sallee, whom is retiring this month. This is not a new position. It is a replacement. Sandra Seward moved to accept the new hire. Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chief Cheshire also reported - that the Fire Department quit issuing permits for hog roast and other open burning, due to the dry climate. The fire department had several runs on grass fires this past weekend. Sandra Seward asked about the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks in Beech Grove. Chief Cheshire responded by stating that they will continue to monitor the weather and conditions closely, and check the state recommendations. If necessary they will wet down the area very well.

Sandra Seward also asked about the status of the fire engines. Chief Cheshire stated that on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Engine No. 101 that is ten years old was sent back to Global for the transfer case. While at Global another issue was discovered and it was leaking fluids around the gasket. It then had to be sent to Clark Diesel for 5 days. In the meantime the 25 year old Engine, pump went out and it had to be sent to Donley Apparatus, so we had to borrow from IFD a fire engine that was 17 years old. That engine served as the primary mode of fire protection for the City of Beech Grove for 5 days.

**Police Chief Swartz reported**- the City of Lawrence has been handling our IDAX Computer system, and they will be discontinuing their service to us, as of June 25<sup>th</sup>. The City of Speedway will be presenting to their City Council tonight, an offer to provide this service to the City of Beech Grove. IDAX is an informational tool used for running information on individuals and vehicles. Hopefully, we will know on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, if the City Council of Speedway approved this.

Mayor Buckley asked Chief Swartz to speak to the recent deaths of young people in Beech Grove caused by drug overdoses. Chief Swartz reported that 2 deaths of younger people had occurred due to drug overdoses. Chief Swartz also stated that our narcotics officers have been active from the drug tip line and the DEA as well as other agencies have been working with us.

Chief Swartz also stated that the Auction went well. Everything sold except for one bicycle. The BGF D had a booth set up there too. The auctioneer, Mike Heimel was happy with the results and he will settle with the city this week. He expressed his appreciation to the city for using his services. He is a local Beech Grove business and is located on Second Avenue. Mayor Buckley asked how the proceeds will be distributed. Chief Swartz stated that some will go into the Criminal Investigation Fund and the remainder will be used to buy new police vehicles for the K-9 and Animal Control Officer, which is currently running out of a 1999 vehicle.

**Block Party Request:**

A request was presented to block Seventh Avenue between Bethel and Cleveland on July 4<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30pm to 6:30pm. They are requesting barricades to be set up by the Board of Public Works Department. Sandra Seward moved to approve the Block Party. Dave Harrison seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Another request was presented to block Sixth Avenue between Main and Albany on July 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. They are also requesting barricades. Sandra Seward moved to approve the Block Party. Dave Harrison seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

A request was made to approve payment to Edwards catering for the "Indiana Mayor's Southern Round Table". On Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Beech Grove will be hosting this event for Mayor's from South of Indianapolis to Kentucky. The amount is \$ 743.77 and will come directly from the **Mayor's Donation Fund**. Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated this fund is **NOT supported by tax payer dollars**, and there is more than enough money in this fund to cover this expenditure. . Sandra Seward moved to approve the payment. Dave Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Next Board of Works Meeting is Monday, July 2nd, 2012

**ADJOURNMENT:** Board of Works Member Dave Harrison, moved to adjourn. Board of Works Member Sandra Seward seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

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Dennis Buckley, Mayor

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Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer

**Prepared and posted by: Clerk Treasurer, Dan McMillan – 06/19/2012 @ 7:00am**