

**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY – November 2, 2009**

A quorum of the Board of Public Works and Safety (Board) being present, the Board met Monday, November 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Building, in accordance with its requirements and all applicable authority.

PUBLIC HEARING –

Mayor Steve Updike opened a public hearing on 356 Center Street Order of Enforcement cited six (6) unsafe violations, Building Commissioner Paul's recommendation is demolition of house and garage. With no one else requesting to speak, Mayor Updike closed the public hearing.

Mayor Steve Updike opened a public hearing on 441 North Jefferson Street Order of Enforcement cited 12 unsafe violations, Building Commissioner Paul's recommendation is to allow 30 days to complete repairs. With no one else requesting to speak, Mayor Updike closed the public hearing.

Mayor Updike opened the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

Members present were: Mayor Steve Updike, Barry Cochran, and Shirley Powell. Also present were: Building Commissioner, Shad Paul; Assistant to Building Commissioner, Marla Stambazze; Chief of Police, Tom Emely; Assistant Chief of Police, Jay Kyle; Water Billing Clerk, Mary Harlan; City Attorney, John Branham; and Clerk-Treasurer, Christi Scher. Several citizens were also in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING –

Board Member Cochran made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2009 meeting, seconded by Powell. Motion passed 3-0. Minutes signed.

OLD BUSINESS –

Mary Harlan reported the income and expenses for Water and Wastewater Utilities departments showing the depreciation transfer for the Water Department for October 2009.

Building Commissioner Paul reported on **538 Lindley Street**. The home has been demolished and most of the debris has been removed. Cochran made a motion to allow 30 days for the remaining clean up and foundation removal, seconded by Powell. Motion passed 3-0.

Building Commissioner Paul also reported on **531 E Market Street**. The home has been in the process of remodeling for several months without completion. Powell made a motion requesting the owner report to the Department of Community Development a timeline for progress by the November 16, 2009 BOW meeting or will request immediate demolition, seconded by Cochran. Motion passed 3-0.

Building Commissioner Paul reported on **1106 Superior Street**, seeking immediate demolition. Powell made a motion to uphold the order of enforcement for demolition, seconded by Cochran. Motion passed 3-0.

Stambazze updated the Board about the **Neighborhood Association meeting**. They had a good turn out and the neighbors are very positive in helping improve the neighborhood. The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2009.

North Well Field proposal to test and possibly purchase land from Schers was discussed. City proposed \$3000 per well site to do the testing, with option to purchase if adequate water is produced. Purchase price of \$36,000 for all three well sites plus \$1000 for loss of cash rent for one year. The total proposal is for \$46,000. Attorney Bendall will prepare a letter containing the proposal and send it to the Schers so they can discuss it with their attorney and respond to the Board of Works as soon as possible and not later than the November 16, 2009 Board meeting.

Branham discussed with Mr. Wall, Downtown Business Association secretary, the request of **painting striping on the downtown curbs**. Wall informed Branham that the Business Association voted not to participate in the cost and labor of painting striping. Powell made a motion to remove the request from any future agenda's unless the Downtown Business Association brings it up for discussion, seconded by Cochran. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS –

Building Commissioner Paul's recommendation for **356 Center Street** is for immediate demolition of the house and garage. Powell made a motion to uphold the order for demolition, seconded by Cochran. Motion passed 3-0.

Building Commissioner Paul's recommendation for **441 North Jefferson Street** is to allow 30 days to complete the repairs. Powell made a motion to allow 30 days for the clean up and repair, seconded by Cochran. Motion passed 3-0.

Police Officer William Wike has been on suspension without pay since September 2, 2008. He has recently pleaded guilty to the felony charges that were brought against him at his trial in October 2009. Cochran made a motion to follow through with the termination of Officer Wike, seconded by Powell. Motion passed 3-0.

Cochran made a motion to approve the **Fire Protection Contracts** for Gladieux for 2009 and Huntington Township for 2010, seconded by Powell. Motion passed 3-0. Contracts were signed.

MISCELLANEOUS –

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE –


Board Member Cochran made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Powell. Motion passed 3-0. Documentation signed.

ADJOURNMENT –

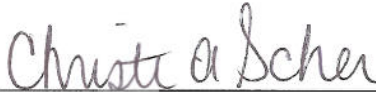
Powell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cochran. Motion passed 3-0.

APPROVED, Board of Public Works and Safety,

By  As Mayor and
Steve Updike Member

By  As Member
Shirley Powell

By  As Member
Barry Cochran

ATTEST:  As Clerk-Treasurer
Christi A. Scher