

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – October 7, 2019**

A quorum of the Board of Public Works & Safety (Board) being present, the Board met Monday, October 7, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Huntington City Building, in accordance with all applicable requirements, notice, and authority.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Fetters opened the Board of Public Works & Safety meeting.

Board Members present: Mayor Fetters, Dwight Brautigam, Charles Chapman, Kathy Elmore, and Anthony Lisinicchia. Also present: Building Commissioner, Shad Paul; Director of Community Development and Redevelopment, Bryn Keplinger; Interim Director of Engineering, Adam Cuttriss; Police Chief Hacker; Attorney, Adrian Halverstadt; City Attorney, Mike Hartburg; and Clerk-Treasurer, Christi McElhaney.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Board Member Lisinicchia moved to approve minutes of the September 16, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0. Minutes signed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Director Cuttriss presented an **amended agreement for Well 19. Lochmueller** and the City of Huntington will rebid the Well 19 improvements. Board Member Elmore moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0. Agreement signed.

**Special Event permit was presented for 2020 Chalk Walk for September 19, 2020** on Franklin Street at the Courthouse. Some concerns were expressed about the UB Block apartments opening next year with parking needs. Pam Burris, coordinator of the event, suggested just closing Franklin Street at this time and following up with the parking lot next year. Board Member Lisinicchia made a motion to approve the event and the closure of Franklin Street, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0.

**Special Event permit was presented for the Veteran's 5K run for November 9, 2019** at Memorial Park. Director Cuttriss mentioned the route is the detour route for the West Park Drive project closure. The event coordinator said they will make the change to run in the grass around the park area. Board Member Chapman made a motion to approve the event, seconded by Board Member Lisinicchia. Motion passed 5-0.

Police Chief Hacker **presented the Trick or Treat hours for October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Board Member Brautigam made a motion to approve date and times, seconded by Board Member Lisinicchia. Motion passed 5-0.

Director Keplinger **opened bids for the HK Porter building demolition project:**

Geiger Excavating:	\$68,300
Green Demo:	\$238,000
Homrich:	\$173,400

Director Keplinger recommended taking the bids under advisement for review with SME. Board Member Lisinicchia made a motion to take bids under advisement, seconded by Board Member Elmore. Motion passed 5-0.

**Alan VanMeter, 627 Court Street, asked the Board to stop the demolition** of his property. Attorney Halverstadt explained to the Board that the owner's deadline to appeal to the courts to stop the demolition process has passed. The Board could allow a change, by modifying the Continuing Order of Enforcement if it wishes. Board Member Lisinicchia made a motion to uphold the Order of Enforcement by proceeding with the demolition, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 4-1. Ayes: Elmore, Brautigam, Lisinicchia and Fetters. Nays: Chapman. The City will go ahead with the demolition.

**Attorney Justin Wall addressed the Board asking for an accommodation for goats to be kept at 227 W Taylor Street.** He distributed a "Board of Works Preparation Packet 10/7/19". His packet contained selected sections of the City Code and Indiana Law. He also provided a letter from Andrew Robbins, of Andrew Robbins, LMHC. Mr. Wall is asking for a reasonable accommodation for goats to be kept at the address. City Attorney Hartburg recommended that the Board take the request and information under advisement for review. Board Member Chapman made a motion to take the matter under advisement, seconded by Board Member Elmore. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Fetters thanked Andrew Rensberger for his service as Volunteer Coordinator for the City of Huntington. Andrew will be leaving the City this week and has done a great job with Public/Private partnerships in the Community.

#### **UNSAFE BUILDING/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT:**

##### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Fetters opened the public hearing for **851 McFarland Street**. The owner is Lebecca Boyer and James Powers is buying the property on land contract and has put money into the roof. He is requesting a 60-day extension. There are eleven unsafe violations, thirteen minimum housing violations, and twelve corrective measures. The compliance deadline is October 6, 2019. With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Fetters closed the public hearing.

Mayor Fetters opened the public hearing on **658 Division Street**. The current owner USDA, represented by attorney Justin Wall, is selling the property to a new owner. They are requesting 60-day extension. There are four unsafe violations, seventeen minimum housing violations and twelve corrective measures. Closing should be scheduled in the next few weeks.

##### **ENFORCEMENT ORDERS:**

Commissioner Paul recommends **60-day extension for 851 McFarland** to finish improvements and report back at the December 2, 2019 meeting. Board Member Brautigam made a motion to allow the 60-day extension, seconded by Board Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Paul recommends **60-day extension for 658 Division Street** to allow the new owners to take over and start making the improvements. An update should be reported at the

December 2, 2019 meeting. Board Member Elmore made a motion to allow the 60-day extension, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0.

**UPDATE:**

Owner, Rebecca Hanson of **1019 Salamonie Avenue**, stated Amor Excavating should start the demolition on October 14, 2019, they have now obtained their demolition permits. The City requested demolition proposals in case the Hanson's didn't complete the demolition on their own. Commissioner Paul opened the demolition bids for 1019 Salamonie Avenue:

	Remove slab	Keep slab
Amor Excavating	\$55,000	\$27,750
Dirt Excavating	\$29,500	\$24,900

Board Member Chapman made a motion to **take the demolition proposals under advisement to allow the Hanson's to complete the demolition with their contract with Amor Excavating and allow a 30-day extension for the completion**, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0.

**DEMOLITION:**

Commissioner Paul opened demolition proposals for **538 Lindley Street**:

Amor Excavating:	\$1,940
Dirt Excavating:	\$2,184

Board Member Elmore made a motion to accept the low bidder Amor Excavating at \$1,940, seconded by Board Member Lisinicchia. Motion passed 5-0.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Board Member Chapman moved to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Board Member Lisinicchia. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation signed.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

Board Member Brautigam moved to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Lisinicchia. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

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APPROVED  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
City of Huntington, Indiana

By  as Mayor and  
Brooks Fetters Member

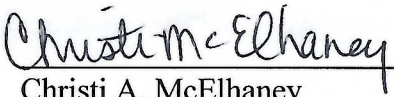
By  as Member  
Dwight Brautigam

By Absent as Member  
Charles Chapman

By  as Member  
Kathy Elmore

By  as Member  
Anthony Lisinichia

ATTEST:

 as Clerk-Treasurer  
Christi A. McElhaney