

AUGUST 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Angola, Indiana was called to order by Chair Richard M. Hickman at 6:31 p.m. at the Angola Training Center, 306 West Mill Street 1B. Members Richard M. Hickman and David A. Olson answered roll call. Member David B. Martin was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Debra A. Twitchell recorded the minutes.

Among those present were Chief of Police Stu Hamblen, City Attorney Kim Shoup, Assistant Fire Chief William Harter, Fire Captain Pete Decker, Firefighter Kevin Mory, Firefighter Paul Theil, Firefighter Terry Dowell, Economic Development and Planning Director Vivian Likes, Street Commissioner Doug Anderson, City Engineer Amanda Cope, Wastewater Superintendent Craig Williams, Water Superintendent Tom Selman, Human Resources Administrator Sue Essman, and Deputy Clerk Ryan Herbert.

Also, among those present were Ashlee Hoos of *The Herald Republican* and Colin Meadowcroft of WLKI.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Olson moved to approve the July 6, 2020 minutes. Member Hickman seconded the motion. On call of the vote, the motion carried 2-0.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Board was asked to consider a request by Greg Baird at 800 Butler Street to connect his property via driveway to Thomas Drive. City Engineer Cope explained that Mr. Baird plans to subdivide his land, build a new home on what would become an empty lot to the rear of the property, and sell the home at 800 Butler Street. Baird would like to place the driveway access to the new home at what is currently the dead end of Thomas Drive which currently ends 50' before arriving at Mr. Baird's property. Engineer Cope explained that the options would be for the City to extend Thomas Drive the additional 50' or grant Mr. Baird an easement 12' through the right-of-way to build his driveway to what is currently the end of Thomas Drive. Cope then stated that Street Commissioner Anderson expressed concerns with extending the street related to drainage, soil conditions, and snowplowing. Cope's recommendation was to grant Mr. Baird the easement. Economic Development and Planning Director Likes reported that Mr. Baird still needed to appear before the Pan Commission about subdividing the property. Board Member Olson expressed concerns with the property being further subdivided in the future to add more homes. Mr. Baird explained that his intent was to build a home for himself on the property and not divide further. Board Member Olson expressed concerns about extending the street because of snow removal and construction traffic. Discussion followed regarding construction access and quality of driveway to be installed. City Engineer Cope reiterated her recommendation to grant easement rather than extend the street. Discussion followed regarding legality of


an easement. City Attorney Shoup said he would have to investigate the legality of granting easement through the right-of-way. Member Olson moved to table the matter while legality of an easement is investigated. Member Hickman seconded the motion. On call of the vote, the motion carried 2-0.

The Board was then asked to accept the appointment of Christopher Greuter to the position of Probationary Firefighter to the Angola Fire Department. Human Resources Administrator Essman reported that the hiring process for Mr. Greuter started in May. He had passed his CPAT, aptitude, and physical and mental testing and had been accepted into the '77 pension fund. Member Olson moved to accept the appointment of Christopher Greuter to the position of Probationary Firefighter. Member Hickman seconded the motion. On call of the vote, the motion carried 2-0.

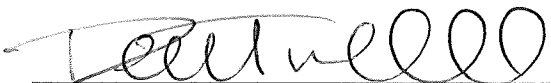
Member Olson then moved to accept the request for easement from Northern Indiana Public Service Company, LLC to install a guy wire on City property at Commons Park. Member Hickman seconded the motion. On call of the vote, the motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

  
Richard M. Hickman, Chair

Attest:

  
Debra A. Twitchell, Clerk-Treasurer