

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2009

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz and Board member Ken Meyer. Also present was City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright. Board member Bill Karbach was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from March 3rd. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor announced the outside sewer rates will be discussed at the next Board of Works meeting, on Tuesday, April 7th.

The Mayor reported he will be attending the Mayor's Round Table on Thursday, March 19th and will ask about budgets for utilities. Board member, Meyer also asked the Mayor to find out how other communities are handling trash collection. The Mayor will report back at the next meeting with this information.

The Mayor announced the insurance representative from Anthem will at the next Board of Works meeting to discuss different insurance plans for renewal. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact the insurance rep. to have this information before the meeting, so it can be reviewed before the meeting.

The City Attorney was directed by the Mayor to supply a copy of the committee service liability policy he prepared for the Adams County Solid Waste Management District to the Mayor and the Board of Works members and Council members to review before the next Board of Works meeting.

Mayor Schultz attended a Stimulus meeting with INDOT. The projects the Mayor submitted were to continue curbs and gutters along East Monroe Street Extended to city limits, and sidewalks on Piqua Road. This project is estimated at \$500,000.00. Other projects are sidewalks on Winchester Road from Lingenfelter's to Meadows of Cross Creek subdivision. Submissions are to May 2010 and needs to be completed by 2012. Adams County's stimulus limit is \$3 million for road projects, and must be designated arteries to be allowed as part of the stimulus. OCRA will be handling the Water and Sewer Projects.

With Council members present at the Board of Works meeting, the Mayor encouraged council members to attend future County Council meetings when the LOIT tax is being discussed. In order to implement this tax for 2010, it must be passed by August 1st.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler and Deputy Police Chief, Greg Cook attended the meeting. The Police Chief handed out the revised copy of the School Resource Officer Program and the job description for the School Resource Officer. Ketzler and Cook explained what amendments were made to the program and the job description. Council members will approve the program and the job description at the council meeting. The City Attorney recommended to the Police Chief and Deputy Chief to add the School Resource Officer under non-essential duties for this Police Patrol Officer's benchmark. The Mayor also suggested for Ketzler or Cook to check with the school to make sure the program is going well. Ketzler

agreed to amend the benchmark and also to check with the school on the SRO progress. Ketzler also announced he has requested the first \$17,500 from Barry Humble, the grant administrator. These monies will go into the general fund as reimbursement for the school resource officer's salary.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler requested permission to pursue a program called COPS Rehiring Recovery Program. This program is part of the Reinvestment and Recovery Act (Stimulus Plan) from Washington. Ketzler is requesting to fill the vacancy left by Kriss Affolder, who is now the School Resource Officer, and also add another two officers. Ketzler explained he currently has seven officers who are eligible to retire. This would allow a total of 20 officers to cover the Decatur area. The grant will pay for wages and benefits, with no match for three years. Ketzler also submitted a request for new police building and equipment through the Stimulus Plan. Ketzler was instructed to provide council and Board of Works members more information on what this grant covers, and was given permission to proceed and keep the Board of Works members and Council members informed.

The Mayor was contacted by Margaret Aeschliman, owner of Gandy Dancer's who requested terminate the lease agreement with the City for the property located on 7th Street by the end of April 2009. The Mayor was assured by Aeschliman the property tax and rent will be paid.

Tom Lahmon, member of the Downtown Revitalization Committee reported the committee members will meet with Attorney, Dave Baumgartner who will explain how the City of Berne revitalized their downtown area.

It was discussed whether or not to outsource trash collection. The City Attorney informed the Board of Works and Council members that Indiana has a statute if a city is providing trash pickup, but then decides to contract this service out, and then the City has to bid against the contractor in order to get the service back.

As requested by Council, the mayor will get proposed 2010 budgets, excluding wages and benefits from the department heads by April 1st. Council will discuss at the April 7th Board of Works meeting insurance benefits, wages, city services, trash collection, recycling, etc.

There being no further business, Meyer made a motion for adjournment. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.