

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz and Board members Bill Karbach and Ken Meyer. City Attorney, Tim Baker was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from October 21st. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor read a letter from Utilities Auditor, Robert Ladd requesting permission to write off past due delinquent accounts totaling \$11,174.99 that are over five years old and are considered uncollectible, and have also been turned over to the Wells County Credit Bureau for collection. Meyer made a motion to authorize the Utilities Auditor to write off the past due accounts. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

The salt bids had been reviewed by the department heads, so Karbach made a motion to accept the bid from North American Salt for \$94.91 per ton for water softening salt, and also to accept the bid from Morton Salt for \$86.06 per ton for Bulk Safe-T-Salt for the year 2009. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced Kelly Ehinger from the Decatur Public Library will attend the next meeting to give a presentation on the library.

The Mayor informed the Board of Works members and also the Council members the monies received from the State Revolving Fund Loan Program are invested in the Bank of New York as required by the State of Indiana. During the sewer construction project, funds that are not being expended have been invested in funds with higher rate of return. Umbaugh was hired to invest these monies per the draw schedule provided by Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. The funds are invested for short term with AIG. Umbaugh has assured the city that AIG business is running as usual, and will keep the city official informed of any changes.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright researched the Deed of Dedication for the Meadows of Cross Creek lift station, but no deed was found. By consensus, the board members directed the City Attorney to draw up an agreement for the lift station once the Wastewater Supt. checks to see if the lift station is working properly.

The Police Chief, Ken Ketzler and Deputy Police Chief, Greg Cook attended the meeting to discuss hiring a School Resource Officer. Councilman, Charlie Cook handed out a printout, which showed the city's cost for a new police officer compared to a police sergeant's pay for the next four years. The estimated cost to the city is \$20,000 a year if using a sergeant to fill this position. The Clerk-Treasurer will see what funds are available to fund this officer. Board member Ken Meyer requested the Police Chief to submit a job description for the next meeting. City Attorney, Tim Baker will check on the Hatch Act to see if this will affect any person to be hired in this position. The Mayor would like council to make a decision on whether or not to hire a School Resource Officer at the next council meeting.

A letter was received from Attorney, Susan Zurcher representing the Estate of Lawrence A. Kohne who would like to sell their property that is located directly south of the Decatur Fire Department on 7th Street for \$75,000.00. The City Attorney was directed to respond to the letter that the city has looked into purchasing this property, but is unable to add on to the fire station due to high tension wires, and also lack of funds.

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