

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
Thursday, February 6, 2025
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. This meeting was opened to the public, and made available to members of the public and the media streamed through the City of Huntingburg's YouTube channel accessed via the City of Huntingburg's website. Members Elkins, Fitch, Souders, Blessinger and Schmett were present. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Dippel. City Attorney Schneider was absent.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025 meeting as presented.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the claims as presented.

A Special Event Application was presented for approval by representatives of the Southern Indiana Volks Force for the 16th Annual SIVF Car Show. The car show is scheduled for August 9, 2025.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the Special Event Application for the 16th Annual SIVF Car Show.

The annual agreement between the City and Patoka Township for fire protection services was presented for approval consideration. Patoka Township is to pay the City \$26,000.00 for the services.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the fire protection agreement with Patoka Township as presented.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented the bid tabulations for the four Community Crossing Matching Grant projects for the 2024-02 program.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to accept the bid of Jamniczky Contracting in the amount of \$409,893.00 for Project 1.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to accept the bid of J.H. Rudolph in the amount of \$234,268.75 for Project 2.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to accept the bid of J.H. Rudolph in the amount of \$427,888.50 for Project 3.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Schmett and carried to accept the bid of Calcar Paving in the amount of \$60,323.20 for Project 4.

Stamm presented his monthly report. He noted the Case backhoe went down with transmission problems during the snow removal. The snow blade for the New Holland tractor is damaged and not worth fixing. Acquiring a hydraulic blade was discussed. Stamm is to get with Hopf Equipment to get information on a new hydraulic blade.

Stamm requested permission to get quotes on a new salt spreader. He noted the need so that the City would have 4 spreaders to cover the 4 zones of the City.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve Stamm seeking quotes for a new salt spreader and blade.

Stamm will look into having LTAP do snow removal training for the City.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on both Division A and Division B of the Wastewater project.

Coomer indicated the need to replace the main on 1st Street from Jackson Street to the Mor-For -Less parking lot. He would like to do the project In-House and hire a machine and operator for the job.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to allow Coomer to seek quotes for the above sewer main work.

There was discussion about the repairs to two houses due to sewer backup at the wastewater project site. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel had concerns about the City paying for the mediation repair work. The City's engineers indicated that the problem was due to rain event. Dippel noted that he would like the Board to decide to pay the bills or not. Coomer indicated that a claim has been filed with the City's Insurance carrier.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the City paying for the invoices involved in this backup situation.

Police Chief Kramer presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that City has obtained an \$1,800.00 bullet proof vest for the City's K-9 Officer Romeo, paid for with a grant. He also informed the Board of a \$7,500.00 grant received by the City for a 2nd K-9.

Kramer informed the Board of his initiative to have owners of security cameras register with the City so video of areas could possibly be used to help police in investigating. He noted the owners would control what the police see.


Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He reported a rise in medical runs in the last 6 months. He will monitor.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly reports.

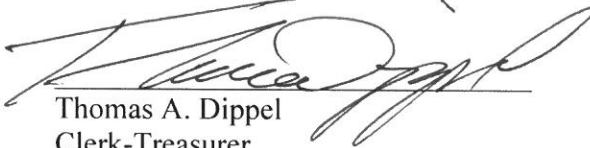
Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report.

Janet Schnell addressed the Board with continued hoarding concerns.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried at 9:40 A.M.



M. Neil Elkins
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer