

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Thursday, June 5, 2025

8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, June 5, 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, Blessinger and Schmett were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider. Members Fitch and Souders were absent.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2025 meeting as presented.

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

Ryan Sherer, Minister at Huntingburg Church of Christ, representing Healing Hands International, requested approval of a Special Events Application for the Walk4Water-Huntingburg to be held on September 13th at Huntingburg Church of Christ (through Hunters Crossing Subdivision).

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the Special Events Application for the Walk4Water-Huntingburg noted above.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the status of street projects.

Stamm presented Change Order #1 to the contract between Rejuvtec and the City of Huntingburg in the amount of a reduction of \$554.24 for work not done at the intersection of Hwy 64 and North Cherry Street.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve Changer Order #1 for Rejuvtec in the amount of reduction of \$554.24.

Stamm informed the Board of 2 quotes received for the work to be done using a Railroad grant. He noted the low quote from Road Safe is \$19,000.00. The work to be done consists of markings and signage at all railroad crossings. The grant will cover the entire cost of the work. He noted the estimate was \$30,570.00.

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the quote from Road Safe in the amount of \$19,000.00.

Taylor White, representing vialytics, informed the Board about their software that uses AI to generate conditions of roads and other road information with the use of iPhones. It was noted that this information can be exported to the States format for Paser ratings helping with the road condition validation for the Community Crossing Matching Grant program. It was noted that the cost would be \$12,500.00 per year for 3 years; total 37,500.00. The Mayor tabled the issue until the full Board can review.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the Wastewater upgrades.

Coomer informed the Board that he has researched 3 sources for purchasing a dump truck for the Wastewater Utility. He requested approval to purchase a used 2018 dump truck from an Ohio dealer for \$80,900.00. It was noted that this would be a substantial savings over the purchase of a new truck which costs approximately \$150,000.00. He noted that this may be able to be reimbursed as equipment in the Wastewater upgrade project if contingency money is available.

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the quote amount of \$80,900.00 for the used dump truck noted above.

Coomer recommended to the Board approve a certificate of substantial completion for Division B of the Wastewater Upgrade project with Cooper Rail. It was noted that the start of the warranty period will be May 22, 2025. He noted everything is in the ground that should be though the road work is not yet complete.

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Blessinger and carried to accept the Substantial Completion Certificate.

The Mayor informed the Board of the status of the 1st Street roadway. He is negotiating with Cooper Rail for a change order to include the entire road rather than just the trench width. Several scenarios were discussed. He noted a special Board of Public Works and Safety meeting may be needed next week to authorize a change order for the additional roadwork.

Police Chief Kramer presented his monthly report. He informed the Board to consider acceptance of Cole Meyer's voluntary termination as a Police Officer.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to accept Cole Meyer's voluntary termination as Police Officer.

Kramer requested the Board approve a conditional offer of employment to Logan Brown who is currently a police reserve. He noted that Brown is to attend the police academy in July 2025 or January 2026.

Kramer asked about swearing in a Police Officer. Attorney Schneider indicated that once a conditional offer of employment is accepted, an Officer can be sworn in.

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve a conditional offer of employment as a Police Officer to Logan Brown.

Kramer presented a quote of a K9 from Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc. in the amount of \$18,870.00 for a K9 to be handled by Officer Cody Shinn. The quote also includes training and housing. He noted there may be a little more cost. He informed the Board that a grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 and donations would cover the entire cost. He noted there is a 1 year guarantee on the dog.

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 (for K9 and training) contingent upon selection of the dog as well as Officer Shinn's participation in the training.

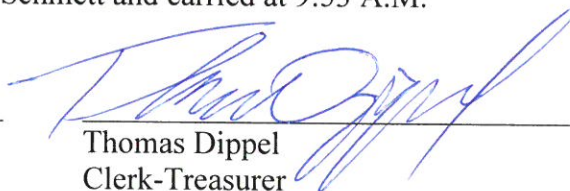
Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the Automatic Aid Agreement with Jasper noting he is trying for completion in July.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly reports.

Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report. She informed the Board that GAB Insurance now has access to more liability insurance carriers.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried at 9:53 A.M.


M. Neil Elkins
Mayor


Thomas Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer