

BOARD OF WORKS

JULY 11, 2011

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting with Bob Conner and Carolyn Pearson present.

Bob Conner made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2011 meeting. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried.

Mayor Strasser suspended the BOW agenda and move the bid opening for the lift station in Phase I.

Mike Turchi and Kyle Harper from BF&S opened the bids and gave the following results:

F K Construction	\$1,033,100 (bid)	\$39,000.(alternate)
Thieneman Const.	\$ 994,000 (bid)	\$36,000.(alternate)

Mike Turchi recommended these bids be taken under advisement and recommendations brought back to the BOW. Mayor Strasser questioned how much time is needed to review and received a response of 4 to 6 weeks. Carolyn Pearson moved to allow BF&S to review the bids. Second by Bob Conner. Motion carried.

Claims were presented in the amount of \$383,072.75. Bob Conner questioned the hourly rate on summer employees and summer rec workers. Mayor Strasser informed the BOW these rates are determined by the Park Board and contracts are signed. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$388,072.75. Second by Bob Conner. Motion carried.

Mike Turchi from BF&S informed the BOW that it will take approximately 9 months to construct the lift station. Water and sewer lines could take up to 6 or 7 months to complete. Effort will be made to try to complete both these projects at the same time.

Leanne Aldrich presented another plan for accident insurance. The City provides the basic coverage for the employees and all special plans, example cancer, is the responsibility of the employee and deducted from their biweekly checks. The City currently uses AFLAC and been satisfied with the policy and the agent relationship. Colonial Penn approached the City through Bob Reef and their same coverage would save the City and employees money. The savings to the City would be \$1,400 per year. Bob Conner made the motion to approve switching to Colonial Penn for accidental insurance. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried.

Mike Turchi gave his follow-up on the situation on Water and Cook Street addressed at the last council meeting by Rick Acheson. Mr. Turchi stressed that a maintance plan is mandatory. A possibility exists for the possible replacement of the flap gate. A valve needs to be installed on this side of the levee

enabling protection if the flap gate fails. Rain water accumulations would still need to be pumped out of the low areas in extreme cases. It will take up to 2 months to receive the parts. Mr. Turchi will meet with Aaron, Dick and the Mayor. Cost could range from \$20,000 to \$30,000 and this would depend on the choices made.

The following agreements need to be approved and signed:

- 1) Freedom Bridge project contract has been reviewed by Abigail Huffer. No local money will be used on this project. There is not a local match. The only way this project could cost the city any funds would be if there were change orders.
- 2) Memorandum of understanding is attached to the project contract.
Carolyn Pearson moved to approve the project contract for Freedom Bridge and the memorandum of understanding. Second by Bob Conner. Motion carried.
- 3) Safe Routes to School, DES 100169 is the master plan and study and the second part is the trail design. The consultants of record is Hannum Weigle & Cline. It is estimated this will take the rest of the year to complete. Bob Conner made the motion to approve and sign the master plan and design plan. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried.

Aaron Lyons presented a written report containing a complaint for tree damage, estimate for repair and letter sent to Ms. Huffer requesting appropriate action.

Darrell Sterrett, Fire Chief, spoke to the BOW with concerns in regards to the proposed Purchase Policy. He feels the Fire Territory needs a separate policy. Repairs could be an issue with the policy now being considered. Mayor Strasser replied that these concerns need to be addressed at a council meeting.

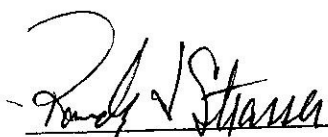
John Chapman, Police Chief, informed the BOW of the many bicycles in the basement. He would like to do an inventory and then an auction.

Dick VanSickle gave a report on the compliance plan at the sewage plant. This schedule covers 18 months and work correctly for 11 months.

Mayor Strasser proposed a plan for code enforcement of alley ways. Contact with owners and renters would be made and an offer to clean up one time only. Good will would be produced and the debris would be cleaned up. Future cost would fall on the owners and renters. Mayor Strasser will work with Aaron and report back to the next BOW meeting. Anita Werling questioned the wood pile on Washington St. by the stop light. Mayor Strasser responded that situation has been rectified.

Mayor Strasser reported on the policy used by other cities for yard and weed ordinances. Door hangers are placed and then letters sent with a shorter time for response. This system appears to produce better and quicker results.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.


Mayor Randy Strasser


Carolyn Pearson

Bob Conner

Leanne Aldrich