

BOARD OF WORKS

MAY 17, 2014

1:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser called the meeting to order. Carolyn Pearson and Dick Traeger were present for the meeting.

Minutes from the May 5, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

Claims were presented in the amount of \$336,106.20. Carolyn Pearson questioned why a seat was replaced on a police car. Steve Mullin, Police Chief, explained the seat would not go back far enough and they bought a used seat from Hufty's to replace the seat. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (3-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

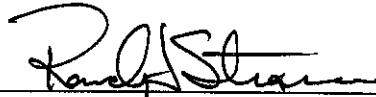
ABANDONED PROPERTIES: Brock Dawson was not present for the meeting to go over details. Mayor Strasser reported they are moving forward with the process. Carolyn stated she feels the financial responsibility should be the owners. Mayor Strasser explained there are two ways to address the issue. One would be the legal process and that could take 6 months and would generate debt. The laws protect owners to keep government from taking property but we have to look at the city's responsibility. Buildings are falling down and sooner or later we have to do something. Carolyn questioned what the step would be following structural inspections. Mayor Strasser explained it would come back to the BOW and the owner would be cited for unsafe and given a reasonable time to bring to code. Dick Traeger feels we must proceed but doesn't think liens work. Mayor Strasser is looking for funds to help people with their property issues. If an owner is willing to sell to the city, we could tear the home down and then resell the lot. Mayor Strasser thinks two of the owners are willing to sell and we could buy and tear down the two properties for \$20,000. Mayor Strasser stated we can do some of the demo in house and he will get numbers back to Leanne. This is a big issue for lot of small cities and towns and Mayor Strasser will send a copy of the proposed ordinance to BOW members.

NEW BUSINESS:

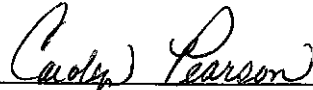
2C PROJECT ON HHH: Initial plan was for gravity sewer service but the bedrock determined a lift station was the best way to go. Electrical service was started but not completed. REMC will upgrade the line and the storage tank will have an overhead line to the lift station. The cost to install the line is \$38,000 and we are working with INDOT and will amend the agreement to reimburse the cost. Mike Turchi stated 2A and 2C is under budget. 2C is \$400,000 under and more than that amount on 2A.

Aaron Lyons reported he is starting curb work on East Franklin soon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 P.M.



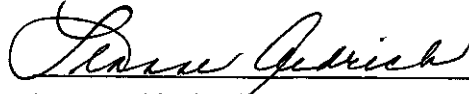
Mayor Randy Strasser



Carolyn Pearson



Dick Traeger



Leanne Aldrich, Clerk Treasurer