

BOARD OF WORKS & PUBLIC SAFETY
June 7, 2021 — 5:15 PM
Community Center, 311 N. Washington Street

Mayor Anita Werling opened the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Those present rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call by Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich: Dick Bradshaw, Kamron Yates, and Anita Werling were present.

Minutes from the May 17, 2021 meeting were presented. Dick Bradshaw moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried without objection.

Claims totaling \$814,606.31 were presented for approval. Dick Bradshaw moved to approve. Second by Kamron Yates. Kamron Yates asked about the building analysis by KJG Architecture. Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich explained that the structural analysis was completed earlier this year and that the funds had been encumbered at the end of 2020 to pay for it. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

CDBG Drinking Water Project. A change order for the CDBG Drinking Water project was presented for \$51,696.47 for changes outlined in the order to add fire hydrants to project streets and to remove post hydrants on Brewer, Wells, and Charles Streets. Deduct 8" water main along Front Street. Dick Bradshaw moved to accept Change Order #1 totaling \$51,696.47. Second by Kamron Yates. Bradshaw asked why these items were not in the original project award. Craig Myers explained that as is typical not all service lines were identified in the survey. Also, the City decided to replace some post hydrants with regular hydrants and add some additional ones to Brewer and Wells streets to be in line with what the City would do within its corporate limits. Yates asked if the City was coordinating with the County on the work falling outside of the City limits. Myers and Werling responded in the affirmative. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Myers announced that the work on Brewer Street was wrapping up and that R & W Construction planned to begin work on Front Street on Thursday necessitating Front Street to be closed from Washington to past the intersection of South Union. The project is expected to take a couple of weeks. Mayor Werling said that it was necessary for the Water project to close out its work on Front Street prior to the CCMG 2020-2 project getting underway later this summer. This is due to both projects receiving federal dollars and a rule stating that two federal projects cannot touch the same area simultaneously.

Next Level Trails Monon High Bridge Project. Mayor Werling provide background information on the project. The City received a grant from DNR in 2019 to create an ADA-compliant paved trail from High Bridge to Miller Park off Old Camden Road. The land for the park and the trail were donated to the City by the Canal Association, Indiana Landmarks, and Heartland Heritage Inc. The land donations served as match for the \$1,274,939 DNR grant. \$163,000 was distributed to the city in 2019 for design and engineering work. This amount has already been spent primarily with T-Bird Engineering.

The project was initially assumed to go to bid in 2020, but was delayed due to COVID. The engineering estimate for the construction phase was \$964,000. When bids were opened at the BOW meeting on April 19th, Milestone was the only bidder coming in at \$1,766,595 to include clearing and paving of the trail from High Bridge to the trailhead at Miller Park; repair to the farm tunnel just east of Veteran's

Plaza; access road and parking lot at Miller Park; stabilization of the slip on the MHBT; and removal of selected trees from the slope to Deer Creek.

During the last several weeks discussions with Milestone and DNR have netted the following results:

1. Milestone has agreed to a change order that will reduce the scope of work to the section of trail east of Veteran's Plaza; change the surface from the plaza to the far end of the farm tunnel to concrete rather than asphalt and foregoing restoration of the tunnel necessary to accept the weight of paving equipment;
2. DNR extended the project deadline from May 2021 to May 2022;
3. DNR agreed to the reduced scope of the project with the understanding that the Miller Park and western section of the trail would be completed in 2022; agreed to hold back only \$25,000 from the grant for the completion of Miller Park and western trail section.

Mayor Werling asked for a motion to award the NLT Monon High Bridge Trail project to Milestone at their original bid amount of \$1,766,595 contingent upon the immediate implementation of change order reducing the project cost to \$1,107,081.20 and contingent upon Council agreeing to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$200,000. Dick Bradshaw made the motion. Second by Kamron Yates. Dick Bradshaw asked why the farm tunnel couldn't just be removed and replaced with a box culvert. Werling explained that it was part of the Deer Creek Valley Rural Historic District and the Context Sensitive Solutions planning area during the construction of the Hoosier Heartland Highway. The farm tunnel was rated at 12,000 lbs. by Arsee Engineering which is in line with a trail bridge—Freedom Bridge is rate at 10,000 lbs. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Werling asked for approval to allow her to sign the Notice to Proceed if the Council agreed to advertise for the additional appropriation and once all bonds were received from Milestone. Kamron Yates made the motion. Dick Bradshaw seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Werling added that Indiana Landmarks in a separate project funded with a grant from NCHS would be decking the near side of the bridge and adding railing to create an ADA-compliant overlook of Deer Creek and the Slate Bluffs.

An Advertisement to Bid for the CCMG 2021-1 project was presented by BF&S. Dick Bradshaw moved to approve the ATB. Second by Kamron Yates. Dave Buck from BF&S described the project for the Terrace Meadows area. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous business

A discussion item regarding fees for the Community Center was postponed until the next BOW meeting. Mayor Werling reminded people to sign up for the Reach Alert notification system.

There being no further comments, Dick Bradshaw moved to adjourn. Second by Kamron Yates. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Mayor Anita Werling



Leanne Aldrich, Attest