

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 25, 2020

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. with the following members present: Mayor, Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer, Cyndi Kidder; Board Member Jim Collins, and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Steve Dodge was present via cell phone.

RE: AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Steve Dodge made a motion, seconded by Jim Collins to add two amendments to the agenda:

1. Surplus Equipment
2. Hiring of Alyssa Smrt

Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING 2/26/2020

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. Steve Dodge made a motion, seconded by Jim Collins to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and no (0) nays.

RE: SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The Mayor informed the Board that we have an old sewer jetter trailer back at the WWTP that doesn't run and is in bad shape. It needs added to surplus equipment, and he would like to donate it to the town of Hamlet. They will fix it and use it. There is also a 1997 truck and plow that needs to be added to surplus equipment. The truck and snowplow will be sold later. The Mayor made a motion to add these items to surplus. Jim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: HIRING ALYSSA SMRT

Upon Chief Harold Smith's recommendation. Board Member Steve Dodge made a motion seconded by Jim Collins to hire Alyssa Smrt for a one-year probationary period as a City of Knox Police Officer.

RE: APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION #1

Board Member Steve Dodge made a motion to approve the first pay application for the WWTP project to Thieneman Construction. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 8 S MAIN STREET-SRKM \$1,000.00 FEE

We received a grant of \$2,500.00 from Indiana Landmark. The grant is to hire an Architect to design the front, the interior and the specs on demolition for more than half of the building with the collapsed roof. Total cost of redesign is \$3,500.00. Blight Elimination has been suspended.

Board Member Steve Dodge made a motion to pay the difference of \$1,000.00 from the Unsafe Building Fund. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: 6 N PEARL STREET

The property owner has until April 22, 2020 to have all exterior work completed. She was also required to obtain a \$25,000.00 bond. She has not complied with the bond set deadline. A \$5,000.00 civil penalty needs to be assessed to her. Steve Dodge made a motion to attach the special assessment of \$5,000.00 to her property taxes if approved by the Starke County Assessor. The motion was seconded by Dennis Estok and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and no (0) nays.

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RE: 204 W BENDER STREET UPDATE

There is no hearing right now due to COVID19 Pandemic. Court is closed now, it will probably be May before a court date is available.

RE: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Due to social distancing and reduction of work force, no Superintendents reports were done.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer