

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 27, 2023

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 9:30 A.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Board Member Steve Dodge and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Jim Collins was absent. There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 8/23/23

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Steve Dodge to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dennis Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 553 E LAKE STREET – UPDATE

Director Boley informed the Board that the owner sold the property that was under enforcement. The new owners sealed up the house, mowed the yard and cleaned up some of the exterior. The new owners will have an action plan by the end of the week turned into Director Boley.

RE: 253 E WASHINGTON STREET – UPDATE

Director Boley informed the Board that the property has some new windows, new framing, ½ cut down dead tree, removing cement blocks and has the grass mowed now. Making progress slowly. Director Boley will check back with the owners before the October meeting.

RE: 607 S PRETTYMAN STREET – UPDATE

Director Boley informed the Board that the property owner has the shed down and cleaned up, grass is mowed and the hole patched on the side of the house and painted. The front porch is in better condition but not done. The owner is elderly and is doing what he can.

RE: 6 N PEARL STREET – UPDATE

Director Boley informed the Board that he contacted NIPSCO via email about illegal electric being hooked up. The property is up for tax sale for \$8,000.00.

RE: 108 S MCGILL STREET – UPDATE

Director Boley informed the Board that the City has the deed to the property now and Campagna has started the demolition.

RE: 204 BENDER STREET – UPDATE

City Attorney Autumn Ferch informed the Board that the owner has been given until October 6<sup>th</sup> to make good on paperwork by the Indiana Court. The property is up for tax sale for \$7,700.00.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that his crew has dug a pit on Lake Street, replaced 2 hydrants, and repaired one hydrant. They helped at Wythogan Park by power washing graffiti, fixed sprinkler pit, closed the splash pad and fixed east side light. They have changed 13 meters out, completed tons of locates, watered Main Street trees, and finished all water tests for 2023.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that Dale Shannon has cleared out all the downed trees in the river by the plant. JD Excavating has completed the sewer extension in the industrial park. Justin and Keith attended a pump/lift station class. All 13 lifts stations have been cleaned and the set well has been cleaned also. The clarifier is fixed, and we have finished 227 locates.

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

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer