

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
October 25, 2023

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 9:30 A.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Board Member Steve Dodge, Jim Collins, and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Steve Dodge made a motion to add MBS Request – dumpster placement to the agenda. Jim Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 9/27/23

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 Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – 2005 FORD F350 DUALY

Steve Dodge made a motion to declare the WWTP 2005 Ford F350 Dually as a surplus to be sold. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MBS – DUMPSTER PLACEMENT

MBS Gym is going to be remodeling a third of their building and will need a dumpster. MBS asked the Board for approval of dumpster placement. A short discussion was held. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the placement of the dumpster to be in the old Moose parking lot. The placement is temporary until January 1, 2024. Jim Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 553 E LAKE STREET – UPDATE

The new owner met with Director Boley; he has an investor to help refurbish the 553 E Lake Street property. It is currently zoned RR1, he wants to convert to a duplex. He will ask for a special variance at the BZA meeting in January. The property is still under enforcement.

RE: 253 E WASHINGTON STREET – UPDATE

Director Boley informed the Board that as of last Wednesday some new windows were being installed but not up to code. The owner is not meeting the timeline. The Board requested the owner to appear before the Board at the November meeting.

RE: 6 N PEARL STREET – UPDATE

Director Boley informed the Board that NIPSCO has not done anything yet with the illegal electric hookup. The property was up for tax sale and sold to Tona Dacian for \$13,469.00, so Lucy Valladares is still considered the owner for one year. Her property will still be under enforcement for non-compliance. City Attorney Autumn Ferch will follow up for guidelines of enforcement for a tax sale property.

RE: 204 W BENDER STREET – UPDATE

Director Boley informed the Board that this Valladares property was on tax sale also. It did not sell. Lucy Valladares has requested a trial in Federal Court over this property. The City had to obtain a Federal Attorneys per Autumn Ferch.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Police Sergeant Chad Dulin informed the Board that the two new officers will be released on their own tomorrow. The two new Tahoe's, one is ready to be used and the other one is almost ready.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that leaf removal has started, and we continue until snow flies. The crew has been getting winter equipment ready for use. The road salt shed is full and ready for the winter season.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that his crew has picked up the rebuilt engine for the pull behind jetter and will get it installed. A new sewer tap was installed at 102 S Cleveland. The crew has been working on a lot of locates for Surf Internet. Two manholes were repaired and OBTC has started relining the old brick manholes. The crew pressure washed the clarifiers and pulled the U V System to clean the bulbs. The crew had to clean and empty the return pit due to leaves. The crew is also prepping for fall land application of liquid biosolids with local farmer Rick McCan.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that all hydrants city wide have been flushed. The Hydrant bonnets have been painted to match the GPM. The water crew have winterized the Community Center sprinkler system. Serenity Park sprinkler system and the splash pad in Wythogan Park. The water crew gave McDonald's a hand fixing a leaking sprinkler pit that was flooding their parking lot. The water crew has also completed tons of locates for Surf Internet, work orders, changed 19 meters and cleaned up the area for winterizing of Wythogan Park.

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