

## Regular Board of Works Meeting In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on March 3, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, City of Michigan City, on Hybrid/Zoom and streamed live on the "Access LaPorte County" Facebook page.

The meeting was called to order by President Skyler York.

On the call of roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent.

**Noted present in person:** Candice Antidel, Peggy Moore, Tamiko Smith, Skyler York, Gene Simmons (5)

**Absent:** None (0)

### **Also noted in attendance:**

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich; Izabelle Galvin Ellis, Clerk of the Board of Works; Terry Greetham, Director of Special Events; Eric Williams, Assistant Director Special Events; Ryan Beal, Deputy City Attorney; Tim Werner, City Engineer; Michael Wolff, City Forester; Brett Kelley, Director of Vector Control; Shong Smith, Street Director; Mark Yagelski, General Manager of Sanitary District; Christine Vanderberg, Code Enforcement Manager; Captain Greg Jesse, Michigan City Police Department; Dave Albers, Building and Inspections Consultant; Drew White, ALCO.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025 meeting as presented, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antidel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Opening of Proposals**

Opening of proposals for 2025 Landscaping Services.

President York asked if there were any more proposals to be submitted, and no more submitted.

President York made a motion to close the Request for Proposals for 2025 Landscaping Services, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antidel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich opened the proposals stated that we received three (3): Lakeshore Landscaping Inc., Krazy A's Landscaping LLC, and Serviscape.

President York made a motion to refer the proposals to Vector Control, Sanitary District and Legal for review, seconded by Mrs. Antisdell and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

#### **Approval of Insurance Program**

General Insurance Services requested the approval of 2025-2026 Property & Casualty Insurance Program

Charlie Keene, General Insurance Services, addressed the Board explaining the program, stating that the annual premium with all the coverages, fees and lines is \$1,031,798, which represents a 10% increase over expiring and this is due to the large losses that the City sustained during the hailstorm in May of 2024; further stating the major changes:

Building and contents limits taking a 2% inflationary rate increase.

The deductible is going from 5,000 to 25,000.

The wind and hail deductible is \$100,000.

The City needs to ensure 38 more vehicles than the expiring 309 to 317 vehicles.

There is an overall four percent (4%) rate increase with the program.

Mrs. Moore asked about the hail deductible, and Mr. Keene stated that previously there was no separate deductible, so it was only \$5,000.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the insurance program, seconded by Mrs. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

#### **Request for Road Closure for Walk**

Skwiat Post 451 requested to close Lakeshore Drive from the entrance of Washington Park to the exit of Fedder's Alley on September 28, 2025 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for their Suicide Prevention Walk "Be The One".

Socrates Grey, Skwiat Post 451, addressed the Board explaining the request and event, stating that from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. is when people will mostly be walking on the road and they do not plan on shutting the road down during the entirety of the event.

President York asked how long they've been doing this event for, and Mr. Grey said that this is their first year.

President York asked how many participants they are expecting, and Mr. Grey said that they are expecting 200+ participants, plus bringing in the Reserve Band National Guard from Indianapolis and working with the Veterans Commission to help get Veterans involved.

Captain Greg Jesse, Michigan City Police Department, stated that he approves of the event and closures.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the road closure subject to approval of the Park Department, seconded by Mrs. Moore and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

**Request for Road Closure for 5K**

Notre Dame Catholic School requested to close Moore Rd from Birch Tree Ln going North into Long Beach on March 22, 2025 from 7:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for their annual St. Patrick's Day 5K Color Run.

Mark Seddon, Notre Dame Catholic School, addressed the Board via Zoom explaining the event and the road closure, stating that this is an annual event with 350 to 450 participants; confirming that they aren't closing Route 12, just the entrance of Moore Rd going into Long Beach.

Captain Greg Jesse, Michigan City Police Department, stated that he approves of the closure.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the road closure, contingent upon Long Beach approval, seconded by Mrs. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

**Resolution**

Resolution No. 2843 – Accepting dedication of Moore Rd. in the Moore Subdivision.

President York explained the resolution, stating that the road has been there since the 60's but we are now formally dedicating the road to the City's inventory of streets.

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that the City Engineer has reviewed the resolution and approved that the road and the standards are up to par to add the road to our inventory.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Payroll Claims Docket**

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| <b>February 21, 2025</b> | <b>City Payroll</b> | <b>\$729,845.28</b> |
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Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket as presented, seconded by Mrs. Moore and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Claims Docket**

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| <b>Municipal</b>                 | <b>\$1,134,995.80</b> |
| <b>CDBG</b>                      | <b>\$160,011.05</b>   |
| <b>Health &amp; Life</b>         | <b>\$166,294.96</b>   |
| <b>Special Events</b>            | <b>\$0.00</b>         |
| <b>Zoo Casino Agreement</b>      | <b>\$0.00</b>         |
| <b>Workers Comp</b>              | <b>\$8,625.00</b>     |
| <b>ARP Local Fiscal Recovery</b> | <b>\$459,188.35</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL CLAIMS:</b>             | <b>\$1,929,115.16</b> |

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the claims docket as presented, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Demolition Hearing – Continued**

Public Hearing on Order to Demolish Unsafe Building at 408 W 11<sup>th</sup> St. in Michigan City. The hearing was continued from November 18, 2024.

Christine Vanderberg, Code Enforcement Manager, appeared in person and was sworn in. Gary Burns, representing 408 W 11<sup>th</sup> St., appeared in person and was sworn in.

Evidence was heard from Mrs. Vanderberg, stating that Mr. Burns has upheld his plan to repair the residence at 408 W 11<sup>th</sup> St. and has made improvements; requesting a continuance of the hearing to allow more improvements to the residence. Mrs.

Vanderberg explained that the property was originally on the demolition list due to the poor condition of the property, but after finding out Mr. Burns had purchased the property and stated he was going to repair it, she requested a continuance to keep track of the property being updated.

Evidence was heard from Mr. Burns, stating that he has made improvements to the residence at 408 W 11<sup>th</sup> St.; requesting that the hearing not be continued.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to continue the hearing for a four (4) month period (July 7, 2025 meeting), seconded by Mrs. Antisdell and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Public Comment**

Earnie Hollyhan, 302 Gladys St., made a comment stating that B St., from Ogden Ave. to the dead end, needs to be repaved.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, made a comment regarding the demolition hearing and also about how the City should be prepared for any freeze on grants on the federal level.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio St., made a comment stating that the IHSA Boys Basketball tournament will be on Friday at the Michigan City Highschool.

### **Board Comment.**

No Comments.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn, seconded by President York and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.**

  
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**Skyler York, President of BOW**

  
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**Isabelle Galvin Ellis, Clerk of BOW**