



BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY & STORMWATER BOARD
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2025 REGULAR MEETING
Convened in the Goshen Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson St., Goshen, Indiana

Present: Mayor Gina Leichty, Mike Landis, Orv Myers, Mary Nichols and Barb Swartley

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gina Leichty called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Leichty presented for Board consideration the minutes of the January 30, 2025 Regular Meeting as prepared by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jeffery Weaver. Board Member Mary Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Barb Swartley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA: Mayor Leichty presented the agenda as prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer. Board member Nichols made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Board member Swartley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

1) Open Sealed Bids received from contractors for the North Goshen Neighborhood Tree Removal for the Lead Service Line Replacement project

On behalf of the City Engineering Department, the City solicited sealed bids from contractors for the North Goshen Neighborhoods Tree Removal project. All sealed bids were due by 3:45 p.m. on Feb. 6, 2025 to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office or by 4 p.m. at the Board's meeting. City staff asked that the Board open any bids submitted and refer them to the Engineering Department for review.

Mayor Leichty asked if there are any additional bids to be submitted to the Board. There were not. The Mayor then announced that the following bids were received:

- Cut-Rite Services, LLC, Bremen, Indiana \$62,700
- Homer Tree Service, Lockport, Illinois: \$233,000
- Wheatcraft Tree & Lawn LLC, Fort Wayne, Indiana: \$133,680

Nichols/Swartley made a motion to forward all bids received for the North Goshen Neighborhoods Tree Removal project to the City Engineering Department for review. The motion passed 5-0.

2) John Hall True Value Hardware request: Approve the closure of about 35 parking spaces in the public lot behind the store for a customer appreciation sale and car show Saturday, May 17, 2025, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jason Hall of John Hall True Value Hardware, 205-207 South Main Street, told the Board that the store wants to hold a customer appreciation sale and car show in the rear public parking lot on May 17, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hall said the store wanted to use of a space measuring 89 feet by 170 feet consisting of about 35 parking space. He said store employees would be using caution tape to section off the portion of the parking lot used for the event. The adjoining alley would not be affected by the sale.

In response to a question from Mayor Leichty, Hall said he contacted managers of a neighboring event center whose patrons use the parking lot and no events are planned for May 17.

In response to a question from Board member Landis, Hall said the alley will remain open during the event and there would be access for police.



City Director of Public Works & Utilities Dustin Sailor said **City Project Manager Andrew Lund** reached out to Jason Hall, discussed the request and the Engineering Department had no concerns. Lund recommended that Hall confirm with neighboring properties that use of the northern part of City Lot B on May 17 will not be an issue. Lund said Hall indicated he would be asking the City Street Department for barricades and to have temporary "No Parking" signs posted in advance. Hall also confirmed to Lund that the alley would not be blocked.

Nichols/Swartley made a motion to approve the closure of parking spaces behind John Hall Hardware on May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

3) Stormwater Department request: Approve and authorize the Board to execute the agreement with Keith Yoder for the Completion of the project at 412 & 414 Riverside Blvd.

On behalf of the Stormwater Department, **City Director of Public Works & Utilities Dustin Sailor** asked the Board to approve an agreement for the Completion of Construction for the home at 412 and 414 Riverside Boulevard.

Sailor said this property has passed its final building inspection and the project is substantially complete except for; 3,000 feet of stabilization on previously disturbed areas, one large species of tree planted along Riverside Boulevard and the south facing door of the detached garage at 416 North Riverside to be walled off to eliminate access. These final requirements cannot be completed at this time due to weather conditions.

The Stormwater Department submitted this agreement for the Completion of the Construction Project for approval and authorization for the Mayor and Board Members to execute.

NOTE: The property owner Keith Yoder agreed to complete all work by June 15, 2025. The expected cost of work was less than \$2,000, so there was no surety required to be filed with the City.

Nichols/Swartley made a motion to approve and authorize the Board to execute the agreement with Keith Yoder for the completion of the project at 412 and 414 Riverside Boulevard. The motion passed 5-0.

Privilege of the Floor (opportunity for public comment for matters not on the agenda):

Mayor Leichty opened Privilege of the Floor at 4:07 p.m. There were no comments.

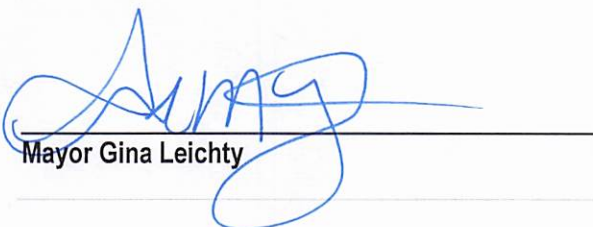
Approval of Civil City and Utility Claims

As all matters before the Board of Public Works & Safety were concluded, **Mayor Leichty** and Board member **Swartley** moved to approve Civil City and Utility Claims and adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

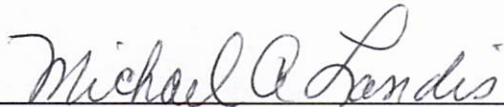
Adjournment

Mayor Leichty adjourned the Board of Public Works & Safety meeting at 4:07 p.m.


APPROVED:


Mayor Gina Leichty






Mike Landis, Member



Orv Myers, Member

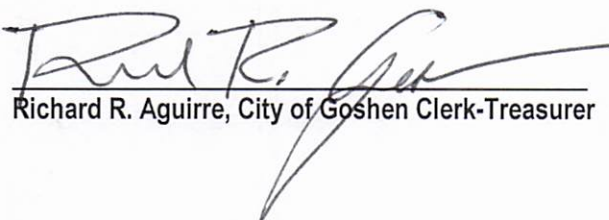


Mary Nichols, Member



Barb Swartley, Member

ATTEST:



Richard R. Aguirre, City of Goshen Clerk-Treasurer