

**BOARD OF WORKS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015  
5:15 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Absent  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Absent  
Daniel Weigold – Present  
Walter Crowder – Present

The Columbia City Board of Works met in regular session with all members except Mayor Daniel present, Daniel Weigold presiding.

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Weigold to approve an overview of the January 27, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**WARRANTY DEDICATION: LINCOLN POINT IV** Mike Cook advised they had the startup of the lift station and everything was in order but they still needed to put up a fence, security light and stone drive which would probably take place in the spring. Walt Crowder confirmed everything was put in according to the specs provided. Mike Cook advised it was.

Rosie Coyle advised that Kelly Cearbaugh did not have any problems either.

Motion was made by Weigold to accept the construction warranty timeframes for dedicated projects to the City of Columbia City, Indiana for Lincoln Pointe Section IV, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**WARRANTY: CHESAPEAKE LANDING III** Dan Weigold advised the plat has not been recorded on this yet.

This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE** Tim Longenbaugh reported one of his officers was taking a short term military leave from February 18, 2015 – May 12, 2015. He advised his military orders were turned in and requested approval of the leave.

Motion was made by Crowder to accept as presented the request for leave of absence as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**QUOTES FOR ELECTRIC TRENCHER** Shawn Lickey explained he would like to replace their 1998 Vermeer trencher. He advised they demo'd several different kinds of trenchers but recommended going with the Vermeer RTX 550 trencher demo unit which includes a new chain, trade in amount of \$15,000 for our used piece of equipment for a total of \$81,815.00.

Dan Weigold pointed out the installment payments and questioned if there would be interest tied to that. Shawn Lickey advised there was but we had the money set aside and suggested we forgo the interest and just pay for the unit.

Walt Crowder questioned if this would be interchangeable, accessory wise, with any other equipment we have. Shawn Lickey advised there were really no accessories; we do have another smaller Vermeer trencher for putting in services but this would be a bigger unit that would be more for putting in underground primaries.

Walt Crowder questioned if it would come with a trailer. Shawn Lickey advised it did not but would use the current trailer.

Motion was made by Crowder to accept the quote and purchase for \$81,815.00 after trade in for the Vermeer RTX 550, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**WATER TANK AGREEMENT – UTILITY SERVICES** Mike Shoda advised we had a contract with Utility Services for our water tank maintenance but he was not real satisfied with the job they were doing. He stated they painted the inside of the east tower but did not get anything from them on it; they also inspected the north and east towers and have yet to receive any information from them on that. He thought they increased their costs last year and could increase again this year.

Rosie Coyle advised she reviewed the contract and it states the only way we could terminate the contract is if we give them written notice of termination and is signed by 3 authorized voting officials.

Mike Shoda advised we do need a maintenance contract but would like to go out and get bids. He shared that he had another company quote a price for 10 years that would save the City \$84,000.00 over the 10 year period.

Walt Crowder did not want to cancel without having something in place to assure our protection. Mike Shoda explained we have to give them notice or we will be stuck.

Walt Crowder questioned if legal counsel had reviewed this. Rosie Coyle explained they reviewed it last year and after reading everything Attorney McNagny said we had to give them 90 days' notice. She did not feel it was a case that if we cancel this we were with nothing, there wasn't anything urgent that needed done but they just wanted to get other quotes. Mike Shoda agreed.

Motion was made by Weigold to look at the cancellation of the water tank maintenance contract for the east tank 125431, north tank 125430 and the south tank 125429 such contract starting June 3, 2011 with approval of the Mayor, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**R.L McCOY – U.S. 30 BRIDGE OVER MORSCHES PARK** Mark Green explained R.L. McCoy was the company who rebuilt the U.S. 30 bridges over Morsches Park and they needed a

form signed stating that they left the property in satisfactory condition. He advised he did not have a problem with how they left things; everything was fine but needed the owner's signature.

Walt Crowder and Dan Weigold were in agreement and signed the form.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$660,853.59, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**SNOW REMOVAL DISCUSSION** Tom LaRue stated on North Main Street, north of North Street, during this time of year with the snow people are forced to walk in the street which creates a bit of a hazard. He did not feel there was an easy solution but wanted people to be aware.

Dan Weigold advised he has noticed it as well and agreed it was a tough issue. He had heard of a town where people who had trouble cleaning their walks or drives, such as the elderly, would put a cone out then neighbors would help pitch in to clean the areas. He wondered if that might be something the City consider.

Tim Longenbaugh advised people could call Community Corrections to get their name on the list for assistance with their drives and sidewalks. He added this was a touchy subject with his department because the ordinance states they have 24 hours after the snow stops to have the snow removed. He advised they have not enforced it yet but would discuss it with the Mayor to see how to proceed.

**2015 BUDGET UPDATE** Rosie Coyle reported they had to cut the general fund \$314,000.00, street \$56,000.00 and the park about \$74,000.00 and our assessed value went down \$9,585,000.00. She advised when she called to check on it they said \$4,289,000.00 was due to trending, \$1,496,000.00 was in appeals and the other \$5,000,000.00 was based off of tax abatements and exemptions.

Dan Weigold felt people were getting close to the circuit breakers and the things implemented 4-5 years ago were starting to hit.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Daniel Weigold

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle