

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

April 2, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, was held in the Common Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 5:28 P.M. All members were present and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, March 27, 2012, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the claims as presented, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun said Traffic Safety Officer Mark Newman had two recommendations on traffic control devices. The first concerned the obstruction of a stop sign when driving south on Montgomery St., near the intersection of Montgomery St. and Colescott St. Mr. Finkel moved to approve placing a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign 18 feet north of the driveway entrance to the Flea Market, and painting the curb yellow for 18 feet north of the driveway entrance. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. The second situation concerned the traffic and speed of drivers using Maple Drive, a thoroughfare running east/west between Clearview and Berwick Additions, where children play. Officer Newman said no speed limit signs are posted on that street, but on streets running north/south in the two additions, speeds are posted at 20 mph. Mr. Williams moved to have 20 mph speed limits posted on Maple Drive, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Deputy Plan Commission Director Michele Hansard had three cases to bring before the Board. The first was at 909 Meridian St., which was a nuisance complaint and a letter was mailed for the owner, Andrew Smith, to appear because the property wasn't cleaned. Since the owner didn't appear, Mr. Finkel moved to have the property cleaned, the costs assessed to the taxes, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. The second property, at 232 W. Pennsylvania St., had trash and debris in the yard, it hadn't been cleaned, the home was vacant, and the owner, Cousins Properties LLC, didn't appear. Mr. Williams moved to have the property cleaned, to have the costs assessed to the taxes, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. The third property, at 1103 State St., had trash, junk and debris in the back yard, and it hadn't been cleaned since letters were sent in February. Mr. Finkel moved to have the owner, Dale Lepperd, and the renter, Jennifer Gillis, issued an order to appear, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Also, Mayor DeBaun directed Troy Merrick, Code Enforcement Officer, to investigate the site tomorrow to see if there is a refrigerator in the yard, and if it's there, to have it removed immediately because it poses a hazard to the health and safety of the neighborhood. Mr. Williams moved to approve the Mayor's request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun asked if either Jaymie Dunn or Blue River Investment Group, or a representative, were in the audience. Since neither was present, Mayor DeBaun said the trash fine violations would stand as assessed.

Police Chief Keith England said police officers Curtis Schuman and Aaron Calvert had successfully completed their one year probationary period, which started March 24, 2011, and he recommended their permanent appointments to the Police Department. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

There being no further business, Mr. Williams moved to adjourn.

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:
Frank Zerr, Clerk-Treasurer

