

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

March 5, 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, March 5, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. All members were present and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 28, 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. Under discussion, Mr. Finkel said that when someone on the Board receives payment, it will be disclosed. In this case, Mayor DeBaun received a check, on claim number 1224, for an insurance reimbursement. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Deputy Plan Commission Director Michele Hansard gave a report on 215 N. Noble St. She said she has been reading Indiana Code information to see how to address building demolition. She wants to send a letter out letting the property owner know there will be a hearing within a couple weeks with the Board, and they can have legal representation.

Under new business, Corporal Mark Newman, Traffic Safety Officer with the Shelbyville Police Department, talked about meetings held concerning traffic congestion at Loper Elementary Grade School. Also, former Officer Mike McCracken reported on the congestion in a letter dated March 9, 2011, from where he made three days of observations. Officer Newman made a listing of six recommendations to help resolve most of the issues. Mr. Finkel wanted to thank Officer Newman for trying to make traffic safety an important issue with children at Loper School, as well as with the other schools. There being no further discussion, Mr. Finkel moved to approve the six recommendations, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun asked Angela Gilbert to come up to the microphone because her two boxers attacked a neighbor's dog last Thursday, and the dog had to be put to sleep. Mayor DeBaun announced that he would like Angela and her neighbor to appear at next Tuesday's 8:30 A.M. Board meeting to discuss the situation. Angela, who lives at 1031 Highpointe Blvd., answered questions from the Board members. Mr. Williams wanted to know if the two boxers were inside or outside dogs? Angela said they were inside dogs, and when she got home, she let them go outside in her fenced-in back yard. The dogs dug under the fence to get out and attack the neighbor's dog. She said because of the freezing and thawing of the winter weather, the ground had settled, lowering the ground level. Mr. Finkel asked if the dogs were around any children in her household, and she said she has four children. She also said the dogs had never been aggressive toward her children. Mayor DeBaun asked if Angela had met with her neighbor about losing her dog, and she said yes. Angela even offered to buy her another dog, but her neighbor said that wasn't necessary. Knowing Angela's two dogs, the neighbor said she hoped the dogs would be returned to her, and because her dog was so small, Angela thinks the dogs thought the small furry dog was a stuffed animal that they could play with. Mayor DeBaun asked Angela if she wouldn't mind letting Animal Control staff inspect her fence once it's repaired, to their liking, and she said that was fine with her. Mayor DeBaun entertained a motion that a hearing be held next Tuesday, inviting the neighbor and Angela to speak, and to have the dogs held in the City's custody until that hearing. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the request, and Mr. Williams seconded. Under discussion, Mr. Williams said this was a very serious matter, and when someone loses their pet that's like family, it can be a bad experience. He said whenever something like this happens; the City wants to make sure it doesn't happen again. Angela said she understood the situation very clearly. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Concerning a trash violation at 411 Montgomery St., Mayor DeBaun asked if Amanda Stewart was present. Since she wasn't, Mayor DeBaun said the \$25.00 trash fine would stand as is, and still be owed.

There being no further business, Mr. Finkel moved to adjourn, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

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Thomas D. DeBaun  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Frank M. Zerr  
Clerk-Treasurer