

January 4, 2021

The Board of Public Works & Safety met on Monday, January 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. by ZOOM video. Present were Brian Flynn, Linda Wilk, Cindy Cunningham, Dana Gault, Alex Huskey and secretary to the board.

Motion to approve the minutes for December 21, 2020- Linda Wilk; seconded Alex Huskey.

Motion carried

Election of Officers

Cindy Cunningham nominated Alex Huskey for President; seconded by Brian Flynn.

Linda Wilk: So, Alex my only question is with your job do you, I know you were working to make sure you could fit it in to your schedule. Do you feel like you can for 2021?

Alex Huskey: Yes, I can Linda.

Linda Wilk: I have no hesitation whatsoever with your abilities, it is just with your schedule...

Alex Huskey: Covid created some interesting challenges that we have been able to work through.

Linda Wilk: Yes, Covid did a lot of numbers on a lot of people. Are we voting for the president and then we will do the vice, the chair and vice chair is that what we will do.

Aisha Richard: Yes.

Linda Wilk: I know there is a motion and a second so are we ready for...

Brian Flynn: Yes, let's go ahead and do them separately.

Motion passed for Alex to be the president of the Board of Works and Public Safety.

Brian Flynn: Now we will move towards the vice president position. Do we have a nomination?

Linda Wilk nominated Dana Gault for vice president; seconded Cindy Cunningham.

Motion carried.

Brain Flynn: Very good. With that Mr. President I will turn it over to you Alex.

Alex Huskey: Well thank you very much sir and Happy New Year to everyone and thank you for all that you are doing to continue to serve the city of Marion and all of those who are in attendance. The first agenda, the next item on the agenda rather would be the building department. And I believe we have Jerry Foustnight speaking.

Building Department- 1862 S. Branson St.

Jerry Foustnight: Good morning. We are here today with three different properties that we would like to bring to you for consideration of our demo request. The first property would be located at 1862. Can everybody here me ok? Okay. The first property we are going to discuss is 1862 S. Branson. This property is a property owned by a company call Capital Real Investment out of Massachusetts. We have done all of the paperwork (inaudible) this property. This kind of a two-fold thing. We own the property, we I refer to the city of Marion. We own the property right next to this. We own 1860 S. Branson and that property also needs to be removed. (inaudible) So what we would like to do is we would like for you to confirm this order for a demo at the 1862 and at the same time we can do 1860. These properties are located very close (inaudible) so we thought this would be an excellent time to tear down this property.

Alex Huskey: Are there any questions for Mr. Foustnight? Seeing there are no questions I would entertain a motion.

Motion to approve the demolition of 1862 S. Branson St.- Brian Flynn; seconded Cindy Cunningham. Motion passed.

Dana Gault: Excuse me. There is a lot of feedback. If everyone can mute their computers or phones so that we can hear Jerry. Thank you.

Building Department- 125 W. 37th St.

Jerry Foustnight: The next property we have before you is 125 W. 37th St. This property (inaudible). The property you can look in the pictures and see that the roof is missing, the windows are out of it and all of that. We did the notifications like we normally do, we did send out the certified letters. The owner information again is someone who lives in Pennsylvania (inaudible). So we did to our paperwork. We did send out all of the necessary paperwork. We did get the report on the taxes. We did get the uh information, the title work and everything (inaudible). I would ask that you would approve our request to demo this property. (Inaudible)

Brian Flynn: Jerry every time you turn your head (inaudible). When you are sitting straight forward we can hear you real well but you fade out as you turn away.

Jerry now can you hear me ok? Like I said we have (inaudible) three properties right there on that corner in the previous year and uh would just like to continue to get this other property.

Alex Huskey: Alright, are there any questions for Mr. Foustnight? Seeing there are no questions I would entertain a motion.

Motion to approve the demolition of 125 E. 37th St.-Dana gault; seconded Linda Wilk. Motion passed.

Building Department- 1005 E. 29th St.

Alex Huskey: I would just say Jerry before you start I would just say that some of the reverberation is back ground noise in that office area so that may be one of the things that we are hearing? Are you sitting right under a hear duct.

Jerry Foustnight: Uh yes.

Alex Huskey: Okay. That is probably what is causing some of it then.

Jerry Foustnight: Okay, I apologize.

Alex Huskey: Please proceed.

Jerry Foustnight: Okay, Thank you sir. The next property we have before you. The property I bring before you now is 1005 E. 29th St. This was previously approved by the Board of Works to do a demo on it. It expired on 11-5 of 20. The order is good for two years. The reason that we are just bringing this back again to reaffirm that we can proceed with this. The reason being is because it is such a large building. It was a previous church. There is a lot of materials that will have to be separated because of the brick so it is going to be very expensive. There is a \$10,000 limit and therefore we will be required by statute to get bids to do this project. Like I said this is going to be a very expensive project. It is going to be over the (inaudible) so we will need to get an estimate from outside contractors to do this work. We felt like we haven't had the money available. Hopefully, we will have the money available this year. We have additional money that will be available through our unsafe structure account. Not only that but we will have money through the budget within the City Council. I would request that you uh qualify the...I would ask that you would renew this one so that we can start the process of getting the bids and getting it taken care of. We have money available in our unsafe structure account and we also have monies that are available for the 2021 year.

Alex Huskey: Thank you sir. Are there any questions for Mr. Foustnight?

Linda Wilk: Is there any possibility that any of this money will be recouped given the large amount it is going to take.

Jerry Foustnight: Uh, what we will do is we will take and we will send out an invoice once we are done for the amount that is do. I believe, they won't take care of the property now I don't believe we will. It is a structure that needs to come down. Hopefully we will get some money back but I can't say we would.

Linda Wilk: Thanks.

Jerry Foustnight: You're welcome.

Alex Huskey: Are there any additional questions and or concerns?

Motion to approve the demolition of 1005 E. 29th St.- Bryan Flynn; seconded Dana Gault.

Motion passed.

Alex Huskey: Thank you Mr. Foustnight. I appreciate the work you are doing and your team are doing (inaudible) this process in these times (inaudible) these houses from the community that need to be torn down.

Jerry Foustnight: And if I could ask this. How do you want us to go about getting these orders signed, Mr. Huskey? Each order has to be signed and then we go record that. What is the best way for us to get signatures on this.

Aisha Richard: I am sorry, I am going to answer that. He is coming in today so I will have him sign them then.

Jerry Foustnight: Okay then Aisha I will bring these down to you. Okay?

Alex Huskey: Thank you.

Jerry Foustnight: Thank you.

Public Comment

Alex Huskey: The next item on the agenda is public comment. Are there any discussion items that need to come forward at this time? From anyone? I don't think we have anyone from the general public that is on or any of our liaisons to the City Council have any comment?

Robin Fouce: Happy New Year everyone. Congratulations to your new president and vice president and we look forward to an awesome 2021. Thank you.

Alex Huskey: Thank you. And I hope that you are recovering well.

Robin Fouce: Thank you so much. I am on the mend but I am still in the (inaudible) but participating in the meeting helps so good stuff moving forward.

Alex Huskey: Outstanding. Alright is there any additional commentary?

Linda Wilk: I would just ask that we annually always look at the procedure manual for the Board of Works and so that is something we will want to do sometime this year, early on in 2021 to see if there is any adjustments that need to be made to that.

Alex Huskey: Actually, thank you Linda. I was thinking about for scheduling some time um for our next meeting to do that. Thank you. Any additional comment? Alright well thank you. Did you have something else Linda, I am sorry.

Linda Wilk: The only other thing that I happen to think about and I don't know where the place is for this but I know tomorrow night the City Council will be doing the public hearing on the bills bill payment and so that may change something with our procedure manual and then the other question I guess I would have and it may be more appropriate to ask tomorrow night. But I at least want to ask the Board of Works members is I noticed that things are done currently as we approve bills today. City Council does not meet until tomorrow so if the City Council becomes the first one to approve the bills then it is waiting two weeks the way I understand it for that final

approval which then I would think would slow down the bill process. So I just want to make sure we, that that is out there on the table unless I am not understanding something.

Robin Fouce: Yes, if I could respond to that. Nothing changes so nothing that we're doing is going to delay any process or procedure. You can be assured of that.

Linda Wilk: I guess I need clarification then. If the City Council would take over the payment of the bills and then we would also be anything under five thousand approving, there would be that two lag time. If we are doing it, because we meet before the City Council does each time we meet.

Robin Fouce: Our approval will be only for things that need appropriation.

Linda Wilk: Yeah okay but so is it and may be this is something I need to clarify tomorrow night but it is my understanding you would be approving anything over five thousand but then that comes before the Board of Works or does it not come before the Board of Works? It is just the approval from the City Council that's for five thousand?

Robin Fouce: Anything that is approved outside of the process. Does that make sense?

Linda Wilk: uh huh.

Robin Fouce: I think we will get a better. Anything that is outside of the accounts goes to us. So say for instance probably a worst example to give but I will give it anyway. There is money that was transferred that we had no idea. Bills were paid that were for our greatest example is certainly the lawsuit. And so we just want to have a better idea, better understanding, better management. It is in no way meant to interfere with the process of how we are doing business. It is better collaborative oversight in my opinion.

Linda Wilk: I am just trying to understand the bill paying process. So...

Alex Huskey: So what I was going to suggest then how many of us can be at the meeting tomorrow night.

Linda Wilk: I will be there.

Alex Huskey: Okay, I would love to be there as well. So

Brian Flynn: I will be there Alex.

Cindy Cunningham: I will be there also. Is it zoom?

Robin Fouce: It is a Zoom meeting and we will get um invites to everybody tomorrow. So hopefully if I didn't give any clarity to you Linda we will be able to give you further clarity tomorrow.

Linda Wilk: Yeah, that will work. Thank you.

Alex Huskey: Yeah.

Cindy Cunningham: Are we only meeting on Zoom or can I come down to city hall?

Robin Fouce: I believe the president will be at city hall but primarily. Yes you can come to answer your question but the meeting is a Zoom meeting.

Alex Huskey: Okay.

Cindy Cunningham: Okay, thank you.

Alex Huskey: And I think from that point to your point Linda from there on we will be able to review the manual and make decisions and that is one of the reasons I wanted to wait to schedule review of that manual but we will also get some better clarity because I know we had some different things going on and some different statements made previously and so we just need that clarity. So thank you I appreciate you raising that point.

Robin Fouce: Pardon me one more thing. Um you need to let Deb Cain know if you are wanting to get in the building because technically it is closed. And then we don't have sort of like a

question answers session with the public it is just that the public will state their desire regarding the issue that is at hand. I just wanted to elaborate on that for you.

Alex Huskey: Okay, thank you.

Robin Fouce: Certainly anytime you want or have any further questions I will be available for you and if I don't know I will find out.

Alex Huskey: Okay and as we stated last during the last meeting we are going to do better about having regular meetings with our council liaisons to make sure we have clear understandings of process early on as they move forward. So thank you so much I.

Robin Fouce: I appreciate that because I think it will be a better thing for us collectively as a city and we can support one another and I just think that is good.

Alex Huskey: Thank you. Alright, our next agenda item is payment of the bills for January 4, 2021. Are there any questions or concerns about the bills? Seeing none I entertain a motion to pay the bills.

Motion to pay the bills for January 4, 2021- Brian Flynn; seconded Cindy Cunningham.

Motion carried.

Linda Wilk: Can we just ask for consideration of us coming back in person.

Aisha Richard: I am working on that.

Alex Huskey: Thank you Linda

Cindy Cunningham: And Aisha you are going to send me Deb Cain's email so that I can send her a note asking her to include me on the ZOOM meeting.

Aisha Richard: Yes, I will.

Deb Cain: Cindy this Deb. I got that note down. I will make sure that everyone from the Board of Works is invited. And then just to help in the clarification, nothing changes on the approvals. What this ordinance does is allows us to see anything that is going to be spent outside of the guidelines of the specific accounts so that we can see that first. I don't anticipate that to be that often. And I don't anticipate the \$5,000 the above \$5,000 to be that often. So you know when a bill is going to be over \$5,000 I would anticipate the city would know in plenty of time to work through the time line that through the city council and the Board of Works approval. I hope that helps a little.

Alex Huskey: It does help some. I appreciate that. Alright. We had a motion on the floor for adjournment. Is there a second?

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Brian Flynn; seconded Linda Wilk. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned

Alex Huskey-President
Board of Public Works & Safety

ATTEST:

Aisha Richard- Secretary
Board of Public Works & Safety