

TOWN OF PORTER
Redevelopment Commission Meeting
303 Franklin Street
August 25, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: President Mike Genger, Vice President Al Raffin, Jon Granat, Bruce Snyder,

Absent: Trevin Fowler and Ron Stone

Also present: Director of Engineering Matt Keiser, Attorney Patrick Lyp

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of the July 25, 2009 meeting was made by Bruce Snyder; second by Jon Granat.

Motion passed 3-0, with member Al Raffin voting present. (Absent at July's meeting)

Consideration of Claim Docket

Al Raffin made the motion to approve the August claim docket in the amount of \$12,703.22, with Jon Granat making the second. Motion passed 4-0.

Audience Participation

None

Reports

Mr. Keiser stated he will continue to look into an alternative crossing rather than the tunnel under Hwy 20 for the Brickyard Trail.

Al Raffin made the motion for Mr. Keiser to proceed with the design and pricing for the proposed public parking lot just south of Town Hall. Jon Granat made the second.

Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

None

New Business

AJ Monroe presented to the Commission the Marquette Greenway MOU. The main purpose of this memorandum is to join with a core of other communities to agree to pursue the engineering, development, planning and funding sources for the construction of the proposed Marquette Greenway Trail. The Memo is in draft form and Attorney Lyp stated it is an agreement to agree and does not create any obligations, adding this could generate economic development and complement several ongoing Porter initiatives currently planned or underway.

Motion to support the Marquette MOU presented by Mr. Monroe and forward the Commission's recommendation to the Town Council was made by Mr. Snyder. Second was made by Mr. Raffin. Motion passed. 4-0

Mr. Keiser announced the Town Council declined purchasing additional sewer capacity from the Town of Chesterton this year and asked if the Redevelopment would consider buying an additional 45,000 gallons per day before the September 1, 2009 deadline at a cost of \$197,400.00.

Vice-President Raffin stated he would like a capacity study prior to make any purchasing decisions, while Mr. Granat said he would prefer to spend the \$197,400 repairing sewers and removing infiltration into the system.

Town Council Member Dave Babcock noted the infiltration is down considerably and they are continuing to monitor it.

By consensus, Attorney Lyp was authorized to seek a 30 day extension from Chesterton.

Commission Comments

President Genger announced that the \$538,000 Certificate of Deposit at Centier Bank is due to expire 9/11/09. The Commission agreed by consensus to renew for additional 3 months.

Mr. Raffin made the motion to adjourn.

Mr. Granat seconded.

Mike Genger, President

Albert Raffin, Vice-President

Jon Granat

Trevin Fowler

Bruce Snyder

Attest:

Karen Spanier, Secretary