

**TOWN OF PORTER**  
**Redevelopment Commission Meeting**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
April 28, 2009

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** Mike Genger, Jon Granat, Al Raffin, Bruce Snyder, Trevin Fowler

**Absent:** Ron Stone

Also present: Engineer Warren Theide and Secretary Karen Spanier.

**Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting was made by Bruce Snyder; second by Trevin Fowler.

Motion passed 5-0

**Consideration of Claim Docket**

Bruce Snyder made the motion to approve the April claim docket, with Jon Granat making the second. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Genger noted the bank balance is getting low and asked that a letter be sent to the Porter County Treasurer's Office requesting at least half of the 2008 tax collections.

**Audience Participation**

None

**Reports**

Mr. Theide presented a change order (#1) request to the Orchard Pedestrian Bridge Contract, the change would credit the amount of the contract by \$2,000.00 for using steel sheet piling in lieu of soldier pile for the retaining wall. The total cost of the contract with the credit would now be \$305,580.00.

Motion to approve change order request was made by Mr. Raffin. Mr. Fowler made the second.

Vote 5-0

Haas & Associates has also received pay request #2 from Albin Carlson, contractor for the Orchard Pedestrian Bridge. Mr. Theide has verified the work has been completed and recommends payment in the amount of \$109,800.00, leaving a retainage balance of \$12,200.00.

Payment approved by consensus of the Commission.

Proform Lining, contractor for the Beam St Project has requested the final retainage payment (pay request #3) in the amount of \$12,700.70. Mr. Theide recommends the release of the retainage amount and deems work 100% complete. Commission by consensus approved payment.

Mr. Theide also asked the Commission to set a date and time for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Orchard Pedestrian Bridge. A tentative date of May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. was set.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Martinson property agreement has been tabled to next meeting for Attorney Lyp's update.

A.J. Monroe with SEH updated the Commission on the several projects currently being constructed or that are in the planning phases for the proposed gateway corridor improvements. SEH has prepared an application to the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority in the amount of \$19.7 million for the reconstruction of the entrance to the Indiana Dunes State Park, part of the Marquette Plan Phase 2. Mr. Monroe stated this would benefit both visitors and residents, resulting in construction employment and economic development also making an ideal "Gateway to the Dunes" with a better design and traffic flow. Also discussed was Porter's funding for the design and engineering of the proposed Dunes Kankakee hike/bike trail.

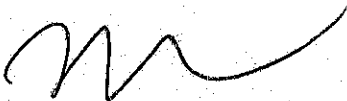
### **Commission Comments**

Mr. Snyder made the motion to pay a portion of the Director of Engineering and Economic Development annual salary in the amount of 27,700.00 effective April 26, 2009. Mr. Fowler made the second.

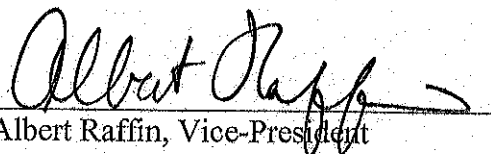
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Granat made the motion to adjourn.  
Mr. Fowler seconded.

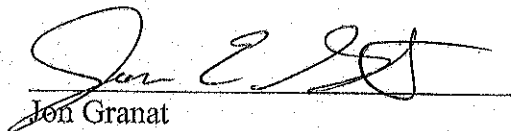
Meeting adjourned at 6:55.



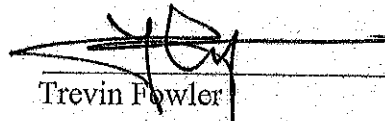
Mike Genger, President



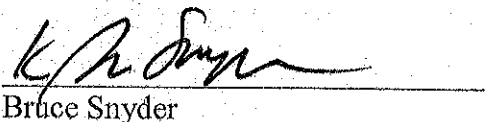
Albert Raffin, Vice-President




Jon Granat



Trevin Fowler



Bruce Snyder

Attest:   
Karen Spanier, Secretary