

**TOWN OF PORTER**  
**Redevelopment Commission**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
February 27, 2024

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** Laura Madigan, William Lopez, Allison Hultman, Russ Erwin, and Jamie Hogan

**Absent:** Beth Mehling

**Also Present:** Attorney Laura Frost, Director of Development Michael Barry, Public Works Superintendent James Spanier, Matt Reardon MCR Partners, and Secretary Karen Spanier

**Organizational Appointments**

William Lopez made a motion to appoint Allison Hultman as President. Laura Madigan made the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

Laura Madigan made a motion to appoint William Lopez as Vice President.

Motion carried 5-0.

Laura Madigan made a motion to appoint Russ Erwin as Secretary.

Motion carried 5-0.

Allison Hultman made a motion to appoint Karen Spanier as Recording Secretary.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Russ Erwin made the motion to approve the January 23, 2024 meeting minutes, with William Lopez making the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Consideration of Claims**

Motion to approve the January and February claims in the amount of \$531,724.00 was made by William Lopez. Russ Erwin made the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Audience Participation**

None

**Reports**

Building Commissioner/Director of Development

Michael Barry states he will give the Next Level Grant committee the new President, Allison Hultman's information so she can electronically sign the contract.

He also will have a contract for SEH for construction plans at the next meeting.

Michael Barry states the Brickyard reports have been sent out for review and also a copy was sent to Mr. Reardon.

Ms. Hultman asked if the Grant document had to be reviewed by anyone. Barry stated it is a standardized Grant, nothing to review.

Attorney-Nothing

### **Old Business**

#### **Lincoln St. Sidewalk Replacement Quotes**

PW Superintendent James Spanier stated after the last meeting he spoke with Attorney Frost and it was determined a requote would not be needed, we can accept the lowest quote. American Concrete had the lowest price, and stated they do not want to withdraw their quote and will honor those prices until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

William Lopez made a motion to approve the quote for concrete from American Concrete, Laura Madigan made the second.  
Motion carried 5-0.

James Spanier comments at next meeting he will have a temporary date for completion.

### **New Business**

#### **Annual TIF Presentation**

Matt Reardon, MCR Partners, comments that some of the basic items he had were sent over for legal review. One being the Capture TIF Resolution which would mean that the Town is going to keep all the monies received for project work. Along with the notice to the overlapping taxing districts that has needs to be sent out for us to use the TIF money for project work, such as Community Crossing match, Drainage work, and the Brickyard project.

Timeline- at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting he will have annual report (due April 1st) done and the Commission might want to invite overlapping taxing districts to this meeting.

April 15<sup>th</sup>- information needs to be put on Gateway what you have done and where you are at.

June 15<sup>th</sup>-DGLF, pass through notification. And the Spending Plan- idea for spending authorized by RDC uploaded to Gateway.

Reardon noted the county is still working on Wabash TIF area that needs to be separate from the last allocated area. He will have a report for the next meeting that he will go through and it will be uploaded to gateway. If anyone has any questions or comments you can call him on his cell phone at 219-771-9511.

#### **Approval of Contracts**

Laura Madigan made a motion to approve the Abonmarche Consultants Contract, with William Lopez making the seconded.  
Motion carried 5-0.

William Lopez made a motion to approve the Great Lakes Engineering Contract. Russ Erwin made the second.  
Motion carried 5-0.

Laura Madigan made a motion to approve the SEH Contract, with William Lopez making the second.  
Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Commission Comments**

William Lopez welcomed Jamie Hogan to the Commission.

Allison Hultman stated that at the last meeting someone asked about Johnson Inn property. Laura Madigan responded that they are trying to move forward, however it is a slow process. The emergency was handled quickly and the property was secured promptly.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Madigan made the motion to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

TOWN OF PORTER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

William Lopez, Vice President

Russ Erwin, Secretary

Laura Madigan, Member

Jamie Hogan, Member

ATTEST: KAREN Spanier, Recording Secretary