

**PUBLIC BOARD OF WORKS & SAFETY MEETING  
AT CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
143 E. WALNUT STREET, NORTH VERNON  
DECEMBER 12, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.**

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Elmore opened the meeting with roll call:

Board Members: Mike Ochs  
Jerry Lamb  
Trent Wisner

Attorney: Larry Greathouse  
Clerk-Treasurer: R. Shawn Gerkin  
Asst. Clk. Treasurer: Rita L. Elmore

Guest present: Russell Vaught; Chad Speer; Jon Nolting, Corey Baugh and Patrick Fox with Milestone; Mike Cole; Josh Shaw and Brad Bender with FPBH; Tim Hunt and Lewie Allen with HWC, and Barb King.

Board Member Wisner made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting as written and presented; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin stated the City Council declined to pay the application for Milestone and asked the Board of Works research the Buckeye Street Project issues. Patrick Fox, General Superintendent of Milestone, explained to the Board his company had concerns with the storm sewer from the onset but was told to stay within the budget and felt with the parameters they were given his company did the best they could do. The Board has asked Milestone, FPBH and HWC to meet to discuss this project and report back to the board. Brad Bender explained that he recommended the board approve the current pay application because there was still retainage being held and a performance bond. Trent asked Larry if it was legal to overstep the vote of the city council as a whole. Larry felt that due to the additional information presented to the board of works and the fact that there was retainage still being held and a performance bond to ensure the work would be completed correctly that it was okay to approve the pay application. Board Member Wisner made the motion to approve the pay application for Milestone; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 3-0.

Change Order # 4 for Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc was presented for approval in the amount of \$18,794.75 due to contract price adjustments due to adjustments in fields including additions and credits. Board Member Ochs made the motion to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$18,794.75; seconded by Board Member Wisner, motion carried 2-1 (Lamb).

Bids were opened for the 1964 Mack Fire Truck which has a reserve of \$10,000.  
-Vogelpohl Fire Equipment, Inc., Erlanger Kentucky for 1501.50, no action taken.

Bids were opened for the 1989 KME Fire Truck:  
-Montgomery Fire Department, Paris Crossing, IN \$3,500.00  
-Carl Walton, Fairland, IN \$1,051.00

Board Member Wisner made the motion to award the bid to the Montgomery Township Fire Department; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 3-0.

Brad Bender discussed changing the stop light to a flashing light for Walnut Street and Jackson Street; reported the snow removal truck is delivered and training will begin; and recommended to lower the speed on Buckeye Street to 30 mph, no action taken.

Brad Bender reported the City will soon take over the Henry Street Extension from Autumn Trace and the street will be added to the city's inventory. Board Member Ochs made the motion to take over the extension; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 3-0.

Brad Bender reported the CCMG Application starts January 1, 2020 and ends January 31, 2020 and recommended to the Board to request the \$1 million with a City match of \$250,000. This grant is a 75%/25% match. Clerk Treasurer Gerkin informed the Board with the all projects currently in the works and other commitments already in place, that the clerk treasurer's office recommends to only commit a \$100,00 match. After discussion Board Member Wisner made the motion to apply for an amount of \$100,000 more or less; seconded by Board Member Lamb. Motion carried 3-0.


Clerk Treasurer Gerkin reported the contract has been executed for the city's Website with LeeLee Ernestes which will be up and live next month and recommended to have a transition in place.

Chief of Police Webster reported Officer Kyle Hall signed the relocate location stipend contract with the understanding if he moved from his primary residence outside of Jennings County within a year he would have to repay back the amount he received. Chief Webster asked if a onetime exception to the policies concerning how paid time off is satisfied upon termination of employment. No action taken.

At 11:28 a.m., Board Member Ochs stated if there was no further business to discuss, he would make the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member Wisner, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned.

  
Raymond S. Gerkin, Clerk Treasurer

  
Mike Ochs, Mayor