

**PUBLIC BOARD OF WORKS & SAFETY MEETING
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
FEBRUARY 4, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.**

The meeting was opened with roll call by Asst. Clerk Treasurer Rita Elmore.

Board Member: Mike Ochs
Jerry Lamb
Trent Wisner (absent)

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

Guest present: Fire Chief Mike Cole.

Board Member Ochs made the motion to approve minutes of the January 13, 2021 as written and presented; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 2-0.

Fire Chief Cole informed the Board of Firefighter Josh Hall's resignation and requested to replace him and to start the process for hiring 2 more Firefighters which was budgeted for 2021. After discussion, Board Member Ochs made the motion to hire a replacement and to proceed with the hiring process for 1 Firefighter; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 2-0.

Fire Chief Cole informed the Board of a Safer Grant which is a 4-year grant for salaries for firefighters. After the 1st year the amount drops by 25% of which the City will have to pay the difference of what is paid for salaries. The grant begins on February 12th and closes on March 4th and the City would have to reapply every year. After discussion, Board Member Ochs made the motion to apply for the grant for 2 Firefighters; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 2-0.

Fire Chief Cole also informed the Board his department will be doing an ice rescue training on Saturday, February 6th at the Tripton Park,

Quotes were received from the following for roof replacement at the NV ETC building:


-First Choice Roofing	\$112,988.75 for roof replacement \$ 11,540.00 for gutters \$ 22,200.00 for soffit.
-Royalty Roofing	\$113,700.00 for roof replacement \$ 27,850.00 for soffit/fascia gutter option
-Jeff Royce	\$153,100.00 for roof replacement

Board Member Lamb made the motion to table the quotes; seconded by Board Member Ochs, motion carried 2-0.


Clerk Treasurer Gerkin reported he is requesting mowing quotes for the following: ETC; Carnegie Building; Tripton Park; Cemetery and Muscatatuck Trails and will have them to be opened on February 25th at 9:30 a.m. Board of Works & Safety Meeting.

At 10:34 a.m., Board Member Ochs state if there was no further business to discuss, he would make the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded Board Member Lamb, motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned.



R. Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
FEBRUARY 8, 2021

The meeting was opened at 6:00 by Mayor Mike Ochs.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin completed roll call:

Mayor- Mike Ochs

Clerk-Treasurer- R Shawn Gerkin

Attorney- Larry Greathouse

Councilmembers:	Brian Hatfield	Baron Wilder
	Jack Kelley	Trent Wisner (absent)
	Jerry Lamb	

Guests Present: Elise Allen, Chad Speer, Will Spencer, James Webster, and Mike Cole in person. Russell Vaught, Dr. Steve Sollman, Mike Miller, Robin Brown, Jeff Walker, Anna Walker, Kathy Ertel, Tom Taylor, and Marie Shepherd via Zoom.

Jack made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 4-0.

Kathy Ertel and Anna Walker, representing the Jennings County Economic Development Commission, requested permission to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Indiana office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA) on behalf of the city. The application of \$250,000.00, if awarded, would continue the COVID-19 Disaster Relief & Assistance Grant program that supports small businesses in the city. As required, the meeting was opened to the public for comments and/or questions. Council was presented with Resolution #2021-687, a resolution of the common council of the City of North Vernon approving the application for the CDBG funds from OCRA. Jack made the motion to adopt Resolution #2021-687 and the motion was seconded by Brian. Motion carried 4-0.

Jeff Walker, Dr. Steve Sollman, and Tom Taylor, representing Joining Jennings for a Healthy Living, all expressed their support for more sidewalks within the city. A request was made do a section of sidewalk from Walmart to Rodgers Park Drive. A letter giving support to the sidewalk was read by Jeff from Sunshine Galliher, HR Manager at Martinrea. Discussion also included sidewalks in industrial park, state street, Vernon street, and along Madison Avenue. No motions or actions took place.

Park Director Chad Speer requested permission from council to apply for the Tactical Urbanism Grant. The grant is a \$10,000.00 reimbursable grant that covers temporary right of way and sidewalk work. Chad said he hoped the temporary grant would give city officials a chance to see how sidewalk work on Vernon Street would best serve pedestrians and bicyclists. Baron made the motion to allow the grant application and the motion was seconded by Brian. After discussion, the motion carried 3-1 (Jack).

Chief Webster presented recommendations for changes to the police department's general orders #84, 90, 93, 101, and 107, along with a new general order #109 which deals exclusively with the department's Honor Guard. Jerry made the motion to approve the general orders and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 4-0.

The county commissioner's room in Vernon is currently being used to distribute COVID-19 vaccinations to the public. As such, the commissioners, county council, and Area Plan Commission need space to hold meetings. Brian made the motion to allow them to use Elsner Hall at the NVETC building free of charge for as long as the commissioner's room is being used to support the pandemic. The motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 4-0.

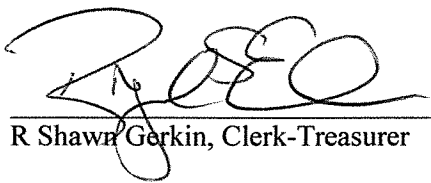
The council entertained a request for a 3 way stop at the intersections of Jennings and Maple and Jennings and Jefferson. There is currently only a one way stop at the T of the intersections. Tim Hunt explained that there wasn't a need for the additional signage per traffic safety standards but that the council could pass an ordinance placing them there if desired. He also recommended replacing the current, fading stop signs that are there, adding "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signs, and "Children at Play" signage. Chief Webster told council he would do some traffic counts and set up radar in the area to help determine if there was a need for the signs. No motions or action took place.

Jack made the motion to allow attorney Larry Greathouse to negotiate a settlement with Rose Acres Farms regarding repayment of the overbilled account and the motion was seconded by Brian. Motion carried 4-0.

Other discussion items with no motions included Shawn informing council the SBOA was finished with the city's 2018/19 audit. Action items include mandatory training for employees that handle money, a travel policy, and a city credit card policy. The mayor discussed the possibility of hiring someone to work on the city's website.

Jack made the motion to pay the bills presented and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 4-0.

Brian made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.



R Shawn Garkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NORTH VERNON EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTER
FEBRUARY 22, 2021

The meeting was opened at 6:00 by Mayor Mike Ochs.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin completed roll call:

Mayor- Mike Ochs

Clerk-Treasurer- R Shawn Gerkin

Attorney- Larry Greathouse

Councilmembers:	Brian Hatfield	Baron Wilder
	Jack Kelley	Trent Wisner
	Jerry Lamb	

Guests Present: Russell Vaught, Will Spencer, James Webster, Kylan Higgs, Kathy Ertel, Anna Walker, Tyler Stock, Tim Hunt, Brandy Zamora, Tiger Zamora, Tirzah Biddinger, Greg Hicks, Elise Allen, and Keith Stearns.

Baron made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2021 city council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 5-0.

Several residents of Jennings Street were present to request from council the installation of stop signs at the intersections of Maple and Jennings and Jefferson and Jennings. They feel the signs would slow down the speed of traffic and make the area safer for their children and grandchildren. Tim Hunt explained that the council can put stop signs wherever they desire but nothing in the traffic counts or safety standards warrants stop signs be at those intersections. Following a lengthy discussion, Jack made the motion to direct Larry to create an ordinance that would allow for a stop sign at the intersection of Jefferson and Jennings Street only. The motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 4-0 (Jerry stepped out for a short time). Jack then made a motion to direct Larry to author an ordinance that would reduce the speed limit on Jennings Street to 20 mph and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 4-0. Also, proper signage, parking setbacks, and crosswalk markings will be installed.

Council was presented with amended Resolution #2021-687, a resolution approving the application of the city for CDBG funds for the COVID-19 response program. The previous amendment did not include the language that the city was responsible for a \$60,000.00 match that was previously approved and funded by the NVRC. Baron made the motion to adopt the amended resolution and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 4-0.

Kathy Ertel informed the council that the city was awarded a \$50,000.00 grant from OCRA for a new comprehensive plan and asked a member of council or two to serve on the steering committee to help move the project forward. No motions or actions took place.

Kathy also requested \$1500.00 from council to help purchase more face masks for the city and county's joint "Mask Up Jennings County" efforts. Jack made the motion to set aside \$1500.00 for masks from the Cares Act Fund and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 5-0.

Tyler Stock asked council about vacating an ally near Summit Street as he has a client wanting to sell a portion of property in the area. Larry explained that there was a process involved, including notifying the surrounding property owners, and asked Tyler to reach out to him to discuss.

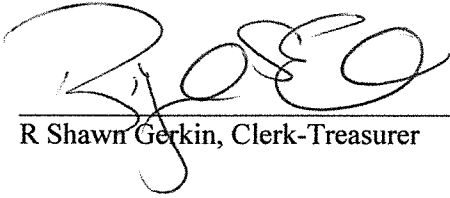
Elise Allen asked council about adding a television and an additional speaker to the Elsner Room in the ETC Building to help enhance the ability to hosts meetings via Zoom. Trent made the motion to allow up to \$5000.00 for the purchase of additional equipment for the room and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 5-0.

Tim Hunt, representing HWC Engineering, presented council with the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) phasing for the upcoming Walnut Street project.

Council asked Shawn to contact Kurt Schneider from Johnson/Melloh Solutions to set up a meeting to discuss the city's solar project and to get quotes for adding monitors and cameras to the Carnegie Building.

Trent made the motion to pay the claims presented and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion to pay the claims carried 5-0.

Brian made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion to adjourn carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor

**PUBLIC BOARD OF WORKS & SAFETY MEETING
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
February 25, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting was opened with roll call by Asst. Clerk-Treasurer Rita Elmore.

Board Members: Mike Ochs (arrived late)
Jerry Lamb
Trent Wisner

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

Guest present: Chief of Police James Webster; Keith Messer and Fire Chief Mike Cole.

Board Member Lamb made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 meeting as written and presented; seconded by Board Member Wisner, motion carried 2-0.

Mowing quotes were received from the following:

--North Vernon ETC

Webster Lawn Care	\$ 250.00 per mow
Randall Marshall	\$ 140.00 per mow
Morgan's Lawn	\$ 185.00 per mow

Board Member Wisner made the motion to award North Vernon ETC to Morgan's Lawn; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 2-0.

--NV Mini Park

Webster Lawn Care	\$ 65.00 per mow
Morgan's Lawn	\$ 60.00 per mow
Randall Marshall	\$ 52.00 per mow

Board Member Wisner made the motion to award Randall Marshall; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 2-0.

--Muscatatuck Trail

Webster Lawn Care	\$ 500.00 per mow
Morgan's Lawn	\$ 560.00 per mow

Board Member Wisner made the motion to take this under advisement; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 2-0.

--Tipton Park

Morgan's Lawn Care	\$ 2,450.00 per mow
Webster Lawn Care	\$ 1,250.00 per mow

Board Member Wisner made the motion to take this under advisement; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 2-0.

--Hillcrest Cemetery

Morgan's Lawn Care	\$ 1,475.00 per mow
Webster Lawn Care	\$ 700.00 per mow

Board Member Wisner made the motion to take this under advisement; seconded by Board Member Ochs, motion carried 3-0.

--Carnegie Government Center

Morgan's Lawn Care	\$ 40.00 per mow
Webster Lawn Care	\$ 38.00 per mow

Board Member Wisner made the motion to award to Webster Lawn Care; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 3-0.

Chief of Police Webster presented a 2019 Dodge Journey with 27,000 miles from Garlitch Ford in the amount of \$14,900 which will be paid from the LOIT Fund for the NVPD for approval. Board Member Wisner made the motion to approve the purchase; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 3-0.

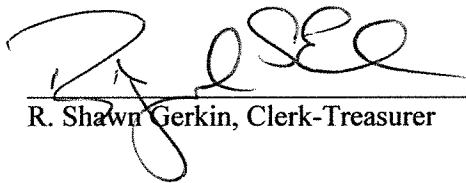
Fire Chief Cole was present to request the air packs that his department is no longer using to donate to the SE Career Center in Versailles, IN for their training. Board Member Lamb made the motion to allow the donation; seconded by Board Member Ochs, motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin requested to the Board to adjust 3 totals from the computer to reflect what the bank statements show. Clk. Treasurer Gerkin reported that his department has been carrying these totals for over 3 years and asked that \$1,242.42 be deducted from the General Fund computer total; \$1,242.50 be added to the Sewage Utility Fund computer total and \$3,103.83 be deducted from the Water Operating Fund computer total. Board Member Wisner made the motion to adjust the bank totals on the computer; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 3-0.

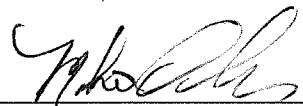
Board Member Wisner stated he would like to get a report of the production of the solar panels for the City.

At 10:12 a.m., Board Member Wisner stated if there was no further business to discuss he would make the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned.



R. Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor