

City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
October 15, 2024

President Ward called the October 15, 2024 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:05 p.m. The meeting was held at City Hall at 801 Michigan Avenue, La Porte, IN. Roll call of members of the Board was shown to be present or absent as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Adamsky, Vice-President Robin Clark, Courtney Dickman, Jim Kaminski, John Spiggle, Tommy Viere, President Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tu Bloom, Patti Pierson

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Feikes, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Charity Hlavsa, Roscoe Hoffman, Jamie Novak, Councilwoman Julie West

MINUTES: President Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the September 9 minutes. Adamsky made a motion to approve the September 9 meeting minutes and Viere seconded. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: Rumely resident Andrew Kilbin came to the meeting to ask the board's permission to add seasonal decorations around the trees such as pumpkins and hay bales. President Ward informed him that the bylaws do not allow such decorations.

Feikes asked the board if she is allowed to remove the purple ribbons that were placed around the light poles. The board unanimously gave her permission to remove them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle presented the report for September. There is about \$120,000 left in cash with \$52,600 left in the maintenance budget to spend. Last month the BID received a little over \$200 in insurance and \$2,800 in insurance proceeds to total about \$3,000. The board spent \$6,100 for sidewalk maintenance and planter watering.

There was one quote for sidewalk maintenance covering September 16th to October 14th totaling \$2,500. Adamsky motioned to approve the claim and Worthington seconded.

Maintenance: Novak presented a few quotes from Paul's Construction. The first was for the planter at Michigan and Lincolnway to lower the planter to 6 inches and leave the curb, it would be \$8,000 and to only leave the pavers, it would be \$11,050. There was no one found at fault so there is no insurance money available. Kaminski motioned to remove the planter and leave the curb for \$8,000 and Adamsky seconded. Motion carried.

The next quote was for the Jackson and Lincolnway planter in front of Flagstar to turn it into a 6-inch planter. Vice President Clark motioned to revise the previous decision to remove the planter and Viere seconded. Motion carried.

The final quote was for the Rumely repairs. The total cost to do all the repairs around the building would be \$17,200. Phillips suggested holding off on this project until next year, but he did say he would like to speak to John to confirm what funds are still available for this year. Viere asked if the board could look into other masons, but Phillips said if they went with a different mason, they would need to encumber the funds. Novak will make calls to see what she can find out before the November meeting.

The next quote was from EMCOR for the outlets on the top of the decorative light poles. There are 41 outlets that need to be repaired. Novak contacted EMCOR and their quote for the work is \$13,120. She also reached out to Continental who quoted \$11,800 with a not to exceed so they will not go over that amount. Both contractors should be able to get the work done in the specified time frame. Adamsky motioned to accept the Continental quote and Viere seconded. Motion carried.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: Ward reported the board has been working on cutting down on the amount of plants and waterings to get the overall cost down. The invoice brought to the last meeting was meant to be a quote. It was confirmed that the board agreed no extra soil was needed for the planters.

Trees: There was no report.

Long-Term Planning: There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Worthington entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Vice President Clark seconded. The next board meeting will be on November 12, 2024 due to Veterans Day taking place on the normal meeting day. *If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com*

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel