

City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
January 13, 2025

President Ward called the January 13, 2025 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:00 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, Patti Pierson, John Spiggle, President Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tu Bloom, Courtney Dickman, Tommy Viere

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Feikes

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

GUEST COMMENTS: There were no comments from guests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle presented the year-end financial report for 2024. The board received the tax allotment of \$44,818 in November totaling \$87,650 for the year. The board also received \$156 in interest for the month of December. The board spent \$27,725 in December, \$22,000 of which was Paul's Construction to remove a planter and some sidewalk work and the remainder was Mofield Properties doing downtown maintenance and leaf cleanup. The BID ended the year with \$130,171, which is about \$50,000 more than what the board is bringing in annually.

Spiggle reported there were three claims this month. The first was for secretarial services from July through December 2024 for Kneifel in the amount of \$300, the second was for snow removal by Mofield Properties in the amount of \$2,610, and the third was from Continental Electric for a bill that was sent in November for the maintenance work done to the light poles for the Christmas wreaths in the amount of \$10,805.68. Worthington motioned to approve the financial report and claims as presented and Adamsky seconded. Motion carried.

Maintenance: There was no report.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report. Adamsky asked if anything is sent out to property owners regarding what is appropriate to put down for snow removal on the pavers. President Ward told the board that she asked Councilwoman West to mention something at the City Council meeting letting people know not to use regular salt and instead use calcium chloride snow removal as it will not eat and tear up the brick.

Flowers: Ward notified the BID that the Pax Center discussion brought to the board last meeting is on hold until February.

Perennials Galore did provide a quote for the nineteen planters on State Street that were not included in their initial bid, which came out to \$5,795. Ward recommended holding off on the new bid until a decision has been reached with the Pax Center project.

Trees: There was no report. Adamsky did want to mention that the trees that are being removed on Indiana Avenue have nothing to do with the BID.

Long-Term Planning: Novak will speak with Phillips and have a report at the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Adamsky made a motion to nominate the current slate of board members for 2025 and Worthington seconded. Motion carried.

President Ward notified the board that the members should have a 2025 meeting schedule in their packets. The October meeting that would fall on a holiday has been moved to the following Tuesday.

Spiggle notified the board he will be absent from meetings until May 12th due to tax season.

Councilwoman West sent an email last month notifying the board that Hannah Dunham, an attorney with Howes & Howes, will be filling the open position. Spiggle mentioned that Patrick Spence with Edward Jones could be another candidate for the board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Worthington entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m. The next board meeting will be on February 10, 2025. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel