

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF WORKS  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY OCTOBER 21, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Works, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on October 21, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Mayor Aaron Sims. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Aaron Sims, Steve Brown, Josh Leonard and City Attorney George Loy answered the call by Clerk Treasurer Doug Pepple.

**MINUTES:**

Josh Leonard moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024, meeting, which was seconded by Steve Brown. All ayes.

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS and OLD BUSINESS:** – None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Utility adjustment for the VFW was granted with a motion by Steve Brown seconded by Josh Leonard. All ayes.
- Police Chief Travis Clark requested permission to hire Evan Morrow as a patrolman. Coming from Winamac, he is a qualified fire arms instructor and drone pilot that aligns with department plans. Josh Leonard moved to permit the offer to go forward. Seconded by Steve Brown. All ayes.
- Cody Scheurich seeks offer of employment for firefighter EMTs Klæe Green, Collin Dulin and Aaron Peng and Sam McVady firefighter/paramedic. Steve Brown moved to make the employment offers to all four men. Seconded by Josh Leonard. All ayes.
- Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley presented HWC invoice #2024-098-S 7 for \$31,775.00. Steve Brown moved to pay the invoice, seconded by Josh Leonard. All ayes.
- Bob Lindley reported the IDEM agreed order Phase V required an engineering study: Wessler Engineering Wet Weather Treatment Facility Proposal is appropriate and sought the Board's permission to commission Wessler's proposal at a cost of \$45,000.00. Steve Brown moved to commission the study and seconded by Josh Leonard. All ayes.
- Bob continued by announcing the centrifuge had arrived for the dewatering project. The Wessler Pay App #008 on behalf of Reynolds Construction for \$208,436.46 was accepted by Josh Leonard's motion and seconded by Steve Brown. All ayes.
- Frank Arthur Street Superintendent, seeking to replace a nearly 30-year-old piece of equipment, presented three quotes for the Hydro-Excavator purchase. One advantage is that it is transported by trailer thus does not require a CDL licensed driver for transport. Since there will be applications for its use by the water and street departments, the cost of \$122,475.89 from Best Equipment will be split 50-50 by both departments.
- HR Director Lori Cheever, after much research, recommended the Board approve the Nexus Health Connect - Verve Clinic Agreement for 2025 for all employees and their families. This clinic will provide regular check-ups, minor injury treatments, testing, etc. Also, Lori pointed out it may result in lowering our premiums for health insurance in the future. The one-year contract was moved for approval by Josh Leonard and seconded by Steve Brown. All ayes.
- Lori went on to recommend accepting a quote with Cintas due to their ability to provide high quality uniforms, customized by department, and laundering at a fair price. This will include new mats and mat maintenance for the city. The contract term is for a typical 60 months. Questions by

the Board to Department Heads resulted in support for Cintas. Josh Leonard moved to accept Cintas' proposal. Seconded by Steve Brown. All ayes.

- Brand Tech proposed a renewal and upgrade of our expiring (March 2025) firewall protection software. After some discussion the Board tabled the consideration. The motion was made by Steve Brown and seconded by Josh Leonard. All ayes.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER:** – None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello