

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF WORKS
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

The special meeting of the Board of Works, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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:

Steve Brown moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025 meeting, which was seconded by Josh Leonard. All ayes.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: - None

OLD BUSINESS: - None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Public Hearing was held by Commonwealth Engineers representative Theresa Hartwig concerning lead water line replacement. She explained the hearing served two purposes:
 - Awareness of the SRF / IFA funding and
 - Their Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)

She pointed out that in 2021 the EPA established the ruling to replace all community lead lines by 2031. While they know we have some lead lines, more work needs to be done to determine exactly how many. Their inventory at this time:

- 2,660 total lines
 - 377 not lead
 - 176 copper
 - 67 lead
 - Remainder unknown

“Pot Hole” testing will be used to determine the remainder of the service lines.

The estimated total cost is \$6,100,875 (construction cost of \$4,880,700 and non-construction cost of \$1,220,175 – engineering, bond council, financial advisors, etc.).

The application to SRF is due April 1 and it is expected by July 1 we will learn if we qualify for funding. If we qualify, the funding is in two parts:

- 50% forgivable loan (much like a grant)
- 50% zero interest loan

If all goes as expected, the project will ask for bids in January, 2026 and completion expected in June, 2026.

2. Following the Public Hearing, the Board approved moving forward with applying for financing the project with State Revolving Funding (SRF) through the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA). Josh Leonard moved to pass Resolution #2025-01 and was seconded by Steve Brown. All ayes.
3. Consideration of Resolution #2025-02 allowing the Mayor to sign the funding application and comply with state and federal SRF rules was moved by Steve Brown, seconded by Josh Leonard, all ayes.
4. Utility adjustments for Bob Toll and Louise Schluckebier were agreed to by all. Consideration of the utility adjustment for Jim and Janet Shipp was tabled due to no representation at the meeting.
5. Steve Brown moved to pay HWC invoice #2024-098-S-11 in the amount of \$2,412.50 for the lift station project. Seconded by Josh Leonard. All ayes.
6. Wessler Pay App #12 was tabled due to incomplete information from the contractor. The motion was made by Steve Brown, seconded by Josh Leonard, all ayes.

7. Fire Chief Cody Scheurich recommended the promotion of Aaron Miller to Captain effective March 10. Steve Brown moved to allow the promotion, seconded by Josh Leonard. All ayes.
8. Fire Chief Cody Scheurich recommended the promotion of Eli Darling to Lieutenant effective March 10. Steve Brown moved to allow the promotion, seconded by Josh Leonard. All ayes.
9. After some discussion concerning the MFD Paramedic Program / Jasper County EMS Affiliation Agreement, the move to table the matter was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Steve Brown. All ayes.
10. Steve Brown moved to accept Rejuvetec's \$97,000+ contract for the Community Crossings' street rejuvenation project. The city's share is 25%. Seconded by Josh Leonard. All ayes.
11. Street Department Superintendent Frank Arthur presented the HSIP Grant for a Traffic Interruption System for use at all of the City's traffic signals. The grant for \$84,500 (10% the city's share) was approved by Steve Brown, seconded by Josh Leonard. All ayes.
12. Next, Frank Arthur presented the Street Light HSIP Grant for south 6th Street, west South Street and Gordon Road. The grant, for approximately \$1,900,000.00 will require a city match of 10%. Josh Leonard approved and moved to accept the grant; Steve Brown Seconded. All ayes. It now goes to INDOT for their review and approval.
13. Fire Chief Cody Scheurich recommended the promotion of Braden Oliver to Public Safety Level 1 having his meeting all the qualifications. Steve Brown agreed and moved to accept the recommendation, seconded by Mayor Sims.

MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER – None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello