

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF WORKS
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Works, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on Monday, December 15, 2025. 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 Shanda Cortez.

MINUTES:

Josh Leonard moved to approve the minutes from November 17, 2025, and was seconded by Steve Brown. All ayes.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **POLICE DEPT: Permission to purchase 2 Ford SUVs in 2026 Budget:** Chief Clark presented that he received 3 quotes. TLCDJR would have a savings that will be able to outfit 1 of the new vehicles and have money from a trade-in. Josh Leonard made motion to go with TLCDJR. Steve Brown seconded. All ayes.
This will be taken out of the 2026 budget but can move forward with the purchase agreement in 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **FIRE: LIEUTENANT POSITION:** Chief Scheurich stated they have completed the interviews for the Lieutenant position. He would like to promote Jake Reiff to Lieutenant. Steve Brown made motion. Josh Leonard seconded. All ayes.
2. **FIRE: NOAH HATKE:** Chief Scheurich stated that Noah has completed all training to be promoted to Public Safety 1. Josh Leonard made motion to approve. Steve Brown seconded. All ayes.
3. **FIRE: AARON PENG:** Chief Scheurich stated that Aaron has completed all training to be promoted to Public Safety 1. He will also be done with paramedic training in 2-4 weeks. Josh Leonard made motion to approve. Steve Brown seconded. All ayes.
4. **STREET: QUOTES FOR 6TH STREET SIDEWALK:** Superintendent Frank stated that there were 2 bids turned into the mayor's office. Attorney George Loy stated the 1st bid was from Solid Finish Construction-Galveston at \$88,850.00. The 2nd bid was for Pour Boys-Brookston at \$52,815.25. Frank asked if they could table this topic until after he speaks with the City Engineer, Jason Miller. Jason Miller will need to review. Steve Brown made motion to table. Josh Leonard seconded. All ayes.
5. **WATER: COMMONWEALTH INV 65151-LEAD SERVICE \$14,040.40:** Superintendent Brad stated this was for the potholes and checking the lines in the city. Josh Leonard made motion to approve. Steve Brown seconded. All ayes.
6. **WATER: COMMONWEALTH NEW LEAD LINE TASK ORDER 2025-02:** Andrew with Commonwealth gave an update that there were 2,080 unknown lines. While doing this they have cut that down. This task order has all design services for 2026 until the closing of the SRF loan in June 2026. The SRF loan will be for \$5 million. \$2.5 million is a 0% interest loan and \$2.5 million is a grant. There is an EPA mandate and 2037 is the final. Josh Leonard made motion to approve. Steve Brown seconded. All ayes.
7. **WATER: MOVE EMPLOYEE FROM LABORER TO OPERATOR:** Superintendent Brad stated Angelo Valle has passed his DSM and WT3-operating training. He will hit the 2-year achievement in September 2026. Josh Leonard made motion to approve. Steve Brown seconded. All ayes.
8. **WASTEWATER: PERMISSION EMPLOYEE TO LAB TECH:** Superintendent Bob stated that Connor Welsh has graduated from apprenticeship and has been a 2-year employee. He would like Connor Welsh to make \$24.00/hr. Josh Leonard made motion to approve. Steve Brown seconded. All ayes.
9. **WASTEWATER: PERMISSION TO HIRE AN EMPLOYEE:** Superintendent Bob stated they have concluded their interviews. He would like to hire Christian Rodriguez starting on 12/29/25. Josh Leonard made motion to hire. Steve Brown seconded. All ayes.

10. WASTEWATER: HWC INV 2024-098-S-21-CITY PARK LIFT STATION-\$4,638.72: Superintendent Bob stated this invoice is for administration fees and inspector fees. Bob stated they are still waiting on NIPSCO to turn on the electricity. Josh Leonard made motion to approve. Steve Brown seconded. All ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER:

The board wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully,

Shanda Cortez

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello