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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF MUNCIE, STATE OF INDIANA
MAY 7, 2025
CLAIMS PACKET & MEETING MINUTES

1. **Board of Public Works and safety, City of Muncie, State of Indiana, met in City Hall Auditorium, at 9:00 a.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call Members Present:** Ted Baker – Lola Mauer/ABSENT – Linda Gregory
4. **Approval of the Minutes for April 30, 2025:** President Ted Baker entertained a motion to approve. Linda Gregory moved to approve minutes from the April 30, 2025 meeting as printed. Ted Baker provided a second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
5. **Register of Claims:** Matt Wagley, Deputy Controller, didn't list any specific claims in the email for this week but is willing to answer any questions. Linda Gregory asked about a "miscellaneous" item for Make My Move listed on Page 18 for \$38,750. Matt Wagley clarified this expenditure was for the recruiting campaign for remote workers and agreed to investigate further and provide more detail on what the fee covers and its period. President Baker noted the IEDC reimburses a good portion for this and Matt Wagley confirmed. Linda Gregory commented it was a credit card week and descriptions were generally good. Linda Gregory moved to approve register of claims of **359 Records** for a total amount of **\$875,830.82** as presented.
Jerry Wise noted the public might be interested to know about expenses such as \$48,000 for the City Website and \$4,304 for a body camera warranty. Matt Wagley also referred to Page 16 and shared trivia that Farm & Fleet filled two tires with beet juice, which is the heaviest non-corrosive tire ballast, for a paver. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
6. **Noise Exemption Authorization, North Central Industries – Consumer Fireworks Performance Demonstration (5/10/25):** Richard Shields, President of North Central Industries, presented the request. The request was for a noise exemption for a consumer fireworks performance demonstration scheduled for May 10, 2025. This event is a customer demonstration night which includes a trade show, and weather permitting, a fireworks demonstration at dusk. The demonstration is different from a typical show, where they show customers what a product is and then shoot it, potentially ending with a 5-minute finale. Mr. Shields stated they would have security present and advise neighbors by putting out leaflets. He also planned to inform the Whitley Community Center across the river. North Central Industries has been in Muncie for about 70 years and is described as one of the biggest or in the top 10 in the country, with facilities in Atlanta, Florida, and South Carolina. They have recently taken over the Muncie Power Products building. Linda Gregory moved to approve the noise exemption. Ted Baker provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.

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7. **Agreement Authorization – City of Muncie and Argos Government:** Adam Leech, City Engineer, presented an agreement with Argos Government. The City selected Argos Government to be their GPS fleet provider, replacing Samsara. Mr. Leech noted that Argos Government is cheaper by approximately \$3 per unit and seems to offer better service. They are quasi-local, located in Indianapolis, whereas the location of Samsara is less clear. Every vehicle in the fleet will receive a GPS unit to track its location. This is particularly important for the plow fleet to know where they've been, patch crews to track progress, and for locating staff. It also provides a safety feature and accountability. The contract outlines the service fees and ongoing fees. It is a year-to-year contract that automatically renews if no action is taken but can be broken with 60 days' notice. The agreement has been reviewed by the Legal Department. The agreement document refers to Telematics. Linda Gregory moved approval of the service agreement with Argos Government/Telematics. Ted Baker provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.

8. **Firefighters Local 1348 Street collections Request:** Jason Chafin, Union President for Firefighters Local 1348, requested approval for their annual street collections. They plan to conduct collections six times total, with each shift participating twice, between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The collected money is distributed among several charities: 30% goes to the Special Olympics of Delaware County (kept local), 30% to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (traditional Fill the Boot organization), 30% to Toys for Tots, and 10% to their local charity account for community sponsorships. In 2023, they raised over \$12,800. In 2024, collections were under \$8,000 due to weather and increased call volume impacting the availability of trucks and ambulances. Collectors wear their duty uniforms, use sandwich boards displaying "Local 1348 Firefighters," and use buckets with signage listing the charity breakdown. The Police Department is also informed of the collection dates and locations. Linda Gregory moved to approve the schedule for collection dates. Ted Baker provided the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

9. **Public Comments:**
 - A. **Joanna Ardizzone**, owner of a beauty studio at W. 1st Street and Kilgore, spoke about issues she has experienced with a person who moved in across the street, including parking problems, causing her alarm to go off, and non-stop traffic. She also reported contacting the Board of Health regarding smell and state police regarding suspected drug activity (meth) but stated she couldn't get help. In response, she changed her parking setup and subsequently received a letter from the Board of Works, signed by Adam Leach and the Building Commissioner. She stated this letter cited an Indiana municipal code about right-of-ways and threatened her with 10 days to resolve the issue. Ms. Ardizzone stated she is now being sued by the City and that the initial letter, though signed by Adam Leech and the Building Commissioner, was not initially included in the lawsuit documentation but a new letter was created. She feels she is being singled out. She stated she is willing to work with the City and has documentation including recorded phone calls and emails with the Human Rights Department and lawyers. She feels the issue should have come before the Board. President Ted Baker stated that because the matter has been turned over to legal counsel, the Board is not permitted to discuss it or take comment on it, explaining that they must follow the legal process. Ms. Ardizzone argued that the initial letter should have been reviewed by the Board and that the lawsuit is causing her financial burden. President Baker reiterated that he would look into it but the Board could not comment due to the ongoing litigation.

 - B. **Jerry Wade** commented on the fireworks events at the fairgrounds. Living two blocks south and west of the fairgrounds, he stated that residents are never informed when these events happen and that the explosives used are large enough to rattle windows. He requested better information and possibly moderating the explosive content. Richard Shields of North Central Industries responded that a previous event (Cobra Con) was a private event they participated in but did not fully organize, and private events face challenges in publicizing due to insurance and not being open to the public. He offered to notify Mr. Wade directly for future events if given contact information. Amber Green, Director of Communications for the city, added that disruptive events, if sent to her department, are posted on the city's social media and website for neighbor awareness.

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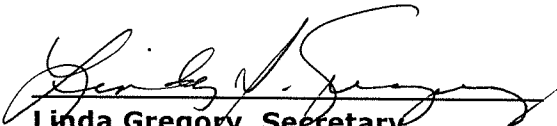
- C. Constance Jones** requested a noise exemption for a Mother's Day event scheduled for that weekend at 900 South Penn St. She explained that her brother, who was involved, recently passed away. She stated she had previously submitted paperwork to the police department, and the Police Chief signed off, indicating the documents would be sent to the Board. However, the Board and Recording Secretary had not received any documentation. The event is planned inside a small building with approximately 100 people expected. President Ted Baker advised that if the noise is kept within reason and stays within noise ordinances, Board approval is not required. Ms. Jones stated she was trying to do everything the right way. The Board offered to recess to search for the documentation but ultimately recommended keeping the event within the noise ordinances. President Baker stated he would follow up with Police Chief Sloan regarding the paperwork. The Board expressed condolences for her loss.
- D. Aaron Neff** Secretary of the Anthony Northside Neighborhood Association, presented a request related to a project to build a stone bench in the right-of-way. The bench would be in the similar style of stone pillars located in the neighborhood. The proposed bench would be stone, about 18 inches high, 6 feet wide, and 2 or 3 feet deep. Mr. Neff stated that City Engineer Adam Leach reviewed the proposal and did not see an issue regarding visibility. However, Board of Works approval is needed. The project may include a footer extending to the frost line for stability. The neighborhood hopes to include a time capsule in the bench, tying into upcoming city and county birthdays. The timeframe for potential funding is until the end of 2026. President Ted Baker recommended that the neighborhood association make an appointment with Adam Leach to clear the plans, particularly concerning potential utilities beneath the ground. Once cleared by engineering, proper documentation could be filled out for the Board.
- 10. Adjournment:** There being no further business President Ted Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

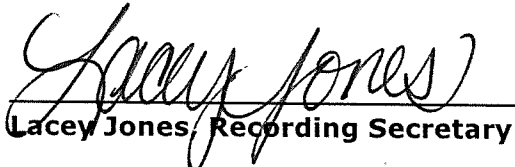
We will meet next Wednesday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of Public Works and Safety


Ted Baker, President


Lola Mauer, Vice-President


Linda Gregory, Secretary


Lacey Jones, Recording Secretary

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