THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
OF THE CITY OF CROWN POINT MET IN A REGULAR MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY March 3, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M.
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
**Via Zoom**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88114674506
(Link is subject to change – in the event of a change, the link will be posted via the City website at www.crownpoint.in.gov prior to the start of the meeting.)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Uran called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor David Uran, Member Bill Gomez, Member James Crook, Member Bob Clemons and Member Andrew Kyres. Also present, City Attorney David Nicholls, Clerk-Treasurer Dave Benson, Chief Deputy Bette Babjak and Deputy Clerk Sheri Herma.

Absent: None

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING - The Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Motion to approve was made by Member Bob Clemons, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. ADDITION OF NEW ITEMS – None

D. PRESENTATIONS – Official Swearing in of 2 New Firefighter/Paramedics
- Fire Chief Dave Crane

Fire Chief Dave Crane brought forth two candidates for Mayor Uran to swear in as full time Firefighter/Paramedics.

Jeremy Golec started January 24, 2021 as Probationary Firefighter / Paramedic. He started as a Part Time Paramedic on July 9, 2020. Jeremy was sworn in by Mayor Uran as Badge #59.

Joel Hasselgren started February 12, 2021 as a Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic. He started as a Part Time Paramedic on June 21, 2018. Joel was sworn in by Mayor Uran as Badge #60.

Welcome to the CPFFR and City Family gentlemen. Both men spoke with appreciative comments to everyone for this opportunity.

Mayor Uran and Chief Crane added that these additions will bring staffing up to 13 per shift which means three ambulances, an engine and a ladder truck are fully staffed and ready to roll out and respond at any given time.
E. OLD and DEFERRED BUSINESS

Water Utility Update – Al Stong/Commonwealth

Al Stong gave a summary update on our water projects and reported things could not be going any better.

Phase 1: This project is complete. We just have some warranty repair items to do in the spring at the 96th Avenue redundant tank.

Phase 2: This is nearing completion. The new tank is constructed, and the pumps are in order. We are close to bringing the tank online. There are two items that are going to extend the schedule. One is Covid related with the ordering of some valves. The second is the coating on top of this tank that is desired by the City. This coating has been approved by SRF and will require Change Order No. C-5 in the amount of $142,166.45.

Mr. Nicholls is aware of the document and has reviewed it. He said it meets all of the legal requirements to be approved and is ready for the action by the Board.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Mayor Uran called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote as follows.

Ayes: Mayor Uran, Members Clemons, Crook, Kyres and Gomez

Nays: None

Motion passed 5 to 0

Phase 3: Our third and final phase of the water project is for the disinfection dosing stations at both of those storage tank locations and the bulk water purchase station. The contractor is preparing to mobilize this month. The substantial completion date for this Project is September 24, 2021.

With Division D, the Board has recently provided us with permission to award Rex Construction as the lowest and most responsible contractor. We are assembling those award documents and they are being reviewed by the State Revolving Loan Fund. Once they meet their approval, we will provide them to Legal.

To summarize on our Water Project, we are projecting to finish this project with about 1.5 million dollars remaining. We have discussed with staff and there are a lot of areas around the Community that have pipe that need to be replaced.

Al Stong then went on to explain that we had a budget where we had to rearrange the funds and take them out of categories that are no longer necessary and add them to categories that may be potentially necessary.

The activities are estimated hourly, and we are just requesting the Board approve the contract amendment in the amount of $0 for the reallocation of existing funds.

Mr. Nicholls reviewed the documents and recommended it go forward for the Board’s consideration.
Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Bill Gomez.

Mayor Uran called for a roll call vote.

Roll call vote as follows.

Ayes: Mayor Uran, Members Clemons, Crook, Kyres and Gomez

Nays: None

Motion passed 5 to 0

Al then spoke about the 101st Avenue Sewer Replacement Project which was the upsizing of our interceptor pipe. This Project is complete with some minor clean up pending as weather permits.

We have two CSO005 Projects. They are 2019 Grant Funded.

The first one, is the lining of some existing sewers and manholes to minimize the wet weather that could enter the sanitary sewer system. It is under construction now. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for May, tentatively.

The second Phase of the Project has more of a storm water purpose. This addresses where we are providing improvements with retention ponds that also contribute to the wet weather flow into the sanitary sewers. This is currently under design and we received Grant money for this as well.

Mayor Uran and Al then discussed surveyors in the S. Court Street area of the City. Mayor Uran added that we have been working with the Engineering Department. If there are ever road improvements in cooperation with the County, we could look at storm water improvements for S. Court Street adjacent to the Fairgrounds.

Al also informed the Board that IDEM is in the process of auditing our CSO compliance. With me completing our long-term plan two years ago, we are responsible to monitor our performance and with the City’s growth they are checking our compliance as we move forward in time.

Al said that we have completed our draft for the Wastewater Utility Planning Report which identifies a long-term improvement to our sanitary sewer system. It ensures compliance with the long-term control plan and maintains the ability for the City to grow. This planning document has been shared with the Mayor’s Office and Staff. We are waiting direction for the next steps.

Al said the last item is just an update on the Little Cal. We had an outstanding application for a project that is storm water related. It consists of an existing pipe that extends down Indiana Avenue near South Street. It receives combined sewer overflow when it rains.

We also have some significant flooding in that area. We have come up with an innovative solution to this where we could lay a shallow pipe and tie into our new upsized interceptor down at 101st Avenue.

That way any type of overflows received are conveyed to our treatment plant and are not being dumped into the Beaver Dam Ditch. This would reduce 50 million gallons of sewage being discharged into the Beaver Dam Ditch over a 5-year timespan. This project has been submitted to the Little Cal for consideration of a 80% Grant.

3
Request Approval of 2021 Concert Series Contract – Diana Bosse/Special Events Director (Deferred from February 17, 2021 Meeting)

Special Events Director Diana Bosse updated the Board on the 2021 Concert Series Contract that was deferred form the February 17th meeting.

Diana spoke with Tom Lounges and upon reviewing the contract made the necessary changes to Section B, that in the Covid agreement, cost shall be deemed fully waived and not enforceable.

Every attempt to re-schedule will be made and if unable to re-schedule, the final bill will reflect a prorated amount for the cancelled entertainment fee.

Mr. Nicholls reviewed and complimented Diana on her work on this project to make it work for us.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve this contract, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Under discussion, Member James Crook and Mayor Uran discussed further verbiage in the contract.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Open Bids for Community Crossing 2020-2 Project – Chief of Staff Greg Falkowski

Chief of Staff Greg Falkowski updated the Board on open bids for the 2020 Community Crossing Project. There are remaining dollars left over from Merrillville Road and Main Street which was the first round submitted.

This is the second round which was awarded for Franciscan Drive. We put out the proper advertisements which are required by INDOT and approved. Now back, they were submitted to Engineering which in turn delivered them to the Legal Department.

Mr. Nicholls then began to open the sealed bid for the second round of the 2020 Community Crossing Grant. He received one yesterday at 3:10 p.m. and was still sealed. There was only one bid that came in. Mr. Nicholls opened it from Walsh and Kelly, Inc. in the amount of $109,419.44.

Mr. Nicholls said that he will review the rest of the documents. This is the lowest and most responsible bid and will also be reviewed by Engineering.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve bid pending Legal and Engineering review seconded by Member James Crook.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Request Approval of the 109th Ave Dogbone Maintenance Agreement – First Assistant City Attorney Alex Kutanovski

First Assistant City Attorney Alex Kutanovski introduced the Board to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Indiana Department of Transportation and the City of Crown Point concerning the construction of the 109th Avenue and I-65 interchange.

This agreement provides for INDOT to improve the interchange at the cost of 6.8 million dollars. The City would participate in that construction to the extent of $157,895.00 to allow for a storm water facilities and infrastructure with decorative lighting and pieces for the corridor from Broadway to the east City boundaries near Iowa Street.

This allows us to participate in this project and allows us to also provide the maintenance on the decorative pieces should that become necessary somewhere down the line. Legal has constructed this contract and worked with Staff on it as well.

Mayor Uran added that the funding for this, that has been mentioned for the $157,895.00 contribution, is part of the Economic Development Bond that was passed by the City Council. The funding is in place and is part of that Corridors Improvement Project funding source.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Request Approval for Promotion from Probationary Status to Rank of Patrolman Police Officer – Police Chief Pete Land

Police Chief Pete Land approached the Board seeking approval to promote Officer Bob Morgan from his Probationary status to the rank of Patrolman. Bob has successfully satisfied his one-year probation. Chief Land asked that it be made retroactive back to February 21st.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve, seconded by Member James Crock.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Request Approval to Purchase a Shelter for the Sportsplex – Jennie Burgess/Parks Director

Parks Director Jennie Burgess approached the Board for approval for a shelter. This shelter would be located at the Sportsplex where a concrete pad has been already placed.

Jennie has been working with Chief of Staff Greg Falkowski and Mr. Nicholls.

They received three proposals and the lowest most responsible one was Nutoys Leisure Products in the amount of $43,389.00. This funding source was approved prior by the Redevelopment Commission around the time that the Abraham Lincoln statue visited.

Mr. Nicholls reviewed the proposals and recommended Nutoys approval.
Chief of Staff Greg Falkowski added that Jennie did a great job getting multiple vendors to respond and going with a vendor that is going to provide a quality product to match the aesthetics that are already established there at the Sportsplex.

Mayor Uran added that Nutoys has been an established quality vendor with our City in years past.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Request Approval for the Hometown Happenings St. Pat’s One Miler – Diana Bosse/Special Events Director**

Tim Fealy approached the Board for approval of the change involved in the St. Pat’s One Miler Run. Instead of being on the square, it will be held at St. Mathias. The run will begin at Burrell Drive and S. Main Street and head north on Main Street to School Court and then head back on Main Street to Burrell Drive.

Chief Land said he would get with EMA and make sure everything is covered.

Mayor Uran confirmed that Tim was following the Health Department guidelines and Tim confirmed he was in fact in contact the State of Indiana Health Department.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Request Approval of Contract with True Barbeque to Purchase Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinners – Diana Bosse/Special Events Director**

Special Event Director Diana Bosse approached the Board for approval of the St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef and Cabbage drive through dinner at the Crown Point Fire Rescue Department.

The previous caterer had a conflict, so Diana reached out to several of our restaurants requesting quotes for 700 corned beef and cabbage dinners to include corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, and butter. She received two quotes back. One was from Prime Steakhouse for $8.95 per person and the second quote was from True Barbeque for $7.50 per person. Diana request permission to go with True Barbeque this year totaling $5,250.00.

Mr. Nicholls reviewed both proposals and discussed it with Diana. He recommends True Barbeque.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Bill Gomez.

Diana added that this will take place March 17th starting at noon - 3:00 p.m. or whenever the dinners are sold out.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

G. MISCELLANEOUS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director of Special Events Diana Bosse gave the weekly update.

Senior citizens age 55 and over are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. To schedule your appointment through the State of Indiana website visit [www.ourshot.in.gov](http://www.ourshot.in.gov) or call 211. To schedule an appointment at Walmart visit [www.walmart.com/cp/1228302](http://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302), to schedule an appointment at Sam’s Club visit [www.samsclub/pharmacy](http://www.samsclub/pharmacy).

The City of Crown Point is hosting a blood drive through Versiti Blood Centers on Tuesday, March 9th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Bulldog Park in the 1st-floor Community Room. To schedule an appointment visit [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), or call 1-800-786-4483.

The 2019/2020 State of the City Address has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 22nd from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the Franciscan Health Pavilion at Bulldog Park to provide increased space and allow for social distancing.

Although the 14th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade has been cancelled due to the restrictions on large gatherings by the State of Indiana, the Mayor’s Office of Special Events is still providing opportunities to celebrate with the following activities: Children’s St. Patrick’s Day drawing contest, St. Patrick’s Day downtown business window decorating contest and drive-thru corned beef and cabbage carry out dinners. For more information on these activities please visit [www.crownpoint.in.gov](http://www.crownpoint.in.gov).

Registration is now open for Crown Point Lacrosse 1st – 8th grade. For more information or to sign up please visit [www.crownpoint.lacrosse.com](http://www.crownpoint.lacrosse.com).

Congratulations to Crown Point High School gymnasts Charlotte Annes and Yasble Maunes on advancing to Regionals.

Congratulations also to the Lady Bulldogs Varsity Basketball team on winning the IHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

Media Relations and Information Technologies Director Adam Graper said there were no questions or comments on Facebook or Zoom.

H. Next Regular Meeting - Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

I. ADJOURNMENT

1. Member Bob Clemons motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

   Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Meeting Adjourned at 11:52 a.m.
Regular Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting
March 3, 2021

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

David D.F. Uran, Mayor

Bob Clemons, Member

James Crook, Member

Bill Gomez, Member

Andrew Kyres, Member

Attest:

David B. Benson, Clerk-Treasurer

**Audio available upon request**

Due to the COVID-19 Shutdown of our Public Meetings, these minutes were approved by the Board of Works Members Via Zoom.