THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
OF THE CITY OF CROWN POINT MET IN A REGULAR MEETING
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 101 NORTH EAST STREET ON
WEDNESDAY, August 4, 2021, AT 11:00 A.M.
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Hybrid
*In Person and Zoom*
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posted via the City website at www.crownpoint.in.gov prior to the start of
the meeting.)

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 Bob Clemons, Member James Crook,
Member Andrew Kyres and Member Bill Gomez. Also present, City Attorney
David Nicholls (Zoom), First Assistant City Attorney Alex Kutanovski, Clerk-
Treasurer Dave Benson and Deputy Clerk Sheri Herma.

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS - The Regular Meeting
held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021.

Motion to approve was made by Member James Crook, seconded by Member
Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ADDITION OF NEW ITEMS – Contract for Annual Morton Salt Application
to City Streets – Terry Ciciora/Public Works Director

Motion to approve was made by Member James Crook, seconded by Member
Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. This will be item #7.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

OLD and DEFERRED BUSINESS

Water Utility Update – Al Stong/Commonwealth

Al Stong gave a summary update on our Utility Projects.

Al reported there was nothing significant to report, that all projects were
similar in standing to his last report. He stated Phase 1 was in the midst of
some minor warranty repairs, with everything up and running at the 96th PI.
Redundant Tank.

As for Phase 2, the Kaiser Park Redundant Tank repairs are complete and
will be put back online. This portion of the project is anticipated to be
complete by the end of the month. Supply chain issues were noted by the contractor but no concern was necessary.

Phase 3, Division C – Chloramine Stations and Bulk Water Purchase Stations – Al reported no update was available for the manufacture date.

Phase 3, Division D – Service Line Replacement – Pre-inspection is complete for this portion of the project, they were simply awaiting parts and materials.

The Wastewater Utility CSO001 Phase 1, construction is nearing completion. Manholes are being improved. Wastewater Utility CSO001 Phase 2, design is complete. This project is pending the USACE approval, which would then prompt a bid date. Both CSO001 and CSO002 are 75% grant-based projects through the Army Corps of Engineers.

The CSO Audit is underway. Phone conversations had occurred with IDEM several months ago, but no correspondence has been received since.

The Wastewater Utility Planning Report has been assembled and submitted and is moving along. A member of the SRF-IFA is scheduled to travel to Crown Point to meet with Commonwealth and the County Commissioners next week so that synergy between the county and the city can be discussed.

Al stated everything on the Federal level is at a standstill while waiting for the infrastructure bill to pass. Once the bill passes, he anticipates involving Mrvan’s Office.

An application was made for the SWIF Grant. There were over 500 requests for the first round of the SWIF Grant, in the amount of $50,000,000.00. The date of the announcement of the 1st Round recipient of the SWIF grant has been pushed back to August 27, 2021.

Update of Property at 400 E. North Street – Alex Kutanovski First Assistant City Attorney & Terry Ciciora Public Works Director

Alex Kutanovski spoke on this matter, stating the property had been examined with the exterior cleaned up, sheds removed from the parking lot, scrappers were working to remove metal from the interior of the building, and they were awaiting confirmation from the Structural Engineer on his inspection date.

He stated he didn’t believe the barricades on Grant St. were still necessary, and would like the Board to request the Building Inspector and Fire Inspector to look at the property to determine if the sidewalk needed to remain closed.

Mayor Uran stated the City would continue to work with local agencies; police, fire and building, especially on the exterior, and would await a report for the interior.

Member James Crook stated he thought the exterior appeared much better.

NEW BUSINESS

Request Approval of Solicitors Renewal for Kraz Construction – Jeff Garcia (Kraz representatives have been soliciting door to door since 2011.)

Jeff Garcia, from Valparaiso, IN, approached the Board to represent Kraz Construction.
Clerk-Treasurer Dave Benson confirmed all paperwork was in order and payment had been processed, he simply needed his ID from the Police Department.

Police Chief Pete Land stated there were no issues or complaints with the vendor.

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

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Uran stated that for the Board’s sake and to simplify the Solicitor’s License Renewal process, he requested the Board to consider the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office and the Police Department to have administrative authority to complete renewals and report back to the Board for renewals only, not for new applications.

He noted that the discussion of renewals at the Board of Works meetings seemed to take up a decent amount of time for the vendors to appear before the Board. He believed if everything complied, the vendor was in good standing, and paperwork was in order, there was no reason to have the vendors who were renewing licenses appear before the Board to gain approval.

Mayor Uran suggested an annual presentation of a list of the renewals to the Board.

Member James Crook made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution No. 2021-08-01R – Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate to an Abutting Landowner** – Attorney Alex Kutanovski

Alex Kutanovski reported there was a portion of the cemetery, that was not usable to the City because of the tree line. No plots could be placed in this location, however; it would be usable to the abutting landowner as access to their cemetery and building, which is on the property line.

He stated the statute allows the City of Crown Point and the Board of Works to authorize the sale of the property to the abutting landowner, as long as the assessed value of the property was less than a certain amount.

Alex Kutanovski provided a Diagram Plat of Survey, stating the piece of land was a 15ft. strip along the east side of the cemetery, which would potentially be sold. He stated the assessed value, after the breakdown of square footage totaled $384.00. The resolution would allow for a notice to be sent out to the abutting landowners with a sale amount of $1,500.00. This would cover the cost the City would incur in notices and fees to sell this portion of the cemetery.

He requested the Board’s approval to allow the Legal Department to proceed with the notices and sale of the strip of land.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Bill Gomez.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Request Approval for Promotion in Rank for Officer Robert Harrell** – Police Chief Pete Land

Police Chief Pete Land requested the Board’s approval to promote Officer Robert Harrell from his probationary status to Patrolman status. Chief Land stated he had successfully completed his probationary requirements, and if possible, would ask for this to be made retroactive from June 13, 2021.

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

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Request Approval of Participation Agreement with AT&T** – Adam Graper IT/Media Director

Adam Graper stated several years back, the State of Indiana procured AT&T Mobility to build a Public Safety Mobile Network. He requested approval for the City of Crown Point to participate in the agreement. There is no cost to the City and AT&T does follow GSA contract guidelines.

Mr. Nicollis stated he had reviewed the agreement, which was legally presentable and was ready for the Board’s action.

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

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Request Approval for Contract Extension for Traffic Control Specialists** – Terry Ciciora/Public Works Director

Terry Ciciora requested approval from the Board to accept the Extension of the contract with Traffic Control Specialists. This is the company that performs striping throughout the City and nothing had changed with their contract.

Mr. Nicholls stated he had reviewed the renewal contract and it was ready for action from the Board.

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

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Request Approval of Proposal for City Technical Standards and Specifications** – Terry Ciciora/Public Works Director

Mayor Uran stated the Board was requesting this item to be deferred.

Member Andrew Kyres made a motion to defer, seconded by Member James Crook.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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ADD-ON

Request Approval of Contract for the 2021-2022 Season with Morton Salt
– Terry Cicoria/Public Works Director

Terry Cicoria requested the Board’s approval of the contract for the 2021-2022 season with Morton Salt. Last year, the purchase price for the salt was $73.06 per ton. This year the purchase price for the salt is $61.28 per ton. This totals over $40,000.00 in savings for the City of Crown Point. He stated the price of salt never drops this much.

Mr. Nicholls stated he had reviewed the contract and was just as amazed as Terry Cicoria at the $41,230.00 in savings. He stated he recommended approval of the contract.

Mayor Uran stated this was good news and asked Terry the minimum purchased by the City. Terry stated the minimum purchase was 3500 tons with the obligation to use 80%, with every bit being utilized last year.

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

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paige Donaldson of 209 N. Grant Street, Crown Point, spoke about the status report on the old church at 400 E. North Street.

Next Regular Meeting - Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

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

   Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Meeting Adjourned at 11:18 a.m.
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

David D.F. Uran, Mayor

Bob Clemons, Member

James Crook, Member

Bill Gomez, Member

Zoomed 9/10/21

Andrew Kyres, Member

Attest:

David B. Benson, Clerk-Treasurer

*Audio available upon request*