

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

Val Gomez, President
William Allen, Vice-President
Winna Guzman, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Olga Cosme

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Val Gomez
William Allen
Winna Guzman

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for May 11th, 2023. We do have a quorum.

Next we have approval of the regular meeting minutes of Thursday, April 27, 2023. Entertain a motion to approve as written.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

We have no correspondence. We are going to move on to New Business. First is bid opening for the City resurfacing.

MR. ALLEN: First one we have from Pave Solution Inc., located at 1308 Locust Street, Middleton, Indiana. For Table 1 through 10 the total dollar amount is \$495,812.50. For alternate bid Tables 11 through 20, total amount is \$275,078.25.

Next, Reith Riley Construction Company Inc., 7500 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana. We have for Tables 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11, amount of \$1,914,206.66. That's the base bid. The alternate

1 total is \$1,159,860.76. That was for Tables 3, 4, 6, 7,
2 and 9.

3 Last we have from Milestone
4 Contractors North Inc., 1700 East Main Street.
5 Griffith, Indiana. We have a base bid amount of
6 \$907,212.50. We have alternate amount of \$1,205,938.20
7 for Tables 3, 4, 6, 7, 9.

8 So we just received three bids.
9 We'll make copies and give them to First Group to review
10 and hopefully by the next Board of Works meeting have a
11 recommendation.

12 MR. GOMEZ: First Group is responsible
13 for the review?

14 MR. ALLEN: Yes.

15 MR. GOMEZ: That should be next meeting?

16 MR. ALLEN: Hopefully.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Next item under New Business,
18 we have proposal from Nyhart Corp., service agreement
19 with HR. This is for reporting of retirement benefits.
20 They provide data collection, review and analysis for
21 preparation of annual reports. Fees for services,
22 actuary update fee, that's for 12-31-22 and then interim
23 GAF actuary update, and that one is up to 12-31-23. The
24 full amount of the proposal is \$10,400.00. And once
25 again, that's out of HR. This is an annual proposal and
they have been working with this company for several
years. Any questions or comments on this proposal?
(None)

There being no further questions,
I'll make a motion to approve Nyhart's proposal with HR.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have proposal from Braman
Insurance Services. This also is an annual proposal.
This covers our city buildings, city owned buildings,
and some building contents for the majority of them.
There are 27 properties listed on here. This is from
Braman Insurance. They are our broker. The premium was
\$140,271.00. Renewal has gone up a bit to \$154,999.97,
but it's still lower than the other proposals.

1 Are there any questions or comments
2 on this proposal from Braman? (None)

3 There being no further questions or
4 comments, I'd like to make a motion we approve Braman
5 Insurance's proposal for our annual premium of our
6 properties, buildings and contents.

7 MR. ALLEN: Second.

8 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
9 (All signify aye.)

10 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

11 Next we have Standard Equipment,
12 2023 labor rates from Public Works. Are there any
13 questions or comments on this rate schedule? (None)

14 There being no further questions or
15 comments, I'd make a motion to approve.

16 MR. ALLEN: Second.

17 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
18 (All signify aye.)

19 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

20 Next we have outstanding invoices.
21 I will read each one and we'll make one motion to
22 approve at the end. First one is from Atlas Toyota from
23 Public Works. There are two late invoices dated
24 12-31-22 and 12-29-22. The explanation, invoices were
25 sent back to the vendor to be corrected and were never
resent to East Chicago Public Works for payment. Any
questions or comments on this late invoice? (None)

 Next one is 610 Auto, also from
Public Works. There is one late invoice dated 11-17-22
amount of \$345.00. The explanation is invoice was
missed by Public Works Department. Any questions or
comments on this late invoice? (None)

 Better NOI, Human Resources, this is
employee reports. They have two late invoices dated
1-31-23 and 2-28-23, total of \$882.00. Explanation, the
invoices were not processed waiting for updated contract
and administration approval. Any questions or comments
on these late invoices? (None)

 Heavy Industries, this is from
Engineering Department, one late invoice dated 1-30-23.
Amount is for \$15,000.00. Explanation, Engineering
Department received the invoice late on April 26, '23.
Services have been rendered and invoice should be
processed. Any questions or comments on this late
invoice? (None)

1 Department of Water Works, from
2 Engineering, dated 10-14-22, amount of \$1,433.32. Any
3 questions or comments on this one? (None) And the
4 description was Engineering Department received the
5 invoice from the Water Department after the contractor
6 was in noncompliance of payment of an Engineering
7 Department project. Invoice should be processed for
8 payment. So this is contractor's fault. Any questions
9 or comments with that one? (None)

10 Thomas Irrigation from Engineering.
11 Three late invoices, 11-16-22, 12-12-22, 11-21-22, total
12 \$10,524.20. Explanation, invoices were sent to the
13 wrong department. Engineering received them on 5-20-23.
14 Services have been rendered and invoices should be
15 processed for payment. Any questions or comments on
16 this late invoice? (None)

17 There being no further questions or
18 comments, entertain a motion to approve aforementioned
19 late invoices to various departments.

20 MR. ALLEN: Second.

21 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

22 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Next we have donation checks for
24 Special Events. There are two, one is from Butler
25 Fairman & Seufert, Inc., for \$11,000.00. And there is
one from Sims Metal Limited, that was for \$5,000.00.
Checks have been received and they have been deposited
in the accounts waiting for approval of the Board. Any
questions or comments on these two Special Events
donation checks? (None)

Make a motion to approve the
acceptance of these two donation checks.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have three proposals for
Kielbasa Fest from Special Events. First one is Wesoly
Lud, polish folk dance company to perform for the
Kielbasa Fest on Saturday August 19, 2023, and that will
be for \$500.

The second one is for E-Z Tones,
that's the band to perform at Kielbasa Fest on the same
date, Saturday, August 19th. And their contract is for

1 \$1,000.

2 And the final one is E-Z Tymes, DJ
3 for the Kielbasa Fest on the same date, Saturday,
4 August 19, '23. And his proposal does have a time, DJ
5 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and the amount of the
6 proposal is \$1,000. Any questions or comments on these
7 three proposals for Kielbasa Fest? (None)

8 There being no further questions or
9 comments, make a motion to approve these three
10 entertainments for Kielbasa Fest.

11 MR. ALLEN: Second.

12 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

13 (All signify aye.)

14 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

15 Richardson Disposal, change order
16 #1, 2120 Columbus Drive. Change order, moving
17 foundational wall and cabinet damaged at 2120 Columbus.
18 Change order for additional site work and damage to the
19 cabinet. Increase of the change order is \$4,018.75.
20 That is less than 20 percent. Any questions or comments
21 on this change order? (None)

22 There being no further questions or
23 comments, make a motion to approve change order #1 for
24 2120 Columbus Drive with Richardson Disposal.

25 MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Building Department,
this is for Amereco, site review update. This is
project request proposal submitted by Amereco for site
review updates for 27 properties, total amount of
\$20,025.00. The attachment has a list all the sites.
Any questions or comments on this proposal? (None)

There being no further questions or
comments, make a motion to approve Amereco's proposal
with the Building Department.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Northwest Industrial
Specialist, we have a proposal for revised signs. This

1 is also from Engineering. These are double sided
2 aluminum signs, engineer grade, to have street names,
3 and there is a list of street names. Unit price is
4 \$66.03, total will be \$11,555.25. The order is 5 of
5 each street sign name listed below. Any questions or
6 comments on this proposal?

7 MS. GUZMAN: Is there a sole proprietor
8 form included?

9 MR. GOMEZ: Yes, with Engineering.
10 There being no further questions or
11 comments, make a motion to approve the proposal from
12 Northwest Industrial.

13 MR. ALLEN: Second.

14 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
15 (All signify aye.)

16 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

17 Next is R & D Construction, signal
18 lane closure, from Engineering. This is Indianapolis
19 Boulevard and North Roxana Drive.

20 MR. ALLEN: That was the setup while the
21 mural was being painted on the South Shore wall.

22 MR. GOMEZ: This is for \$116,140.00. The
23 second one from R & D Construction is for Columbus Drive
24 and Main for the new Wendy's project.

25 MR. ALLEN: Right, the utilities got
stubbed out. This is just for the patching on the
surface.

MR. GOMEZ: So it's for sanitary and
water, and the amount is \$7,937.50. Any questions or
comments on these two proposals from R & D? (None)

There being no further questions or
comments, make a motion to approve the two proposals
submitted by R & D Construction.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Robinson Engineering,
140th Street from Deal to West Hawthorne Street.

1 MR. ALLEN: This is to do some
2 preliminary engineering as far as design work for a
3 fence or wall to later be erected on 140th Street
4 between Deal and West Hawthorne. Total amount is
5 \$5,600.00.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
7 this proposal? (None)

8 There being no further questions or
9 comments, make a motion to approve the proposal.

10 MR. ALLEN: Second.

11 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
12 (All signify aye.)

13 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

14 Next we have fiscal year 2022, Safe
15 Streets and Roads for All Grant Program Agreements.
16 This is also from Engineering.

17 MR. ALLEN: So the City was recently
18 awarded \$1,240,000.00, that money goes towards the
19 creation of a plan to then make ourselves eligible for
20 construction funds next year. I believe the total max
21 money-wise that we can receive is \$5 million. So they
22 won't release -- you are not eligible for construction
23 funds unless you have a plan put together. So that's
24 what we are doing now and it's 80/20. We get 240,000
25 but we put in \$60,000.00. So this is just an agreement
between us and the Federal agency that is granting us
the money for PE work.

MR. GOMEZ: So we have been awarded this
already?

MR. ALLEN: Yes, we have been awarded
this.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
this proposal? (None)

There being no further questions or
comments, make a motion to approve this proposal.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have R & D Construction

1 sidewalk repair along Kennedy Avenue. Proposal says
2 Alexander Avenue between 139th Street and 140th Street
3 on the east and west side. So it doesn't include
4 Kennedy?

5 MR. ALLEN: It's a typo. It is Kennedy.

6 MR. GOMEZ: So just for correction,
7 Alexander between 139th and 140th should be Kennedy.

8 MR. ALLEN: Along Kennedy on the west
9 side.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Any other questions on
11 this proposal from R & D?

12 MS. GUZMAN: Do they need to resubmit the
13 corrected information?

14 MR. GOMEZ: We can make a motion to
15 approve it so long as they get the correct verbiage.
16 Any other questions? (None)

17 There being no further questions,
18 make a motion to approve proposal from R & D with the
19 aforementioned correction.

20 MR. ALLEN: Second.

21 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

22 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Next we have from First Group
24 Engineering, we have two agreements. The first one is
25 for general engineering services for Antique Landfill.

MR. ALLEN: This is just an open PO
request technically to have them assist the City with
communications and on-site visits for working with IDEM
and DNR when it comes to our landfill or legacy dump
along the canal and north of our pump station for north
of Michigan Street.

MR. GOMEZ: Are there future plans for
that area, is that what we are doing?

MR. ALLEN: We are developing future
plans in order to clean up the property that belongs to
the City.

1 MR. GOMEZ: And the second proposal from
2 First Group Engineering is for Chicago Avenue public
3 safety enhancements from Wegg to White Oak.

4 MR. ALLEN: This is for design services
5 to help improve the safety concern out on Chicago
6 Avenue, White Oak, to Wegg. So we have been contacted
7 by the public to help make that corridor a little bit
8 safer since we have semi trucks and cars kind of
9 speeding down the street, and we have a lot of
10 pedestrian traffic in the area with HealthLinc, the
11 signage business, public works. There's private parking
12 located on the north side of Chicago Avenue. It's used
13 by the patrons for HealthLinc and other businesses in
14 that area, as well as Bishop Nol students and parents.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or
16 comments on First Group's two proposals?

17 MR. ALLEN: I don't know if it's stated,
18 for the first proposal for the landfill there's a
19 not-to-exceed of \$30,000.00.

20 MR. GOMEZ: And the second one is
21 not-to-exceed of \$46,800.00.

22 MR. ALLEN: Correct.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or
24 comments? (None)

25 There being no further questions or
26 comments, make a motion to approve the two proposals
27 from First Group, the landfill project not-to-exceed
28 \$30,000. The safety enhancement, Wegg to White Oak is
29 not-to-exceed \$46,800.00.

30 MR. ALLEN: Second

31 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
32 (All signify aye.)

33 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

34 Next we have right of way
35 applications of 23-04476 through 23-004482. Any
36 questions or comments on right of way applications?
37 (None)

38 There being no further question,
39 make a motion to approve applications.

40 MR. ALLEN: Second.

1 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Next is Hasse Construction, Wendy's
4 Project from Water Department. This is for water
5 service for Wendy's. The amount will be for \$6,000.00
6 for contractual services. Any questions or comments on
7 this proposal? (None) This is for contractual
8 services, but it comes out of the Board of Works. Any
9 questions or comments? (None)

10 There being no further questions or
11 comments, make a motion to approve the proposal with
12 Hasse Construction for the Wendy's Project in the amount
13 of \$6,000.00.

14 MR. ALLEN: Second.

15 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

16 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

17 There being no other business, this
18 concludes all items on the agenda under New Business.
19 We have no other items under other business.

20 Our next regular meeting is
21 Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. That concludes all
22 the items on the agenda for tonight.

23 Make a motion for adjournment.

24 MR. ALLEN: Second.

25 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
May 11, 2023

Approved and Signed May 11, 2023.

Val Gomez, President

William Allen, Vice President

Winna Guzman, member

Olga Cosme, Secretary

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I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 16th day of May, 2023.

Peggy S. LaLonde

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