

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
October 22, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 9:30 AM CST. With the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok, Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder, Board Members Steve Dodge, Jim Collins and City Attorney Justin Schramm.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

1. Line item 5A Bid Opening for Sewer Main relining.
2. Line item 5B Swearing in of new Police hire moved to after meeting ends.
3. Line item 5C 302 E Potter – Fine discussion.

Steve Dodge made a motion approving the 3 amendments to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 9/24/25

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. Steve Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that Miller Pipeline ran the new gas lines on Henry Drive, and they did a great job fixing everything. The street crew have started the fall leaf pick up and completed the crack sealing using 4500 pounds of asphalt. They are also prepping all the winter equipment.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald was absent, and Mayor Estok read his report to the Board.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that his crew cut down 8 trees on the sledding hills and hauled them off. They have also been cleaning and organizing around the plant. Superintendent Clemons held the Northern Indiana Operators Association October meeting at the plant. The 17 attendees were given a plant tour and took a class over FLYGT Pumps taught by Xylem. During their weekly sewer line checks, the sewer main from St Louis St to New York St was found not flowing well. The Vac Truck was used to cut 655 feet of roots out of the sewer main. They also used Rick McCans tractor to land apply 131,280 gallons of liquid biosolids, on the Shilling farmland. Element Lab is testing samples for simple nutrients for the EZLA Report for IDEM. Tara from Alliance of Indiana Rural Water is conducting an energy efficiency study back at the plant. Superintendent Clemons is asking 3 sewer lining companies to bid on a lining project for the downtown area.

Chief of Police Chad Dulin informed the Board over the past month they have been called out for 20 burglary calls, 146 business checks, 143 traffic stops, 134 extra patrols, 9 arrests with 17 charges for a total of 746 calls.

RE: APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Dulin presented to the Board his recommendation for the full-time hire to be Sean Allen. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the new hire for the police department. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SEWER MAIN LINING BID OPENING

Mayor Estok opened the bids:

New Flow	\$698,750.00	Combo
	\$892,891.00	Separate
Insituform	\$166,342.00	Combo
	\$ 45,868.93	Separate

Mayor Estok made a motion to deny all bids due to being over \$150,000.00, because a different bid procedure will have to be used according to state statute. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 302 E POTTER – DISPUTE FINES

The owner of the property was present. A \$2,500.00 fine was assessed last month for willful noncompliance. The property owner asked for two more weeks to get it all taken care of to avoid the fine. Mayor Estok made a motion giving the owner until the November meeting to get it all done. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF FLOCK SOP #28

Chief Dulin presented SOP #28 about the Flock Program to the Board. Jim Collins made a motion approving SOP #28. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 6 N PEARL – REVIEW

A short discussion was held. The property has been an ongoing issue for several years. Jim Collins made a motion to access the \$8,000.00 lien as recommended by Director Boley. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: GOLDEN ACRES/HICKORY REVIEW FINES – CONTINUED

A short discussion was held. Our City Attorney had filed an injunction which was ignored completely. No permits were applied for as required to open. Mayor Estok made a motion approving the special assessment of \$14,820.00 to be assessed. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 406 E JOHN STREET - REVIEW

Director Boley gave the owner an order to take action on April 22, 2025. At the August meeting the owner was given until September meeting to show progress. At this meeting more progress had been done, so no action was taken at this time.

RE: 425 FEAR COURT – ORDER TO VACATE – PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing. Per Director Boley, the renters are out, and the owner can get it all fixed up now. Mayor Estok closed the Public Hearing. Steve Dodge made a motion to dismiss the case. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 1107 E LAKE STREET – DOG BITE

The owner was ticketed for vicious dog and paid the ticket fee of \$250.00. The dog was quarantined for 10 days and checked out okay. The owner moved the dog to his dad's house. Steve Dodge made a motion to close this case. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 401 E LAKE STREET – REVIEW

Director Boley recommendation to the Board is to clean up the exterior and secure/board it up before winter. All the clean up and securing it up can be charged as an assessment on the property. Mayor Estok made a motion to follow through with the clean up and securing of the property. And turn over all costs to the City Attorney for the next Court Appointment. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 406 W ELM – REVIEW

Director Boley informed the Board that he sent the owner a letter on September 29, 2025, with the cost for the tear down of the trailer/building. City Attorney Justin Schramm informed the Board that a Court Order is required to tear it down. Steve Dodge made a motion for City Attorney Justin Schramm to apply for a Court Hearing for the property so it can be demolished. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

Mayor Dennis Estok

Attest: _____
Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder