

**City of East Bernard**  
**Board of Alderman**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**15 November 2021**

**Present:**

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor  
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1  
Shawn Farrell, Alderman Pos 2  
Andrew Webster, Alderman Pos 3  
Eric Viktorin, Alderman Pos 4  
Jonathon Szymanski, Alderman Pos 5  
Audrey Searce, City Secretary

**Absent:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum of the Board members present, Mayor Marvin Holub called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021 in the Union Room of the Prosperity Bank Building.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Holub gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Holub led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- ◆ Raymond Rabius addressed the Board of Aldermen with concerns about road conditions in the Industrial Park. He feels that we are not maintaining the roads to an adequate standard and would like to see improvement in that area. Industry is the heart of the community and if we are not going to provide the infrastructure the industry needs, he suggests we find a way to allow someone who will.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Holub reported as follows:

- ◆ Mayor Holub reported on the road repair projects.
- ◆ The fiber project happening in East Bernard is moving along. Phase I is complete and Phase II is almost complete. Phase III will begin after the first of the year.
- ◆ Construction on County Road 291 has begun and should be complete by the end of December.
- ◆ Mayor Holub had a meeting with the judge and county attorney. There will be no issue of us taking over building inspections. We will plan to have a contract with a company to perform those by the first of the year.
- ◆ There have been several complaints about burning inside the city limits, golf carts, and dogs. We will speak to the constables and make sure those issues are being addressed in the correct manner.

**CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Searce reported on the current grants. The hazard mitigation plan has been submitted to FEMA for review. The new software is live, and the staff is now working on becoming familiar with it before we go live with the public side of it. Secretary Searce also met the Courtney Hudgins, East Bernard Superintendent to discuss happenings in East Bernard. It was decided we would touch base with each other from time to time to make sure all entities are up to date with activity in East Bernard.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2021 REGULAR MEETING.**

Mayor Holub asked if there were any corrections or concerns about the minutes as read. There was no discussion of the minutes. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Szymanski to approve the October 18, 2021 minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ELECTRICITY PROVIDER CONTRACT.**

Mayor Holub presented the bids received from Dacott and Jeff Ritter. Dacott had the best rate with .04394 per kilowatt. This for be locked in for a four year period. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve the electricity rate of .04394 per kilowatt from Dacott, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RESOLUTION AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.**

Secretary Searce presented the Resolution to join the opioid settlement agreement. This was prepared for by Olson and Olson and is under their recommendation that we participate in the settlement. Alderman Viktorin made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented and allow Mayor Holub to execute any documentation needed for the settlement, seconded by Alderman Farrell. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RESOLUTION 2021-008 APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

There is a vacant position that needs to be filled due to the departure of Mary Repka who has moved out of the city limits. Secretary Searce presented the Resolution naming Todd Swoboda as her replacement. He was recommended by the planning commission chair, Lance Rejsek. Alderman Szymanski made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-008 appointing members of the planning commission, seconded by Alderman Viktorin. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE DRAINAGE STUDY RFQS.**

Alderman Szymanski gave an overview of the meetings held by the Drainage Task Force. The meetings were very productive, and the members of the board are very serious about working towards a goal of better drainage in East Bernard. Their first task was to recommend their choice for the engineering firm to handle our drainage study as outlined in the Request for Qualifications sent out in September. The top 3 recommended with no concerns for cost are as follows: 1) Costello Engineering, 2) Scheibe Consulting, and 3) Kaluza, Inc. The top 3 recommendations with cost in mind are as follows: 1) Kaluza, Inc. 2) Schiebe Consulting, and 3) Costello Engineering. After some discussion and considerations discussed by the Aldermen, Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to award Scheibe Consulting the drainage study project, seconded by Alderman Farrell. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

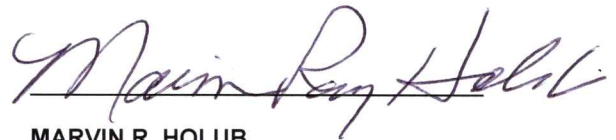
Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Webster to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, A.D. 2022.

ATTEST:

  
AUDREY SCEARCE  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

  
MARVIN R. HOLUB  
MAYOR