

**City of La Porte Business Improvement District**  
**City Hall**  
**La Porte, IN 46350**  
**August 14, 2023**

President Thaddeus Cutler called the August 14, 2023 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held at City Hall at 801 Michigan Avenue, La Porte, IN. Roll call of members of the Board was shown to be present or absent as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brad Adamsky, Robin Clark, Thaddeus Cutler, Jessica Granger, Jim Kaminski, John Spiggle, Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington, Tommy Viere

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Courtney Dickman

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Laura Cutler, David Heinold

**MINUTES:** President Cutler informed the board the July minutes will be sent out through email.

**GUEST COMMENTS:** Feikes presented the board with the annual snow removal contract. The price is \$140/hour. The job takes 12-15 hours depending on the amount of snow and permission from State to push into Lincolnway. There is an increase from \$135 last year. Worthington motioned to accept the bid, Ward seconded. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Spiggle reported the BID received insurance proceeds of \$8,620 and interest income of \$199.75. Expenses included sidewalk maintenance and watering last month in the amount of \$5,744.28. The BID brought \$8,819 in. There is \$132,340 in the bank and there is \$63,904 left to spend.

The total for vouchers was \$14,127.08. These include the irrigation control box and all related items in the amount of \$5,249.68, Emcor Hyre Electric for the Farmed & Forged market issue discussed at the July meeting in the amount of \$840, outlet repairs that were agreed to in the amount of \$1,149, additional outlet repairs for upgrades split 50/50 with the city for \$520.36. The total amount was \$2,361.85. Additional vouchers include Feikes for \$2,500 weekly maintenance from July 10 to August 7 and watering from July 17 to August 4 totaling \$4,015.55. Adamsky motioned to approve the vouchers as presented, Worthington seconded. Motion passed.

**Maintenance:** Heinold reported the irrigation box is set up, but not watering yet.

**Leaf & Snow Removal:** There was no report.

**Flowers:** Ward informed the board that Perennials Galore will propose adding extra soil to the planters before winter at the next meeting. The board discussed and concluded this has not been done for the last two years. Adding in the extra soil could be a \$8,000-\$9,000 increase. Spiggle recommended getting the scope of the planters and not worry about the soil until the spring. Adamsky asked what happens to the contents when a planter is removed.

**Trees:** There was no report.

**Long-Term Planning:** Kaminski reported he missed the last meeting with the downtown design team. Phillips will have a report at the September meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Cutler informed the board that there are 4 meetings left in the year and there are 5 expiring board positions: John Spiggle, Thaddeus Cutler, Jessica Granger, Tommy Viere (fulfilling Dawn's appointment), and Lizz Ward. Board members were told they should let her know if they do not wish to renew.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:**

Amy Feikes' birthday is today.

Worthington presented Feikes with a thank you gift card for her work in the BID.

**Adjournment/Next Meeting**

There being no further business, Ward entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. and Worthington seconded. The next board meeting will be September 11, 2023. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Thaddeus Cutler by email at [thaddeus@thaddeusc.com](mailto:thaddeus@thaddeusc.com)***

*Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel*