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## Lincoln Street To Start With Bang

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While the Lincoln Street Reconstruction Project continued, the soil beneath the former Giddings Cleaners was tested to see if it had been impacted by the business. According to Steve Cobb, representing an environmental firm, it had.

IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) has requested that the soil be removed before the Lincoln Street Reconstruction reaches the area. Due to the business' location, sheeting and shoring are required at the site. That would require the nearby intersection of Barachel Lane to be closed down for about a month, Cobb said.

Cleaning solvents and other substances were found, and due to the degree of contamination, the crew must excavate 20 feet down. Closing down Barachel Lane from Oct. 5 through Nov. 6 would create the room necessary to have dump trucks haul away the contaminated soil, Cobb explained. All INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) specifications would be met, and fencing would be provided, Cobb said. The soil must be removed to meet INDOT's timetable for the larger project. The entrance to the CVS Pharmacy east would be closed to the intersection, and semi traffic would be diverted down Freeland Road. Cobb said that signage would be provided to direct traffic around and that his company would be notifying nearby residents and businesses. Cobb's company is working with Dave O'Mara Contracting to take the building down first. "I guess if that's what you've got to do, you've got to do it," board member Herb Hunter said.

The Board of Works approved the motion unanimously.

Chris Tebbe, representing the Crown Pointe Homeowner's Association, approached the Board of Works with a deed of dedication to the city. He, along with many of the residents, were at the meeting to request incorporation into the city. Currently, about 40 units are at Crown Pointe, an assisted living center, which had been developed in 1998 and given to the homeowner's association in July 2007. The request did not include the street lights, which would still be owned by the association.

Mayor Gary Herbert noted that he had been out there recently, and said that the narrow lanes are not in agreement with city specifications. If the city did take it over, Herbert wondered what would happen when the snow plows go through, and what kind of mess it would make. Currently, the city does not maintain the utilities at the location.

Bob Navarra, president of the association, said that the private company who removes snow now could continue doing so. The residents are in the city limits and pay city taxes, and hoped to get city services, Navarra said. That's why they were proceeding with the dedication.

Greensburg Fire Chief Scott Chasteen said that the fire trucks can get in and out of the area. However, the developers and designers were given the option to follow city specifications, and for some reason, chose not to.

"We'll get in one way or another," Chasteen noted.

He added that taking over the streets that were not built to city specifications could set a dangerous precedent. Street Commissioner Mark Klosterkemper said it was difficult to get into the areas with his trucks, but was also concerned about liability in accepting a substandard street. The developer chose to save money and had said it would not be dedicated to the city, Klosterkemper said. For him, it all came back to the substandard design that did not follow city specs. It could disregard city specifications because it had been built as a private development.

Mayor Herbert said that the Board of Works was not in a situation in which a decision could be made. City attorney Tim Coriden suggested meeting with Tebbe and looking at potential remedies to make the dedication more palatable for the city. From curb to curb, the Crown Pointe streets were 24 feet. City specs require 28 feet. The issue was tabled.

Police Chief Brian Heaton was next before the board, and said he had been working with an engineering firm for months to acquire electrical upgrades to the Greensburg Police station. Mayor Herbert noted that it was a requirement to get consultants, and the board agreed to hire the engineering firm to go over the station's electrical needs and provide a suggestion and recommendation on bids. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chief Heaton also sought to recognize GPD officers Wayne Davis and Justin Wells. Davis had recently completed his one year probationary period, and Wells will do the same soon. Heaton said they had both been a tremendous asset to law enforcement and to the community. The Board of Works agreed to promote Davis to Patrolmen First Class unanimously, a recognition Wells will receive when the time comes.

The Board of Works also: agreed unanimously to temporarily close down roads near Gilliland-Howe Funeral Home from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 3 for a children's' health and safety fair; agreed unanimously to close down Broadway Street from Washington to Main Street and the small section on the south side of the square during the evening hours for the Fall Festival from Sept. 17 to Sept. 20; looked over utilities manager Donna Lecher's provisions of the July financials, including bank balances and money in the funds; approved a change order of about \$70,000 for ongoing renovations to the wastewater treatment plant; and heard status updates regarding the water treatment plant and the Flatrock Raw Water Main, which Darren Burkhart of HNTB said was moving in the right direction.

The next meeting of the Board of Works is set for 5 p.m. on Oct. 5 at City Hall.

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