

## Minutes of Special Building Commission Meeting - Mendoza Hearing 5/6/2022

- The meeting was called to order at 1pm. In attendance were Bob LeMay, Joy Schmitt, Joe Jogmen, Pete Byvoets, Lou Mellen and Ken Klosner. On Zoom were Larry Wall and Chris Willoughby.

Mendoza Hearing: Mr. Mendoza ruptured a gas line at 2516 Lake Shore Drive and no call was made to 811. Violated Ordinance 151.060. Mr. Mendoza mentioned that he didn't call because he didn't have the number to make that call. He then called Steve Wilson to let him know about the damaged line. Mr. Mendoza thought that Steve would then be calling 811. Lou mentioned that he was told by a couple individuals at the LaPorte County Building Commission that the general contractor is the one responsible for calling 811. After much discussion between the building commission members it was agreed that all general contractors and individual contractors using any type of utilities are responsible for calling 811. Mr. Mendoza was fined \$400.00 from the state. A motion was made to fine Mr. Mendoza \$100 with a probation period of 6 months. If Mr. Mendoza were to get another citation further action would be taken. All 6 members voted yes to this motion.

Suggestion to change our policy regarding violation of permits was discussed. More details on this discussion will take place at our next meeting.

Adjournment: Motion: Bob Lemay

Second: Pete Byvoets

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Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm

Next meeting scheduled for Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm