

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM.COM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mickey Thompson, member, Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member and Warren V. Nash, President.

OTHERS PRESENT: Shane Gibson, Larry Summers, Fire Chief Juliot, Police Chief Bailey, Chris Gardner, Jessica Campbell, Linda Moeller, Sandy Boofter, Jason Applegate, Krystina Jarboe, Fire Marshall Koehler, Josh Turner, Pat McLaughlin and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Nash called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Josh Turner re: Dead End sign on Woodlawn Drive and traffic issues on Mt. Tabor Road

Mr. Turner explained that he has touched base with four homes on Woodlawn and they are concerned about cars cutting through that area. He requested a dead end sign on their 25 mph sign potentially or even closer to the road.

Mr. Nash stated that he doesn't think they do "dead end" signs any longer but he thinks they are substituting "no outlet..

Mr. Thompson suggested putting it on the back of the stop sign so that drivers could see it before they enter.

Mr. Turner stated that he emailed everyone photos of the issues on Mt. Tabor and explained that with the repairs on the overpass it seems as though traffic has gotten really bad in this area. He stated that he drove through at lunch time last week and it was backed up from Charlestown Road to Klerner and it also gets backed up from Grant Line Road. He added that there are a lot of cars turning around in private driveways and tearing up yards and that is indicated in some of the photos he has sent. He stated that he doesn't know what can be done and mentioned the timing of lights, signage and a possible coordinating work at night with INDOT as possible solutions. He added that if the project isn't going to take that long it might just be a situation that they have to ride out but he doesn't know the timeline.

Mr. Summers stated that he spoke with INDOT of Friday and they informed him that they would have the work complete that same day but one of their machines broke down which meant that they had to come in and do striping work yesterday. He explained that this was the reason that traffic had been backing up over the last few days. He added that if they hadn't pulled the signal and roundabout out of the project on Mt. Tabor he thinks that it would have been able to sufficiently handle the traffic volume and stated that this was done at the request of neighbors. He stated that they are going to look at conducting a new traffic study to determine what the best course of action moving forward is.

Mr. Turner asked if there was any concern with the timing of lights on either end of Mt. Tabor Road.

Mr. Summers explained that the light on Grant Line Road is a state controlled signal so he has no control over that and the one in the intersection of Charlestown Road is coordinated with the one on Blakistonmill Road, which is the primary signal and has more volume. He added that he could look to see what they could do to potentially modify it but there isn't much that can be done with them being so close together on Charlestown Road.

Mr. Tuner stated that he appreciates him looking into it.

Mr. Thompson stated that he doesn't think they would want to adjust it for the traffic during this work because eventually that work will end.

Mr. Summers stated that with the work being done by INDOT he thinks the traffic should clear up so they wouldn't want to adjust the signals now but they can keep an eye on it.

Mr. Nash stated that the city will keep an eye on it once the traffic has cleared up and asked Mr. Turner to do the same and then they can revisit it in a couple of weeks.

2. Gary Brinkworth re: Plat approval for The Village at Autumn Grove

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that it doesn't look like Mr. Brinkworth is signed into the meeting.

Mr. Thompson stated that he did check with planning and zoning and this did receive a favorable vote by them. He asked Mr. Summers if he could speak to this project.

Mr. Summers stated that he doesn't have any issues from a planning and zoning perspective but it has been a while since he has seen this particular plat so he doesn't recall the intricacies of it. He suggested that they table this item so that he has a chance to speak with Mr. Brinkworth.

Mr. Thompson moved to table the request, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

3. Mickey Thompson for Delta Services re: Lane closure on Charlestown Road at Silver Street

Mr. Thompson stated that they received the proposed MOT in their packets and explained that he received a call regarding a traffic signal at Charlestown Road and Silver Street. He stated that he had Delta Services go out and take a look and they found a problem with the detector housing in the southbound lane located between the through and turn lanes. He explained that in order for them to be able to do the repairs they need to close the southbound lanes. He added that they would like to do the work on Thursday and anticipate that it will on take one day.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Larry McIntire, BLN, sent the following update on Slate Run Road via email:

Notice to Proceed Date: Commence on or before 4/15/2019

Final Completion Date: Tentative revised completion date is 7/24/2020

Approximate % Complete: 81%

Progress for the Week:

- Contractor worked on block retaining wall and inlet structures.
- Contractor excavated and graded for curbs, driveways, and sidewalk.
- Concrete subcontractor formed and poured more curbs, sidewalks, and drives.
- Pavement consultant marked locations to core the existing pavement.

Upcoming Activities:

- Contractor will be working on inlet structures on south end.
- Contractor will be excavating for more curb, sidewalk, and driveways.
- Concrete subcontractor will be pouring more driveways, curbs, and sidewalks.

- Contractor will be looking at scheduling mainline pavement milling.

Construction / Safety / Utility Issues:

- Designer is looking at house drains and proposed pavement markings.
- Consultant is finishing up the evaluation of the existing asphalt condition.
- Contractor will continue using flaggers to control traffic at this time.

Derek Misch, Dan Cristiani Excavating, Grant Line Road Project Update, he stated that yesterday was the first day of the closure and it was a little bit hectic which led to a few adjustments. He explained that they moved one of the message board signs up past Taco Bell to give the semi-trucks a chance to turn around before they get to Klerner Lane, they changed the message to read “Local traffic only. No semi traffic. Road closed until 7/29”, and they were asked to cover some of the detour arrows to try to help keep trucks out of the area. He asked if the board knew of any other issues that needed to be addressed.

Mr. Christmas stated it was the first day so he anticipates there being fewer people continuing down to the project areas in the future. He added that he believes the adjustments should help.

Mr. Thompson added that he hasn't had any calls today and yesterday he had two immediately so whatever they have done has helped.

Mr. Nash asked if this is on their website.

Mr. Christmas stated that it is supposed to be and was told by Mike Hall on Friday that he was working on a post to put up on the website.

Pat McLaughlin thanked Mr. Thompson for his quick response on his safety concerns for the Delta Contractor while he was doing his work at the intersection at Charlestown Road and Silver Street. He explored others to keep an eye out for these contractors and if they see any safety concerns to give Mr. Thompson or Mr. Ham a call.

Jason Applegate thanked Mr. Ham and his crew for addressing a stop sign issue at Ekin and 15th and added that this could have caused some serious safety issues and he appreciates their quick response.

Kelly Feiock, Mt. Tabor Road, addressed Mr. Summers and stated that she thinks there has been a misunderstanding about the traffic on Mt. Tabor Road. She explained that they do not have a traffic issue outside of construction projects.

Mr. Summers stated that he understands that this is the current concern but as the traffic in the City of New Albany continues to grow this will present a problem at the intersection of Mt. Tabor and Klerner Lane. He explained that the assumed traffic growth within the Louisville Metro Area is 1% each year over the next few years so within the next 10-20 years the intersection will become no longer feasible and the only remedy will be to look at some sort of traffic control above and beyond the current 4-way stop. He stated that they will be looking to do another traffic study and they are waiting to do this until after the traffic normalizes after the pandemic and construction.

Ms. Feiock stated that in 10-20 years they can worry about it when the traffic is up but the traffic is not up on a daily basis and they are asking for help while any construction is going on.

Mr. Summers stated that the construction for INDOT is now complete so it should no longer be a problem. He added that INDOT is paving 265 this summer and if they had included the roundabout or signal during the most recent phase traffic on Mt. Tabor wouldn't be an issue even during construction times in the city.

Ms. Feiock stated that the issues are only construction related and doesn't have anything to do with previous projects.

Mr. Summer stated that construction on 265 will continue and he will coordinate with INDOT to see if there are any remedies that can be accomplished but at this time there aren't any extra steps being taken.

Mr. Nash stated that they just completed a project that was causing issues.

Ms. Feiock stated that Mr. Summers told Josh Turner that there will be more ramps closed for paving this summer and her concerns are what will be done when these closures take place that will reroute traffic.

Mr. Nash stated that this will be something they have to address once construction starts.

Mr. Summers explained that from what he understands from INDOT the closures are going to occur on the westbound ramps rather than eastbound so it should be less of an issue.

Ms. Feiock asked if that would be westbound from Charlestown Road or Grant Line Road.

Mr. Summers stated that he would have to check on that.

Ms. Feiock asked that they coordinate with NAPD with these projects because they are having to come out every day to control the traffic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Linda Moeller re: Property liability yearly insurance renewal

Mrs. Moeller explained that the policy presented to them this morning runs from June 11, 2020-June 11, 2021. She stated that none of the companies that they work with are going to change but they do have an additional environmental plan on the table that isn't up for renewal until 2021. She added that their insurance broker is Gallagher and they have been working with all of the companies to broker the renewal and it has come in at a slight increase over last year, which was anticipated. She added that she would be happy to answer any questions they may have.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

2. Larry Summers re: Intersections in Council Greg Phipps district.

Mr. Summers stated that he has ordered traffic counts up in all three of the intersections that Mr. Phipps brought concerns about to the board. He added that based on his observation in the field he didn't see much at Jay and Elm or 4th and Elm but he will order the counts nonetheless and will continue to monitor it as traffic normalizes after the pandemic.

3. Mickey Thompson for IN-AWC re: Sidewalk cut permit at 1464 South Street.

Mr. Thompson stated that they had to replace the water meter set which required a 5X12 sidewalk cut.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

4. Pat McLaughlin re: Metal plate on 8th Street.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that there is a metal plate on 8th Street and asked if this is the water company's and how long it would be there.

Mr. Thompson explained that this is for a storm water project with an issue in the culvert that runs under the road. He stated that Chris Gardner is currently in the process of getting this fixed.

Mr. Gardner stated that the culvert is under design for a total replacement.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the BOW Claims Docket for 05/19/20-06/08/20 in the amount of \$521,379.53

General Claims (Bank 1):	757,738.68
Fire Department:	8,717.58
Police Department:	18,169.45
Street Department:	17,814.09
Parks Department:	49,110.16
Medical/Drug Fund (Bank L):	775.20
Payroll Claims (Bank 2):	1,955,083.30
Sanitation Fund:	-
Thursday Utility Claims:	521,379.07
Grand Total:	3,328,787.53

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2020, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk