

**A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan Slade, Robert Lee, Chris Gardner, Sidney Main, Police Chief Bailey, Alicia Meredith, Linda Moeller, Courtney Lewis, Michael Hall, David Hall, Krystina Jarboe 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. Martin Hackworth re: Request for an audible crosswalk at Ekin Avenue and Vincennes Street**

**Samantha Hackworth, 616 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street**, explained that she has a son that is blind and registered at New Albany High School. She stated that they are trying to let him have some independence but he cannot see the red/green light at the crossing and asked if they could install an audible crossing for him to access the school.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that with the new equipment, they have been installing audible crossings so he would like to take it under advisement to see what all they would need to do.

**Mr. Thompson moved to take this item under advisement, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**2. Al Cardosa re: Curb cut at 1721 S. Audubon Drive**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that Mr. Cardosa was here but he told him that he hadn't noticed it on the agenda so he would go out to look at the location and then give him a call.

**Mr. Thompson moved to take this item under advisement, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**3. Mike Dalton with BCM Constr. re: Phase 2 of Floyd County Jail**

**Ben Shireman, Shireman Construction**, introduced Mike Dalton with DCM and explained that he is the contractor that is going to caulk the exterior of the jail facility and he just wanted to make them aware of what was going on and asked for permission to park a scissor lift on the sidewalk.

**Mr. Dalton** stated that the work will be going on over the next three months on and off and explained that they will have to go around the building at least three different times to clean, remove caulk and then re-caulk.

**Mr. Nash** asked if it would require them to close the sidewalk.

**Mr. Shireman** replied no and stated that they are going to wash the walls in the evening or early in the morning so that they will only be caulking during peak times.

**Mr. Nash** asked what hours they will do it.

**Mr. Shireman** stated that it will depend and fluctuate as the days get shorter.

**Mr. Nash** mentioned that some of the sidewalk was broken when they were working on the jail roof.

**Mr. Shireman** stated that they intend to repair that once the project is complete.

**Mr. Thompson** explained that he has been in contact with Mr. Shireman and told him that he would get him the specs on the sidewalk replacement.

**Mr. Shireman** added that they wanted to finish the project before they did any patching.

**Police Chief Bailey** asked where the scissor lift will be parked when it is not in use.

**Mr. Shireman** stated that they have it parked in the yard area in front of the building.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**Steve Crim** requested a lift permit on October 26 so that he can switch out his holiday lights to Halloween and November 14 to switch for Christmas.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the partial sidewalk closure and lift permit, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**Tony Nava, Chartres Street Neighborhood Association**, stated that they are trying to take back their neighborhood and one item that he wanted to speak about is the water main project that is underway on their street. He explained that they have removed several yards of sidewalk and removed the access pads so he would ask that the pad be replaced as soon as possible. He requested “Children at Play” signs on Chartres Street and Locust Street particularly because they have issues with vehicles traveling at very high speeds. He asked if there was any way to have extra patrols in the area to address that issue. He asked if there was any information on the block watch signs.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that he does not have any of those signs in stock and explained that the way it has been handled in the past is that if he has the money in his budget he would stock the signs. He added that he doesn’t anticipate being able to fund that until at least the first of the year. He stated that the only other option is for the neighborhood association to purchase them and then with the board’s approval, they can be installed.

**Mr. Nava** asked if Chief Bailey has a contact for where they can order those signs.

**Police Chief Bailey** asked that he wait for him after the meeting and he will connect him with the website.

**Mr. Nava** stated that they have noticed an increase in drug activity in the neighborhood by the tracks as well as squatters in the abandoned houses in the area and asked if they could add patrols to address that as well. He added that they are also curious about the storm drainage because they are having trouble with water in the area and stated that he has spoken with Mr. Thompson about this. He explained that they pulled the permits and the storm drains were installed about 70 years ago and they would like to know if knew curbs will be installed to help control some of the issues.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that there is a sanitary sewer project coming up on Jackson Street and that is why they are holding off on resurfacing the street.

**Mr. Nava** asked that they look at the storm drain in the area because it gets overloaded.

**Mr. Nash** asked Mr. Gardner to check into the storm drainage problem and Police Chief Bailey to check into the other requests.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that they are aware of the situation and have an officer assigned as a liaison for their neighborhood.

**Mike Simmons, Dixie Plumbing**, stated that there is a Circle K located on Main Street that has some collapsed drains and they might have to cut into the alley for repairs. He asked what the board would need from him to do the work.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he would have to obtain a cut permit to do the work but they would need to know the location and the size of the cut.

**Mr. Simmons** asked if they would need a drawing.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he would contact him and set something up to meet him at the location.

**Paul Lincks, HWC Engineering**, explained that crews began this morning converting Market Street to two-way traffic, removing old signs and un-bagging signals. He stated that they were progressing east when he left them for the meeting and added that the sanitation department is assisting with street sweeping, and the police department is assisting with traffic. He explained that the plan was to do the angled stalls in the west bound direction today but they have to hold off because of the weather. He stated that the last conversion will be Elm Street but they aren't prepared to give the board a date at this time. He explained that they are coordinating a couple of projects that are going on in the area and he will let the board know as soon as they have something definite.

**Mr. Nash** asked if Elm Street is still a possibility this month.

**Mr. Lincks** replied yes.

**Mr. Nash** asked if there have been any problems with the other conversions.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that to his knowledge they had a single crash on the first day that Spring Street was converted and their investigation showed that it didn't result from the road conversion. He added that Pearl Street and Bank Street had smooth transitions, and he was out on Market Street this morning and there haven't been any issues. He stated that this has opened up so many opportunities and options for emergency services to maneuver throughout the community and they are very happy about it. He added that they will continue to monitor as it progresses.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that at the Friday night concert the fire department responded to a couple of calls and they were able to maneuver through the area.

**Mr. Lincks** stated that the pedestrian activated crosswalks still needs to be installed so there will be minor work going on along these streets until completion.

**Wes Christmas, Clark-Dietz**, stated that the crews have been working on the portion of Charlestown Road between East 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Vincennes Street and as they got into the reconstruction, they ran into a conflict with a very shallow water line that has halted work. He explained that until they coordinate with IN-AWC for relocation they are in a holding pattern but as soon as they get an answer they will get a new schedule together. He stated at this time that segment of the road is closed but it has a fairly easy detour that is open to local traffic. He explained that the western most lane of East 8<sup>th</sup> Street has been milled and that will be patched and paved as soon as the weather breaks. He stated that they are relocating a water line at the intersection of Jackson Street and East 8<sup>th</sup> Street and it should be done in the next 2-4 weeks. He added that once that line is relocated, they will mill and overlay the northbound lane of East 8<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that striping continues and there are some parking stalls that remain to be completed on State Street, but before they finish that up, they will move over to Silver Street to get the center line and any important turn lanes completed. He explained that the alley at Hedden Court will be done this week while they are waiting for answers regarding Charlestown Road.

**Paige Thomas, Dave O'Mara**, requested the following cut permits, Hays Drive & Budd Road 6'X6' street cut & 8.5'X6' street cut for a leaking valve, 1626 Hedden Court 1'X8' street cut for an emergency main leak, 1107 State Street 4'X4' sidewalk cut to replace and set service, 1606 Charlestown Road 5'X15' sidewalk cut for a service leak.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the cut requests, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**1. Street cut request on Green Valley Road in front of school**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he has not received a response from the water company yet but he will get with them and bring it back to the board.

## **2. Request from New Albany Farmer's Market for fundraiser**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that Ms. Lewis has been in contact with them but he doesn't think they have resolved all of the issues yet. He asked that it stay on the agenda.

### **COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:**

#### **1. Courtney Lewis re: Event permit request for St. Mary's Catholic Church Fiesta**

**Ms. Lewis** stated that they would like to close 8<sup>th</sup> Street on Saturday, September 16 from Spring Street to Elm Street from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. which includes set up and break down.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that they are going to have a DJ and asked if they are aware of the noise ordinance.

**Ms. Lewis** replied yes.

**Mr. Nash** asked if there would be a stage or tent.

**Ms. Lewis** explained that they may have a tent in the parking lot.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** asked Mr. Thompson if 8<sup>th</sup> Street will be in safe condition by Saturday.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he spoke with the contractor and told him that the area needs to be surfaced prior to Saturday.

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

#### **2. Courtney Lewis re: Event permit request for Graceland Baptist Church**

**Ms. Lewis** explained that on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> they are doing their Serve Day and would like to write positive affirmations on the sidewalks downtown with washable chalk.

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

#### **3. Vicki Glotzbach re: Handicapped Parking Spot for 1944 Culbertson Avenue**

**Mrs. Glotzbach** stated that this has been checked by the traffic division and they recommend approval.

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

#### **4. Police Chief Bailey re: Fire at Kingsfield Apartments**

**Police Chief Bailey** explained that Deputy Fire Chief Gadd and Fire Marshal Koehler are absent today due to a large fire overnight at Kingsfield Apartments. He stated that it broke out around 1:00 a.m. and required assistance from adjoining fire agencies but it is under control now. He added that it is currently under investigation but they don't have anything to report right now.

#### **5. Mickey Thompson re: Request from Redmen Club to close the alley between Market Street and Main Street**

**Mr. Thompson** explained that they would like to close the alley between Market Street and Main Street on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-8:00 p.m. for a cornhole tournament.

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

**6. Mickey Thompson re: Bono Road Project**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that Jim Silliman was unable to attend today but he emailed the members an update on the Bono Road Project. He explained that they did the soil stabilization on the Cottom Avenue to Cardinal Drive side and they will be installing the stone base to open it back up to local traffic only. He stated that the intent is to move as scheduled with the Graybrook Lane to Cardinal Drive section this Friday and they will have a complete closure, weather permitting.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**CLAIMS:**

**Mrs. Moeller** presented the following claims for the period of 08/22/17 to 09/11/17 in the amount of \$2,053,463.99:

General Claims (Bank 1):	469,633.99	
Fire Department:	8,589.94	
Police Department:	25,130.95	
Street Department:	6,208.04	
Parks Department:	21,489.63	
	Total From Above:	531,052.55
Medical/Drug Fund (Bank L):	693.50	
Payroll Claims (Bank 2):	1,071,826.27	
Sanitation Fund:	-	
Thursday Utility Claims:	449,891.67	
	Total From Above:	1,522,411.44
	Grand Total:	2,053,463.99

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the above claims, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2017, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Warren V. Nash, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk