

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.COM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Fire Marshal Koehler, Bryan Slade, Linda Moeller, Larry Summers, Jessica Campbell, Krystina Jarboe, Philip Aldridge, Sean Payne 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. Mickey Thompson for Excel Excavating re: Closure at 520 Hausfeldt Lane with detour

Mr. Thompson stated that this is some work that the board approved several weeks back. He said that they were waiting on materials which they have now received so they are requesting a detour to do that work. He stated that he emailed it to the board but there is a correction. He said that on their map they show the detour going down to Valley Dale Drive and that is incorrect. He stated that Park East Boulevard turns at Samtec and cuts through to Reas Lane and that's where it will be. He said that it is a relatively simple detour because you just go up Park East Boulevard and continue over to Reas Lane and then back out to Hausfeldt Lane.

Mr. Nash asked if that is a reasonable detour.

Mr. Thompson replied yes and said that it is pretty simple. He also said that the reason for the detour is that they are doing an open cut across the road and with the truck traffic, it just wouldn't be safe for them to try to close one lane to work in and have traffic going by right next to them in the other lane.

Mr. Nash asked if that is just one day.

Mr. Thompson replied no. He stated that he believes that they asked for a week but did not anticipate it taking that long. He said that they thought three days would be sufficient. He added that it will be plated overnight so it wouldn't stay closed around the clock, just during working hours.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the above lane closure and detour, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

2. Mickey Thompson for Wastewater re: Street cut request at 1210 Ekin Avenue and lane restriction with flaggers

Mr. Thompson stated that last week the board had approved wastewater installing a new manhole at the intersection of 13th Street and Ekin Avenue. He explained that during that work they identified another area at 1210 Ekin Avenue that needed to be repaired so that is what this request is for. He said that the work at the intersection required closure because it was in the intersection, but this work is off to the side so they anticipate that they will be able to do it with just a lane restriction and using flaggers to keep traffic flowing. He stated that one day is the anticipated duration and they want to do it on Wednesday, October 20th which is tomorrow.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the work at 1210 Ekin Avenue for one day on Wednesday, October 20th and the lane restriction with flaggers, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

3. Mickey Thompson for Royalty Roofing re: Request for one week extension on dumpster permit and request to work on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Thompson stated that this dumpster request was approved last week and when the dumpster company showed up, they were concerned about weight issues and refused to place the dumpster on the sidewalk. He said that it had to be placed in the parking lane on Spring Street and because of the delay of placing the dumpster where they wanted to, they had to alter the chute and that put them behind. He added that we also had some weather that held them up too so they are requesting a one week extension for the dumpster and permission to work Saturday, October 23rd from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Nash asked what the location is.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is on Spring Street between Pearl Street and the alley. He said that the roof is for Rec Bar.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the extension as well as the work on Saturday, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

4. Mickey Thompson for IAWC re: Street cut request at E. Elm Street at 18th Street to repair main leak

Mr. Thompson stated that there is water coming out of E. Elm Street and it is right next to a valve on the main but there is also a service that runs to the opposite side of the street near that valve. He said that they are requesting permission to cut E. Elm Street to see if it is on the main or on the service and that will obviously make a difference in the area that they have to work in if it's on the service line. He stated that they want to do that work on Friday, October 22nd and until they open it up to see whether it is the main or the service, they won't know the duration. He said that they should be able get it done in one day. He added that they don't need a closure because it will be handled as a lane shift with flaggers.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the street cut on E. Elm Street near 18th Street for Friday, October 22nd with a lane shift and flaggers, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Larry Summers re: 2021 Pavement Inventory and Management Report Services Agreement

Mr. Summers stated that this agreement is with Clark Dietz and it is for them to update our pavement inventory. He said that in order to be eligible for Community Crossings grants, we have to update our paving inventory every two years. He stated that this will allow us to continue to apply for Community Crossings funds. He said that this has become an invaluable tool for us in selecting which streets should be paved each year. He stated that we have gone to quantitative method where we look at the rating of the street rather than going off of reports so we are doing a better job of selecting the streets overall and he is requesting that the board approve this professional services agreement.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Summers to explain the contract.

Mr. Summers stated that the contract is for a representative from Clark Dietz to basically drive every street in the City of New Albany and rate it on the PASER rating system. He said that we need that in by December 1st to be eligible for Community Crossings so they will be delivering that on or before December 1st of this year. He stated that the amount of the contract is \$56,700.00.

Mr. Nash asked what they are inventorying while they drive the streets.

Mr. Summers stated that with the PASER rating system, they are basically breaking every street in New Albany down into segments from intersection to intersection. He said that they are looking at the condition of the roadway and whether there are potholes, cracking or any other defects in the roadway. He stated that PASER ratings go from 10 all the way down to a 1 and a 10 is basically a brand new road. He said that anytime we overlay a road it would be a 9 and it gradually steps down and once you get into the 5, 4 or 3 area, you are looking at some more extensive work. He added that once you get into the lower numbers from there, you are talking about full reconstruction.

Mr. Nash said that he hopes that we don't have any 1s.

Mr. Summers stated that he would have to look at our inventory but our street grid right now is in the some of the best condition it has ever been in and he would say that is in part due to these inventories and us being able to select the streets that would most be benefitted by paving.

Mr. Nash asked if we anticipate the Community Crossings grants continuing.

Mr. Summers stated the Community Crossings grants will continue but it is a matter of whether or not there will be enough funds for each community that applies. He said that each year we apply, it is basically determined on whether or not there is enough funding there. He also said that we have been lucky for the last few years and have been selected, but he can't guarantee that we will be selected in the future, but we do have a good track record of getting the funds and putting them into use.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the above professional services agreement with Clark Dietz, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

2. Mickey Thompson for Windstream Communications re: Request to install some aerial fiber optics into 624 E. Market Street

Mr. Thompson stated that this will not require any boring in the right-of-way and the work will be done solely on overhead lines that are on Duke poles. He said that it is 1160 linear feet of fiber that they want to run into that address.

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

3. Mickey Thompson re: Dumpster permit request for 317 W. 6th Street

Mr. Thompson stated that he visited this property and there is no access from the alley to that property so the only place for the dumpster would be on the street in front. He said that they are requesting the dumpster for 10 days.

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

4. Warren Nash re: Halloween hours for trick or treating

Mr. Nash stated that Halloween is coming up and the board usually recommends certain hours for trick or treating.

Mr. Thompson stated that in the past they have made the hours from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and he hasn't had anyone contact him to complain about those hours.

Mr. Nash stated that in view of bad weather, we can't control that so it is still that night regardless of a bad forecast, etc. He added that they are only making suggestions and it is not mandatory that you trick or treat. He said that if you choose to, please use all safety precautions as to being on the streets and as to COVID.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to recommend trick or treating hours from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Halloween night, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

5. Larry Summers re: Schell Lane sidewalk project

Mr. Summers stated that the sod is going down today and then there are a few drainage items that he has asked that the contractor take care of. He said that those items will be scheduled in the future but he does not have a date as of yet. He stated that the design was just recently completed so they are still trying to schedule that in.

Mr. Nash asked if it is nearing completion.

Mr. Summers stated that in terms of the original scope of the project, yes. He said that the sod is pretty much the last item left from the original contract.

Mr. Nash asked if that is the entire length of it.

Mr. Summers replied yes.

6. Mickey Thompson re: Upcoming closing on the Sherman Minton Bridge

Mr. Thompson stated that there is a nine day closure planned for westbound I-64 and the closure starts at 3:00 a.m. on Monday, October 25th and will reopen at 3:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3rd. He said that at the same time that this board is meeting, there is a meeting on the bridge project that discusses transportation so there is a possibility that this closure could be changed while we are in this meeting.

Mr. Nash stated that this is for westbound only.

Mr. Thompson stated that is correct but they do plan to have eastbound closures overnight and he has a phone call set up for after this meeting to try to get some clarification on those. He said that the notice that they sent out just says that those are planned during phases I and II so he is trying to get something nailed down a little more specific on those.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Thompson if he would inform the board members after that meeting.

Mr. Thompson said that he will.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the following claims for the period of 10/05/21 to 10/18/21 in the amount of \$1,099,132.55:

General Claims (Bank 1):	37,106.94
Fire Department:	36,184.81
Police Department:	31,818.01
Street Department:	8,629.04
Parks Department:	59,235.60
Total From Above:	172,974.40

Medical/Drug Fund:	-	
(Bank L)		
Payroll Claims:	775,989.60	
(Bank 2)		
Sanitation Fund:	-	
Thursday Utility Claims:	150,168.55	
	Total From Above:	926,158.15
	Grand Total:	1,099,132.55

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk