

**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, JANUARY 19, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Police Chief Bailey, Jessica Campbell, Bryan Slade, Larry Summers, Chris Gardner, Brandon Sailings, Joe Ham, Alicia Meredith, Courtney Lewis, Fire Marshal Koehler, Fire Chief Juliot, Mike Hall, Trent Baker, David Hall, Linda Moeller and Vicki Glotzbach

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Sue Stafford re: Dumpster request at 1944 Ekin Avenue**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he went out to the location and they have a driveway in the back but the alley is so narrow that he is sure a dumpster driver couldn't get back there so he thinks that is why she has requested to put it on the street.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve subject to his meeting with Ms. Stafford, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**Mr. Ron Beckman** stated that he is representing Windstream Communications and they are in a situation where they will have a force relocation for the Coyle property project. He explained that they will have to move their fiber and go underground so they are requesting to cut a couple of sidewalks to set hand holes. He said that they will probably have to make a couple of other cuts depending upon the utility locations.

**Mr. Nash** asked where that location would be.

**Mr. Beckman** stated that they are going to go down Market Street and up the west side of Fourth Street and then back over to Elm Street and into the alley.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he won't know exactly where he will have to pothole until he has all of the locates.

**Mr. Beckman** stated that is correct.

**Mr. Nash** asked if it was just going to be sidewalk cuts.

**Mr. Beckman** replied that they may have to make a couple of potholes in the street to locate the gas and water.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the cut requests subject to them meeting with him and getting his final approval, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**Mr. Jim Ziegler** stated that he is still president of the Blackberry Ridge Homeowner's Association and he has been before the board several times regarding the dangerous entrance into their subdivision. He said that he has been trying to keep up with the board's discussions through the online posting of the minutes. He explained that on August 18<sup>th</sup> of last year Mr.

Thompson said that he would like to turn it over to the legal department to see if someone else had some liability as far as helping with the financing of this project and he was wondering if anything ever came of that.

**Mr. Nash** stated that there was no one present to answer that but the board would look into it.

**Mr. Ziegler** stated that on August 25<sup>th</sup> Mr. Nash requested that Mr. Summers get the plans from the state that were on file for the project they were going to do. He asked if he ever got those plans.

**Mr. Summers** replied that he did and stated that it showed that they were going to modify the hill when they had control of the road but it doesn't reflect the situation now. He explained that when they had control of the road they approved the subdivision thinking that they were going to modify the road but they then turned the road over to county and gave the county a sum of money to correct any situations that are out there. He said that the county then turned it over to the city without any money to fix any problems out there whatsoever so we are left with issues without any funds to fix them. He added that we have plans where they were going to take out a hill at some point but even the state gave up on those plans. He also added that the reason the state turned it over to the county was because they didn't want to spend that much money on the roadway.

**Mr. Ziegler** stated that on September 15<sup>th</sup> Mr. Summers stated that they were going to look at having a private engineering firm look at the situation. He asked if that was ever done.

**Mr. Summers** stated that it was looked at and they came up with three options and one was to sign it and the other two were to cut the hill but they were deemed too costly.

**Mr. Ziegler** asked what the cost was.

**Mr. Summers** stated over \$300,000.00.

**Mr. Ziegler** asked what price we put on a life.

**Mr. Nash** stated that is not a fair argument because obviously a life is priceless.

**Mr. Ziegler** stated that they have had injury accidents out there. He then asked when the 2017 budget would be made up and if there could be something put in the budget to take care of the issue.

**Mrs. Moeller** stated that it is submitted in October and November.

**Mr. Ziegler** asked what the chances are to have any kind of concrete plan to remedy the situation.

**Mr. Nash** replied that is a distinct possibility. He said the first thing that needs to be addressed is who has the obligation to fix the situation.

**Mr. Summers** stated that we are looking at the long-term approach which is to put in for federal funds for this project to fix Grant Line Road from one end to the other. He also stated that the short-term approach is to sign the hill and make it more obvious which we can do now.

**Mr. Ziegler** stated that there is project that has been proposed at St. Joe where they are going to put in 200 hundred apartments which will add more cars to an already bad area.

**Mr. Thompson** stated there was some conversation about helping that when the project was discussed.

**Mr. Ziegler** stated that he wondered if something could be incorporated into that plan.

**Mr. Nash** stated that this issue was discussed during the St. Joe Road project discussion.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that there were discussions that some of the things that are going to happen there might help this situation. He then asked Mr. Ziegler if there had been any accidents since the four car accident.

**Mr. Ziegler** stated that there have been several near misses. He then asked who his point of contact should be.

**Mr. Nash** stated that the best way to communicate is at this meeting. He also stated that we will get with the legal department to see where we are.

**Mr. Ziegler** asked if someone would call him.

**Mr. Nash** said that if he doesn't hear anything in a week then let him know.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that the contractor for the water company will be working on the Grant Line Road end of McDonald Lane and will have police officers to flag but it will be a couple of days of work.

**Mr. Nash** asked what they are doing.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that they are doing the water main relocation.

**Mr. Nash** asked if they could avoid school hours.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he could let them know that we prefer they wait until later in the morning and stop in the afternoon for school traffic. He then stated that last week Duke Energy was on the agenda for some street cuts at St. Joseph Road and he went out to look at where they need to cut. He said that the agenda was wrong and they do not need to make two 50' cuts but they will need to do some potholes to locate some utilities so there shouldn't be any road closures.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the cuts for Duke Energy near the entrance to St. Joe Crossing, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that 207 W. First Street which is Seeds & Greens has requested a loading zone and the antique shop has deliveries as well so he recommended approving the loading zone.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the loading zone at 207 W. First Street, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey, motion carries.**

**Mr. Nash set an executive session after next week's meeting to discuss a personnel matter.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**BIDS:**

**CLAIMS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2016 as corrected, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Warren Nash, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk