

**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, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chris Gardner, Brian Slade, Police Chief Bailey, Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Koehler, Larry Summers, Russ Seagraves, David Hall, Sidney Main, Alicia Meredith, Krystina Jarboe, Tonya Fischer, Jessica Campbell, Linda Moeller 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. Lenne Keithley re: Schell Lane Sidewalk**

**Mr. Keithley** asked the board if they received his email a couple of weeks ago.

**Mr. Nash** replied yes.

**Mr. Keithley** stated that he wanted to apologize for that email because he was very frustrated about nothing being done on Schell Lane and took it out on this board. He also stated that he had suggested speed tables a couple of years ago and was upset when Mr. Nash dismissed that request but he understands now that it was not a good suggestion to begin with. He added that when his garage burned down in 1988, he wouldn't have wanted the fire trucks to have to slow down to get to his house. He said that he suggested changing Schell Lane to Schell Street and that is not a good idea either. He then explained that his frustration comes from seeing so much work being done in other areas on sidewalks and streets to improve safety and nothing has been done on Schell Lane. He stated that he received a very impressive email from Mr. Summers explaining that he has requested a feasibility study for sidewalks on Schell Lane and read that email into the record. He then stated that even before sidewalks, he feels that signage needs to be added and passed out pictures of signs that he would like to see placed on Schell Lane. He also mentioned that Schell Lane is now a cut through and speeding is a problem but he does appreciate the extra enforcement that Chief Bailey has provided at times. He said that he hopes that the signs will be considered because he feels they will help with the safety issues.

**Mr. Nash** stated that he appreciates Mr. Keithley coming in to address the board with his concerns and he thought that those signs were placed on Schell Lane after his last visit to the board.

**Mr. Keithley** stated that he appreciates all of the work that this board has done and that those signs are placed on utility poles at a height that are hard to see but his main concern is the "Children at Play" sign at the beginning of the street because it is very easy to miss coming out of the roundabout.

**Mr. Nash** stated that he thinks that since Grant Line Road is under construction, the traffic has increased considerably on Schell Lane and he hopes that it will decrease considerably after the construction is completed.

**Mr. Keithley** agreed and also mentioned that in the fall when cross country is going on, they open the back entrance to the park and Schell Lane becomes a thoroughfare so they just do the best they can.

**Police Officer Bailey** stated that one of the things they can also do during those times is communicate with the county parks department to see when those gates will be opened and he can have additional patrols there at those times.

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**Mr. Derek Misch, Dan Cristiani,** presented map of closure requests and reviewed them with the board. He requested a lane closure on Academy Drive on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. He also requested lane closures at 3030 Grant Line Road and McDonald Lane on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. and on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. He then passed out a map detailing the closure of Sleepy Lane at Grant Line Road and reviewed it with the board. He explained that they could close the whole road from February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. until February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. or they could close half of the road on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. until February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. and then close the other half on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. until February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Mr. Nash** stated that he thinks half the road at a time would be best.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that his only concern would be if there is enough room for a bus to turn in and out of the intersection safely when they are working on half the road.

**Mr. Misch** said that is a good point.

**Mr. Thompson** then asked about the parking lots.

**Mr. Misch** stated that there are two entrances on either side so if they closed the road, they could detour them both ways.

**Mr. Summers** asked if that is something that could be done on the weekend so that it wouldn't affect the school traffic and the buses.

**Mr. Misch** stated that they can't do it this weekend because it is supposed to rain but he could look into that.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** asked if anyone has contacted the school.

**Mr. Misch** stated that he hasn't yet.

**Mr. Nash** asked if there is any rush on this.

**Mr. Misch** replied no, but they wanted to get the restoration completed as soon as they could. He said that if the board wants to push it off until next Saturday, he could do that.

**Mr. Nash** stated that he would like to do that.

**Mr. Thompson** asked if they will need the whole time on the night work on McDonald Lane.

**Mr. Misch** replied that they will probably not have to work until 6:00 a.m.

**Mr. Thompson** asked if there will be equipment noise or anything that may be a problem.

**Mr. Misch** replied no.

**Mr. Nash** asked if there are any residences in that area.

**Mr. Thompson** said that the nearest would be the apartments that back up to Academy Drive.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the lane closure on Academy Drive and the lane closure at 3030 Grant Line Road and McDonald Lane, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**Mr. David Rowland** presented a sketch regarding the property that he purchased at 3105 Grant Line Road that he reviewed with the board. He said that when the zoning board approved the variance, they requested that they make the entrance right turn-in only and pointed out on the drawing what he would like to do with the entrance which included a concrete “porkchop”.

**Mr. Thompson** apologized for not getting back with him and said that the board acted on this last week and approved it based on the conversations that Mr. Summers had with him.

**Mr. Rowland** stated that the sketch he presented today is a little different than what he sent originally and is actually a little smaller because his main concern is discouraging anyone to try to turn from the left into the entrance so he made it as tight as possible. He said that he is fine with it either way.

**Mr. Summers** stated that based on what was approved last week, he likes that layout better than what he submitted today and feels that it will have more of a desired effect.

**Mr. Nash** asked how it differs.

**Mr. Summers** stated that it is wider near Grant Line Road so it made it very difficult to turn into the entrance from the left if you were going northbound on Grant Line Road so he feels the plan that was submitted last week is better.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** stated that it was stipulated last week that the sidewalk will continue between those portions.

**Mr. Rowland** agreed to that.

**Mr. Nash** stated that he wanted to be clear that he does not have access to Academy Drive.

**Mr. Rowland** said that is correct.

**Mr. Brandon Frazier, Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz**, presented the board with a summary and update on the Grant Line Road project. He explained that the contractor continues work related to construction of driveway aprons and most subgrade treatment has been completed but it is supposed to rain tomorrow so they should resume work on Thursday. He said that work includes excavations for more curb and gutter and placing forms for excavation and driveway aprons. He then reported that utility relocations are ongoing and that Duke has completed their relocations, Vectren is doing their gas line relocations on the west side and Indiana Water is working on their relocation of the main line on the north end of the project. He also reported that Spectrum and Charter are expected to be onsite on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to begin their work and plan to be done by March 8<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather. He stated that once they have completed their installations, AT&T is next up but they do not have a schedule for their work yet because they have to wait for Spectrum and Charter to be finish their work. He also stated that he noted in his report that he spoke with their inspector and he is going to notify the contractors that any roadway damage caused by the utilities needs to be repaired. He said that he spoke with Mr. Summers this morning via email and he pointed him to the area that is in question near the bus stop on Grant Line Road. He stated that he contacted their inspector to contact the contractor to see what can be done to repair that area and to make certain that any other problem areas are addressed as well.

**Mr. Blake Gies, Clark-Dietz, Daisy Lane Lift Station Project** – he reported that work is still scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week and stated that during installation, one lane will remain open and traffic will be flagged around the work area. He said that Mr. Thompson is contacting Holy Family Church and School to inform them of the work. He also said that they will backfill and plate the work areas during non-working hours.

**Mr. Nash** asked if the rain will delay them.

**Mr. Gies** replied probably.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he contacted Holy Family and explained that to them and will let them know if the work has to be rescheduled. He said that he also contacted Temple & Temple and gave them the release times for Holy Family.

**Mr. Gies, 2018 Paving** – he then reported that last week concrete work on Country Club Drive and Graybrook Lane was completed

**Mr. Nash** stated that the corner at Country Club Drive and Graybrook Lane wasn't finished this morning.

**Mr. Geiss** stated that he would check on that. He then stated that this week they started installing the curb ramp/sidewalk at the end of University Woods and once that work is finished, that should be the last punch list item other than striping. He said that they should start striping Slate Run Road at the end of this week or the beginning of next week and finish out the last few small roads as weather permits.

**Mr. Nash** asked about Slate Run Road.

**Mr. Gies** stated that they will stripe from Beharrell Avenue to Old Ford Road where they did the patching work. He then stated that they completed the striping on Basin 16 so that project is closing out.

**Mr. Matt Hines, United Consulting, Mt. Tabor Road** – he said that last week they installed one storm sewer structure, two headwalls and three riprap ditches. He stated that they also installed 85 linear ft. of storm sewer pipe runs, stone backfill, eight three-section signals heads and four four-section signal heads at the Grant Line Road intersection. He said that they also installed two pedestrian signal heads at the northeast and southeast corners of the Charlestown Road intersection. He explained that this week they will continue on storm sewer install with the same lane shifts as last week. He said that today they will be forming up curb and gutter on Charlestown Road at the northwest and southwest corners and will pour that curb and gutter on Friday. He stated that on Thursday, their signal contractor will be turning on the new signals at Charlestown Road so that will require that the signals be off. He said that they will have three to four police officers there directing traffic during that time.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he spoke with the contractor and he feels confident that they can get that work done and he knows the restrictions on the hours of work.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the lane shifts at Mt. Tabor Road and Charlestown Road as well as signal shutoff on Thursday, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**Mr. Hines** stated that last week the board approved the Phase A, MOT Setup where they are closing Klerner Lane to the west entrance of Mt. Tabor Church so that will be set up next Monday. He also stated that the board requested that additional signage be hung on the spans at the Grant Line Road and Charlestown Road intersections so that will be put up on Thursday and Friday.

**Mr. Nash** asked if they are contacting the church.

**Mr. Hines** stated that everyone has been contacted except for the dentist office because they were closed yesterday.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** asked if there is any chance that electronic message boards could be put out.

**Mr. Hines** stated that has been discussed and they can make it happen.

**Mr. Summers** stated that he thinks for at least the first couple of weeks that would be a really good suggestion in terms of getting the message out to folks before they get up to the site.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** stated that she thinks those electronic message boards should be put out as soon as possible since it is starting Monday.

**Mr. Nash** stated that the dentist owns that entire complex so he asked Mr. Hines to make sure that he relays that information to all of his tenants.

**Mr. Summers** stated that he has reached out to them as well as the school and the school's transportation division.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that they also reached out to the church.

**Mr. Summers** stated that they reached out to all of the businesses affected by it as well and sent out a letter to all of the residents.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Right-of-way sidewalk cut at intersection of Charlestown Road and Slate Run Road for Timmel Law**

**Mr. Summers** stated that he has looked at it in person but he would like to meet them onsite to discuss the plan because he did have some issues.

**Mr. Nash** stated that he and Mr. Thompson would like to join him on that.

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:**

**1. Larry Summers re: Old Vincennes Road Emergency**

**Mr. Summers** stated that on Friday of last week he was contacted by the street commissioner regarding an issue on Old Vincennes Road and over the weekend he noticed that some of the issues that occurred in the past with the slope failures have recurred because of some of the rain events we have been having. He explained that this is an issue that we are going to continue to have with the nature of the slope and the soil and rock being at an angle underneath it. He stated that he is requesting that it be declared an emergency so that we can move forward with a permanent repair there. He said that in the past, they have been patching that particular location trying to get it to a point to where they can move forward with a permanent repair but they would like to move forward with that more quickly since it is closed down to one lane at this point.

**Mr. Nash** asked how long the area is.

**Mr. Summers** replied that the failure area is roughly 100 ft.

**Mr. Nash** asked if we have an electronic signage there.

**Mr. Summers** replied no and stated that the sewer department has purchased a temporary signal so he is going to see if that is available so it can be mobilized at that location.

**Mr. Nash** asked Mr. Summers to explain what declaring this area as an emergency entails.

**Mr. Summers** stated that by declaring it an emergency, they will be able to contact several contractors and move forward with more of a quote process rather than a formal bid process which will allow us to repair it more quickly than we otherwise would be able to. He said that at this point, they are looking at including Dave O'Mara, AllTerrain and Ragel. He added that if additional ones become available, they may contact them as well.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the declaration of emergency will allow us to move a little quicker than usual so we can start on it immediately. He added that it is a heavily travelled road and even when both lanes are up, it is a tight and narrow road so with half of that falling off, we need to take immediate action.

**Mr. Nash** asked if this is the same problem that Mt. Tabor Road had.

**Mr. Summers** stated that it is very similar in that it is a slope failure.

**Mr. Nash** asked if it is not as severe.

**Mr. Summers** replied no and stated that it is not quite as steep so if a failure occurs, it will be just several inches at a time.

**Mr. Thompson moved to declare Old Vincennes Road an emergency situation, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**Mr. Horacio Urieta, Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz**, stated that he was at the site of the failure early yesterday and he observed the same pattern that was on Spring Street Hill. He explained that every time it is patched, it is increasing the weight of the wedge and every time water comes in, it pushes it down. He said that they are looking at finalizing the numbers and helping Mr. Summers to put it out for quotes as soon as possible.

## **2. Chris Gardner re: Flood Update**

**Mr. Gardner** stated that this past week we did have a flood that lasted from February 12<sup>th</sup> to February 18<sup>th</sup> but did not have any issues and they are in the process of doing a cleanup.

**Mr. Nash** asked if the incoming rain is going to put us back in flood stage.

**Mr. Gardner** stated that it is hard to tell because projections only go out for three days but it is a possibility and he cannot tell him if they will or will not be putting the levy system back in operation.

**Mr. Nash** stated that he assumes that cleanup will not be as severe as last year.

**Mr. Gardner** replied no and stated that the river crested at almost 8 ft. lower than what it crested at almost a year ago.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

### **CLAIMS:**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2019 as amended, 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