

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.COM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Fire Marshal Koehler, Linda Moeller, Greg Phipps, Bryan Slade, Jessica Campbell, Krystina Jarboe, Sidney Main, Larry Summers, Sean Payne, David Hall, Chris Gardner, Joe Ham and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Larry McIntire, Beam, Longest & Neff, sent the following update on Slate Run Road via email and Mr. Summers reported on it:

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

Final Completion Date: TBD (Remaining utilities to move off pole at curb island)

Approximate % Complete: 98% (Revised due to anticipated additional work)

Progress for the Week:

- Work is pending AT&T and Spectrum schedule for moving lines.
- JTL Engineering is in contact with utilities concerning work schedules.

Upcoming Activities:

- RPR will continue working on final punch list items.
- Prime contractor will continue working on some early punch list items.
- AT&T and Spectrum will be moving their lines off poles to be removed.

Construction / Safety / Utility Issues:

- Contractor will work on curb island and sidewalk in commercial area once all utilities are relocated.
- Contractor will be extending sidewalk on west side to south Lochwood entrance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Billie Banet re: Sidewalks in front of 13 Valley View Court

Ms. Banet stated that the sidewalk in front of her house is in such bad repair that it is both a real safety issue and it floods when it rains. She explained that the water will lay stagnate sometimes for days or weeks after a rain event.

Mr. Nash asked if this is part of NAHA or privately owned.

Ms. Banet stated that it is privately owned. She added that with the water sitting for that period of time it also became a health issue in the summer time because of the mosquitos and because of the increased risk of sheets of ice in the winter.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Summers if he has had a chance to look at this location.

Mr. Summers stated that they looked to see if it was possible for this to be part of a CDBG project but it was outside of the area of eligibility. He added that they are looking at other ways to manipulate the data to be able to use the funding for this area because it does also serve NAHA.

Mr. Nash stated that Ms. Banet doesn't live in public housing.

Mr. Summers explained that the sidewalk serves some units owned by NAHA so he believes there might be a case to be made to request funding from CDBG. He added that he will follow up after talking with redevelopment.

Mr. Thompson stated that he will also check with storm water to make sure there are no issues on their end with drainage that could help.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Krystina Jarboe re: Special Event Permit

Saturday, July 10th – New Albany High School: 5K

- Request to use the amphitheater (6:00am to 11:00am)
- Request to use the amphitheater restrooms (7:00am to 10:00am)
- Request to use the New Albany portion of the Greenway from Sherman-Minton bridge to Loop Island
- Request to place a pop-up tent with the high school's logo on it next to the amphitheater
 - Will be weighted down with sand bags
- Request to place trash cans under Sherman-Minton and K&I
 - Cross country team will pick up trash cans and all trash along the Greenway after the race

Mr. Thompson stated that they did get an email informing the board that they are working on their COVID plan and will update it closer to the event.

Ms. Jarboe stated that the athletic department is working on spring sports right now and once that is complete they will complete their COVID plan.

Mr. Nash noted that the board is not giving them exclusive use to the Greenway and that it will still be open to the public.

Mr. Thompson asked if they would need any road closures.

Mrs. Jarboe stated that they are going to stay on the Greenway so they will not need any closures.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve subject to submission of an updated COVID plan and safety plan, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

2. Greg Phipps re: Downtown dumpster pickup noise issues.

Mr. Phipps stated that they have talked about this issue before and it hasn't been fixed so maybe it is time to start issuing some fines. He added that he heard one being dumped at 5:36 a.m. and another one at 5:46 a.m. and he is several blocks from downtown.

Mr. Slade stated that they have completely rerouted the entire segment of downtown and the truck that he heard this morning was one of theirs. He assured the board that the employee will be disciplined as he took it upon himself to change the route. He apologized to Mr. Phipps.

Mr. Phipps stated that he hates to get the employee in trouble over something like this. He added that they are just trying to get the problem fixed, not get anyone fired or anything like that.

Mr. Slade stated that it does become a safety issue for all of those that operate with increased traffic in the daylight hours but they are working hard to address the issue.

Police Chief Bailey stated that last week they communicated with both Republic and Rumpke because of the continuous complaints and in each instance from both companies, it ended up being a rogue driver that decided to reroute themselves. He added that in both cases the driver has been disciplined and they reassured him that they will not get off of their routes in the future. He stated that they have done everything they can do as far as accommodating the companies with regards to the ordinance so when the driver's start getting cited and trucks impounded, he would certainly hope they don't get complaints about it because they have been warned numerous times. He added that he will instruct his officers to follow a zero tolerance policy with this issue going forward in the hopes that they start following the ordinance.

Mr. Phipps stated that he agrees with what the chief is saying he just didn't want to offend Mr. Slade because he has done a good job with everything that he has ever asked him to do for the City. He added that while he believes the other companies have primarily been the culprits, they have to have the same standards for everyone.

3. Greg Phipps re: Safety issues on Charlestown Road.

Mr. Phipps stated that he forwarded the board an email that the council received regarding accidents on Charlestown Road near the North Y. He added that he explained to the individual that sent the photos/emails that this wasn't a council issue but that he would pass this on to the Board of Works and Safety.

4. Greg Phipps re: Crosswalk Safety

Mr. Phipps stated that he has been harping for a long time about the lack of safety in crosswalks and from what he remembers, the board was going to look into this and possibly remove some that aren't effective and/or beef up a couple that are needed. He asked if that was still something they were considering.

Mr. Nash stated that this is something that is still in the works and being discussed.

5. Mickey Thompson re: Sidewalk construction at 2239 Charlestown Road

Mr. Thompson explained that part of this project called for the sidewalks to be replaced where all of the curb cuts were for the old parking lot was there and they sent their MOT plan to the board which involves coning that traffic over, but there will still be traffic in both directions. He stated that they are asking for 4 days (2 days for demo and 2 for reconstruction) but if they can get it done faster they will. He added that they would like to start on Monday of next week, weather permitting.

Mr. Nash asked what hours.

Mr. Thompson stated that they would tell them 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. which is in line with what they would tell anyone working in the right-of-way.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that Spring Break is next week so hopefully traffic will be lighter in that area.

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

6. Linda Moeller re: Bank Reconciliations for January 2021

Mrs. Moeller stated that she supplied the January 2021 bank reconciliation worksheets electronically and asked that record reflect this.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to enter the bank reconciliation into the record, **Mr. Thompson** second, motion carries.

7. Mickey Thompson re: Olive Avenue Project

Mr. Thompson stated that the contractor that was doing the project on Olive Avenue has some punch list items to do and asked Mr. Summers if he wanted to speak to this.

Mr. Summers stated that Excel is going to be doing some striping work on Olive Avenue to finish up the last of that project. He added that there was a drainage concern at the intersection of State Street so they will be removing the existing handicap ramps that are holding water during rain events and reconstructing them. He stated that they will begin this work on Thursday of this week and they will get notices out sometime today.

Mr. Thompson added that they don't anticipate it creating a traffic problem on State Street while they replace the ramps.

8. Warren Nash re: Speed limits on Slate Run Road.

Mr. Nash stated that several weeks ago they approved a new speed limit on Slate Run Road and asked Mr. Ham if they have ordered the new signs.

Mr. Ham stated that the signs are in and they will be installed today.

Mr. Thompson stated that while they have Mr. Ham on he wanted to let the board know that they checked with the utilities regarding the repair that was requested last week on Main Street and it doesn't appear to be an issue with them. He reported that the street department is making those repairs today.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2021, **Mr. Thompson** second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Nash reminded everyone to continue to wear their masks, social distance and get the vaccine as soon as they can.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk