

**A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM.COM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 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 Chief Juliot, Linda Moeller, Bryan Slade, Krystina Jarboe, Sidney Main, Larry Summers, Chris Gardner, Pat McLaughlin, Scott Wood and Mindy Milburn

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**BIDS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Chuck Deaton with CSX re: Closing the railroad crossing at Spring and 15th streets for repairs.**

**Not Present**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he was supposed to be on here to discuss the work they are going to do to rehab crossings. He added that he only called out Spring and 15<sup>th</sup> but there are several locations that are on the list to be rehabilitated.

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**Larry McIntire, Beam, Longest & Neff**, sent the following update on Slate Run Road via email:

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

Final Completion Date: TBD (Need utilities to confirm relocations are completed)

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

Progress for the Week:

- JTL Engineering confirmed that the utilities have completed relocation.
- JTL Engineering contacted contractor and city engineer concerning plan for curb drainage from parking lot in commercial area.

Upcoming Activities:

- RPR will continue working on final punch list items.
- Prime contractor will continue working on some early punch list items.
- There will be a meeting on site to review the parking lot drainage plan.

Construction / Safety / Utility Issues:

- Contractor will begin work on curb island and sidewalk in commercial area now that all utilities are finished with relocation.
- Contractor will be extending sidewalk on west side to south Lochwood entrance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Sidewalks on Valley View Court**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he contacted NAHA and is waiting to hear back from them to see if the ongoing work will affect the sidewalks.

**2. Punch List Items from 2020 Paving Project**

**Mr. Summers** stated that he has requested an update and did let them know that the striping concerns were priority.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that he spoke with Libs this morning and the striping crew has started on some of the punch list items and he is working on getting a more detailed list.

### **3. Dumpsters Emptied Outside of Ordinance Hours**

**Police Chief Bailey** reported that they haven't had any reports of any violations for the last couple of weeks so while he wouldn't say it is resolved it is better. He stated that officers have cited some drivers and he is sure that has made an impact.

#### **TABLED ITEMS:**

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

**1. Mickey Thompson for Howard Chapel Missionary Baptist Church re: closure of Galt St. from Market St. northward to the end of Church Property on April 4<sup>th</sup> for their Easter Service.**

**Mr. Thompson** explained that they would like to close Galt St. from Market St. northward to the end of church property on April 4 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (weather permitting) for their Easter Service. He stated that they haven't returned to services in the church but would like to celebrate on church property. He added that they have spoken to the residents on the street and they will have full access to their property.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** asked if they are going to have amplified music.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he isn't sure but he will check with them.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** stated that if they are they just need to make sure their neighbors are aware.

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

**2. Mickey Thompson for Vectren re: Cut permits for 201 W Spring St (18259836) – 8x10 sidewalk cut, 205 W Spring St (18259842) – 6x8 sidewalk cut, 207 W Market St (18283587) – 6x8 sidewalk cut, 207 W Spring St (18259844) – 6x8 sidewalk cut, 202 E Main St (18173829) – 6x8 sidewalk cut, 312 Washington Pl (18193213) – 6x6 sidewalk cut 316 Washington Pl (18193182) – 6x6 sidewalk cut, 318 Washington Pl (18224264) – 6x6 sidewalk cut, 1111 Westwood Ln (17139650) – 4x4 street cut, 1411 Locust St (17170451) – 5x5 sidewalk cut, 1810 E Spring St (18271137) – 8x9 sidewalk cut, 2644 Charlestown Rd (18273655) – 4x5 sidewalk cut (sidewalk and street cuts that have already been repaired.)**

**Mr. Thompson** explained that this is a housekeeping item and the work has already been completed.

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

**3. Mickey Thompson for Spectrum re: Permit Request to install New Fiber to The Kroger on Grant Line Rd**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that Spectrum would like to install new fiber to The Kroger on Grant Line Road and explained that that they have filled out the new permit request and have complied with all requirements.

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

### **3. Scott Wood re: Public Hearing regarding the Silver Creek Dam**

**Mr. Wood** reported that the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has agreed to host a public hearing on March 31, 2021 at 5:00PM EST at the New Albany-Floyd County Public Library to take comments in regards to the removal of the dam on Silver Creek. He stated that the City will be asking for a detailed study of the environment both above and below the dam as part of the decision making process that they believe DNR should go through. He added that they want to be mindful of the environmental quality both for the wildlife in the area and for citizens who use Silver Creek and the adjacent land.

**Mr. Nash** asked who owns Silver Creek

**Mr. Wood** stated that they are looking into this. He explained that when Floyd County was carved out of Clark & Harrison counties they believe the border was established on the center line of the creek but they are looking for information to confirm this.

**Mr. Nash** asked if the only two dams are the one at Blackiston Mill and Spring Street

**Mr. Wood** stated that there may be some farther up and added that the creek is ~ 38 miles in length so he isn't sure if there are others along the way.

**Mr. Nash** asked if he knows how many miles of that are in New Albany

**Mr. Wood** stated that he believes it is ~7 miles on the eastern border before it goes over into Clark County.

**Mr. Nash** stated that as he understands it the dams were installed for recreational purposes in the 30's.

**Mr. Wood** explained that they discovered that they were privately built for the Glenwood Park as a recreational amenity in 1904. He added that it may have historic architectural engineering qualities and they will be asking DNR to look into this as well.

### **4. Linda Moeller re: Bank Reconciliations for February 2021**

**Mrs. Moeller** reported that she supplied the February 2021 bank reconciliation worksheets electronically and asked that record reflect this.

**Mr. Nash** stated that the board received the bank reconciliations for review and asked that they be entered into the minutes.

### **5. Pat McLaughlin re: Tree Trimming & Silver Creek Dam**

**Mr. McLaughlin** thanked Mr. Thompson for his help with an individual that was trimming trees after dark in his neighborhood. He added that this isn't the first tree trimming without a permit that they have seen in his neighborhood but Mr. Thompson and an officer with the NADP were very helpful and he is appreciative of their assistance. He stated that he plans to take a kayak trip up Silver Creek so that he knows exactly what he is talking about when he attends the public hearing tomorrow. He added that he has heard concerns from a few residents because there doesn't seem to be any real information on potential issues from changing this ecosystem that has been in place for over 100 years. He stated that the area from the low-head dam to Blackiston Mill has always had water in it regardless and the aesthetic value of that is one reason a lot of people bought their home in that area. He expressed concerns that the dams might be creating a buffer for these 100 year events that could potential lead to more wash coming down the creek and possible erosion.

**Mr. Nash** stated that he recently read that they introduced five different species of carp in the Ohio River that aren't necessarily good to have around and they could potentially come up Silver Creek if the dam is removed.

**Mr. Summers** sated that from the research he has done/seen not much is known regarding the effects of low-head dam removals on the environment and that lack of research is the reason that they are asking for a study to be done. He added that their goal is to ensure that the City of New Albany's assents will be protected in the long run.

#### **6. Mickey Thompson re: Pearl and Spring Update**

**Mr. Thompson** reported that the street department did start on the work at Pearl and Spring streets and he believes Mr. Ham plans to have Delta in today to start putting the loops back.

**Mr. Nash** asked what he thinks happened there

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he did check with IN-AWC and wastewater to see if they had anything that failed that could have caused the issues but neither of them had any issues with their infrastructure so it appears it was possibly weather related.

**Mr. Ham** reported that when they pulled the asphalt off the damaged area there was a section with no base under it so they went back in with gravel before laying down the asphalt.

#### **7. Warren Nash re: Mask Mandate**

**Mr. Nash** reminded everyone to continue to wear their masks and reported that Governor Holcomb is set to end the state mask mandate on April 6<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he received an email during the meeting that indicated that he will reconsider this action but he wants to urge everyone to wear their mask regardless. He stated that the cases are going up and we all need to keep doing everything we can until this virus is under control and together we can beat it.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **CLAIMS:**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2021 as corrected, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

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Warren V. Nash, President

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Mindy Milburn, Deputy City Clerk