

THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY HELD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018 AT 11:00 A.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Josh Staten, Claire Johnson, John Rosenbarger, Larry Summers and Vicki Glotzbach

President Nash called the public hearing to order at 11:00 a.m. and asked if anyone was there to speak on the eminent domain proceedings regarding the Slate Run Road Improvement Project, Phase 1.

There was no one from the public to speak.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Rosenbarger to explain what is going on.

Mr. Rosenbarger explained that when you require right-of-way for a project there is a requirement to make offers of the appraised value and give 30 days to consider the offer. He stated that if they can settle with the property owners, which in this case is 56 parcels, the power of eminent domain can be used to acquire right-of-way. He explained that the first step in the eminent domain procedure is a remonstrance hearing regarding the validity of the project for the general public purpose.

Mr. Nash asked how many have settled.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that they are down to half a dozen that haven't and he predicts somewhere between 2-3 parcels in the end.

Mr. Nash asked what the timeline is for construction.

Mr. Summers stated that they are looking at a May/June date.

Mr. Nash asked if it will hold construction up if these aren't settled.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that they don't want to start construction until they have about 98% but they try to always have all the parcels in hand.

Mr. Nash asked how many days of construction.

Mr. Summers stated that the worst-case scenario would be April, 2019.

Mr. Rosenbarger added that these offers were made in January so they have had plenty of time to sit with them.

Mr. Nash asked if they could put the money in escrow and move forward.

Mr. Rosenbarger replied yes, eventually.

Mr. Nash asked what the best case scenario would be.

Mr. Summers added that construction is highly dependent upon the final course of action for the utilities so he is hesitant to give a timeline at this point.

Mr. Thompson stated that the biggest advantage is that the water main at the location is bad and explained that part of this project allows them to replace it.

Mr. Nash asked when this would go out for bid.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that May is their target.

Mr. Nash asked why they can't go ahead and bid it since they know they will have the parcels one way or the other.

Mr. Thompson stated that they don't want to put the cart before the horse.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that they will look at it and bid it as soon as possible.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk