

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, APRIL 18, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Fire Chief Gadd, Fire Marshal Koehler, Police Chief Bailey, Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Larry Summers, Linda Moeller, Sidney Main, Mike Hall, Bryan Slade, Jessica Campbell, Chris Gardner, Alicia Meredith, Sean Payne, David Brewer, Courtney Lewis and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Randy Hammons with Dan Christiani re: Forced main sewer inspection in 2000 Block of Grant Line Rd.

Mr. Derek Misch stated that Mr. Hammons could not be present so he is speaking on his behalf. He explained that next Tuesday, April 25th through Thursday, April 27th they need to pothole for the force main on the side of Grant Line Road in between 2116 Grant Line Road to 2818 Grant Line Road.

Mr. Nash asked what the cross streets are.

Mr. Thompson stated that it would be from shortly before Beechwood Avenue to almost all the way to WalMart.

Mr. Misch stated that they will be off of the road but they will put signs up to warn people.

Mr. Nash asked if they will be on sidewalk.

Mr. Thompson stated that they will be in the grass.

Mr. Misch stated that they are going to try to pull in residents' driveways and off the side of the road into the grass. He also stated that he just wanted to make the board aware that they would be in that area working.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Ms. Karen Hartman, 1024 Cliffwood Drive, stated that she is representing a non-profit called Hartman Dental for a Reason and each year they host a 5K run. She also stated that she is present on behalf of Dr. Joseph Hartman and he is the race director of the 5K. She explained that the bulk of the race will be in the perimeter of Community Park but will go partially onto some of the city's streets. She said they have spoken with Mr. Roger Jeffers and received permission to use the park and one of the shelters for the race and they would like to have the gate on Schell Lane opened because some walkers have strollers and they want them to be able to get through that passage way. She said that Mr. Jeffers suggested that she come to this board to get permission to go onto the city streets for the race. She passed out a packet of information on the race and reviewed it with the board.

Mr. Thompson asked if the county has told her that they will unlock the gate as long as this board approves the route on the city's streets.

Ms. Hartman replied yes.

Mr. Thompson asked if they need any streets closed.

Ms. Hartman replied no and stated that they did want to make sure that it is okay to run on Cherokee Drive and Schell Lane.

Mr. Nash what day of the week the race is on.

Ms. Hartman replied it is on a Saturday.

Mr. Thompson stated that he believes someone else has used that particular route before and there is usually a police officer at the intersection of Grant Line Road and Cherokee Drive.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they will be using the pathway for the portion of the race that they are on Grant Line Road.

Ms. Hartman replied yes.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he does not see an issue with it and he will be able to accommodate that intersection with a police officer.

Mr. Summers asked what the date is.

Ms. Cotner-Bailey replied Saturday, September 16th.

Police Chief Bailey asked where the run will begin.

Ms. Hartman replied inside Community Park near shelter 1.

Mr. Thompson asked if they moved the race there because of the construction on the riverfront. He said that last year it was at the riverfront.

Ms. Hartman replied yes.

Ms. Cotner-Bailey asked how many people they expect.

Ms. Hartman stated that the first year they had 200 participants and last year they had 175 participants register but the weather was bad so they had about 125 actually run. She added that their goal is to get back to 200 participants this year.

Ms. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Hartman Dental for a Reason 5K Run on Saturday, September 16th starting at Community Park to Cherokee Drive and then to Schell Lane, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Mr. Jeff Mouttet stated that he is opening a high end cigar-bourbon bar at 147 E. Main Street and would like to install a sign on the current sign post. He presented pictures of the sign along with the certificate of appropriateness for the board to review.

Mr. Nash asked if it is 8 ½ ft. from the ground to the bottom of the sign. He then asked Mr. Summers if he has seen it.

Mr. Summers stated that he hasn't seen it but as long as it is above 8 ft. he is okay with it. He added that the standard is 7 ft. but he prefers 8 ft.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the sign for Match Cigar Bar at 147 E. Main Street, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Mr. Brian Fleck, Lochmueller Group, updated the board on the McDonald Lane Project. He stated that the storm sewer is substantially complete and they have a short section that has to be done at Grant Line Road which they are going to work on in conjunction with the gas company in the next couple of weeks but other than that, everything in. He said they've begun the

excavation of undercuts and prepping the roadway and they just started up the S curve area by the Rita and Oxford and worked their way down to the railroad tracks. He also said that they are currently working from the railroad tracks out to Grant Line Road doing half at a time so the businesses there have access. He added that in two to three weeks they will have that completed so early to mid-May they will begin to prep for curb and gutters and then follow up with driveway aprons.

Mr. Nash stated that he has been asked Bingo players that the contractor be mindful that they play Bingo three nights a week at the American Legion and as accessible as that can be made would be appreciated.

Mr. Fleck stated that he understands.

Mr. Thompson stated that he just wanted Mr. Fleck to be aware that he has a call into the water company regarding a possible water leak on Oxford Drive. He said that he will get in contact with him once he knows something for sure.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mickey Thompson re: Issues on Beechwood Avenue

Mr. Thompson explained that he contacted the daycare on Beechwood Avenue and the owner wasn't there but he spoke with one of the workers to let her know what the issue was and asked if there was anything they could do to alleviate the site issue like parking the vans on the other side of the street. He said that she brought up the concern of dropping kids off and crossing that busy street but thought maybe they could drop the kids off and then move the vans to park on the other side of the street. He said that he will update the board as soon as he hears back from them.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Larry Summers re: Street Grid Modernization Project

Mr. Summers explained that the contractor started working on the underground signal work today so you may see some of them putting in infrastructure for the signal systems.

Mr. Nash asked if the state has signed off on everything.

Mr. Summers replied yes and stated that notice to proceed has been received so they are beginning.

Mr. Nash asked where the underground signal work will be.

Mr. Summers stated that they are going to begin at Spring Street and Vincennes Street and then work their way down Spring Street.

Mr. Nash stated that one of the councilman brought up at the city council meeting that the signal poles at Pearl Street and Market Street are unsightly and wished they could be improved when the grid modernization is done. He said he wasn't sure what the councilman was talking about and asked if the signal poles at that intersection are different from other intersections.

Mr. Summers stated that they are the same as all the others downtown and were just installed in 2011.

Mr. Thompson stated that it was one of seven signals that were upgraded.

2. Alicia Meredith re: Dog Park and Easter Egg Hunt

Ms. Meredith explained that they are to almost 500 dog members and to almost 400 human

members so they are approaching the point where they may have to put a cap on the park. She said they are monitoring it closely since they don't have a full season under their belt. She also said that they had their Easter Egg Hunt event this weekend and they had approximately 100 humans/dogs there at the same time split among the two sides and it went really, really well so they do know that it can at least accommodate that amount at one time.

APPOINTMENTS:

BIDS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2017, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk