

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.COM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mickey Thompson, member and Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member. Warren V. Nash, President, was not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Shane Gibson, Larry Summers, Fire Chief Juliot, Sidney Main, Police Chief Bailey, Chris Gardner, Linda Moeller, Jessica Campbell, Krystina Jarboe, Jason Applegate, Josh Turner and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dumpster/POD Permits

a. 120 E. 15th Street

Mr. Thompson stated that he visited the location and they can't put it in the backyard because of overhead wires and the narrowness of the alley. He said there is room for it on the street without interfering with traffic.

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

b. 216 E. 11th Street

Mr. Thompson stated that there was nowhere on the property to place it but there is room on the street. He said we just need to make sure that when we contact them, we let them know to place it where it won't interfere with the alley next to it.

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

2. INAWC – Emergency repairs at Locust/McCaffery and Myrtle

Mr. Thompson explained that the water company's contractor was at this location yesterday to look into the issue and found that the repairs should be able to be made on school property so they won't have to cut the street. He said the board shouldn't have to do anything on this one right now.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

1. Jason Applegate re: Board and You

Mr. Applegate explained that Board and You will be coming before the board to get some outdoor seating and there is a signal box at the corner of Elm Street and Pearl Street that will be close to their seating. He stated that they proposed the idea to paint that signal box themselves. He said he first asked if it could even be done and then sent potential artwork to redevelopment. He stated that the artwork will still need final approval but he wanted to request preapproval from this board to move forward with the project. He said that they will also have to get approval of product specks from the street department as well as approval of final artwork from redevelopment.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve subject to approval of content, materials and the city's review, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

2. Wes Christmas re: 2020 Paving Program

Mr. Christmas stated that the 2020 Paving Program is currently being advertised and there is a pre-bid meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, May 5th at 11:00 a.m. He said it will be a virtual pre-bid meeting that Clark-Dietz will host and that information has already been out to the bidders through the bid advertisement. He then stated that the bid opening is scheduled for May 12th during this meeting and he wanted to ask for direction on how to handle receiving those bids and the opening. He said the advertisement currently has the bids being delivered to the controller's office and he is assuming that is probably not what they want to do now and he can make a change at the pre-bid meeting so he is just asking for direction.

Mr. Gibson stated that he would have to think about it.

Mrs. Moeller stated that she is always in her office Monday through Friday so dropping bids at her office wouldn't be a problem.

Mr. Gibson stated that getting into the building is the problem.

Mr. Thompson asked if they could drop them at the checkpoint downstairs or would there be a problem with transferring the bids from checkpoint to the controller's office.

Mr. Gibson stated that he will get with Mr. Christmas and nail it down because he needs to figure out the best way to make that happen.

Mr. Christmas stated that as long as he has information by next Tuesday, May 5th then he can share that information with all of the potential bidders.

Mr. Gibson agreed and stated that they could also share the information at the next meeting.

3. Josh Turner re: Railroad Questions

Mr. Turner stated that on February 20th at the city council meeting, there was an exchange between Mr. Thompson and Dr. Knable regarding who constituents should direct their railroad questions to and Mr. Thompson said to direct them to him. He said that on April 1st he sent Mr. Thompson an email and he cc'd the mayor and several council members just to let them know that it is being addressed. He stated that he didn't hear anything back so he emailed Mr. Thompson again on April 8th and asked for an update but received no reply. He said on April 13th he emailed again and stated that it has been two weeks since he sent the request and that he understood that could be delayed because of CSX. He stated that on April 14th he thought maybe Mr. Thompson didn't see the email so he called him and Mr. Thompson said that he saw the email but hasn't heard anything. He said on April 27th he still hadn't heard anything back so he emailed Mr. Thompson and asked for CSX's contact information and that he would reach out to them. He said that today is April 28th and he is now at the board of works meeting because he hasn't heard anything. He said that he would have liked to have gotten a response to his email such as hey there is a delay or because of the pandemic things are going slow or something. He said he has questions from his people and he feels that he is being ignored. He added that you are not ignoring him, you are ignoring the people and he would appreciate a response. He said that he doesn't miss emails and he does need some answers.

Mr. Thompson stated that he still doesn't have a reply from CSX.

Mr. Turner thanked him.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Larry Summers re: Slate Run Road Project

Mr. Summers stated that the contractor has been working on concrete and curbs out there as well as sod work. He said they are still going to be working on driveways and grading as well as placing more asphalt in the expansion areas. He also said that there was a ground water issue in the portion of Garretson Lane that they modified to tie into Slate Run Road and he has been working with the design team to address that issue. He explained that they are to do the work to take care of it by the end of this week or the beginning of next week and that will free them up to be able to do asphalt in the coming weeks. He stated that he was notified yesterday that the permit for the culvert project has been taken care of and they have the permits necessary to do the road cut so he requested that the board at least consider a potential closure in the future for that. He added that with the lack of traffic due to the Coronavirus, he would say the sooner, the better but would defer to the board on the timing of that.

Mr. Thompson asked if they are going to put something together on the maintenance of traffic and get it to the board at the next meeting.

Mr. Summers stated that he just found out about the permit yesterday so he has requested that information but just hasn't received it yet. He said that he at least wanted to make the board aware that this will be coming. He also said that the maintenance of traffic is going to be the exact same as it was before with the same detour and same timeframe of just over a weekend. He stated that he can bring the request back to the board next week or the board can grant authorization to him to make that decision.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would want to make sure that they reach out to the church and whoever else would be affected.

Mr. Summers stated that he would reach out to them to make sure they coordinate with the church and any neighbors or businesses in that area.

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Gibson if it was okay for them to approve this subject to Mr. Summer's coordination with them and that they notify everyone of the new schedule.

Mr. Gibson stated to make sure that they get the notice out to everyone. He then asked what the timeframe is.

Mr. Thompson stated that they want to do it on a weekend and that is what it was originally set up for.

Mr. Summers stated that he just found out yesterday that the permit was approved and he has the feeling that if the weather is good, they are going to push to do it as soon as possible while the traffic volumes are lower because of the Coronavirus. He also stated that he can also have them bring any all information back to the board next Tuesday so that the board can formally approve it that way. He said that he just wanted to be set up for either scenario.

Mr. Gibson said that it would be fine if he could get it back to the entire board next week.

2. Mickey Thompson re: Bear Properties Dumpsters

Mr. Thompson stated that Bear Properties has two dumpsters on Ekin Avenue in front of properties that they are renovating. He explained that he has had multiple conversations with them requesting that they have the dumpsters emptied because they are running over. He said that a resident has complained and he also received an email from a councilman regarding it because he has received complaints about the unsightliness. He stated that Bear Properties assured him that they had contacted the dumpster company to get it emptied but doesn't understand why they haven't been emptied. He said that he contacted the dumpster company himself and he stressed to them that the city doesn't need to be involved the business between those two but that we want the dumpsters emptied because of the problem it is creating for the city. He said that the owner didn't necessarily agree with him and it's been over a week now so he checked on them this morning and they still haven't done anything. He suggested at this point that the city pick those dumpsters up since they won't empty them and the contractor leasing them won't have them emptied.

Mr. Gibson stated that he doesn't think they should be able to approved for anymore permits since we are having all of this trouble. He asked Mr. Thompson if he has contacted the company to let them know that we will be taking action and using a roll off to take them out.

Mr. Thompson stated that he did. He said that he thinks they could at least pick them up and take them out to the towing lot until we get this settled.

Mr. Gibson recommended to go ahead and get them out of there.

Police Chief Bailey stated that if they are going to take the dumpsters to the impound lot, they will have to prep for that and they will have to keep them outside because there is not enough room in the lot. He said that he also thinks they are going to need to be dumped before they go in the lot.

Mr. Thompson stated that we also have the lot at 4th Street and Culbertson Avenue where we could store them if there is not room at the towing lot. He added that we just want somewhere secure so they don't try to say that we did something with them and something happened to them while we had them.

Police Chief Bailey stated that if we are not going to dump them, he would rather put them at Culbertson Avenue in the most secure manner that we can and then document with photographs.

Mr. Thompson stated that sounds good.

Mr. Gibson asked if they got approval for the dumpsters.

Mr. Thompson replied no.

Mr. Gibson stated that needs to be addressed with the property company as well when they come and ask for any future ones. He then asked Mr. Thompson to get a motion on this since there was no approval and then they will figure out a game plan on it.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to remove the obstruction in the city's right-of-way because neither Bear Properties nor the dumpster company received a permit to place the dumpsters and they are an obstruction and to authorize Mr. Thompson to work with legal to take any steps necessary to remove them, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2020, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, Vice President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk