

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.COM ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chad Sprigler re: Plat approval for Vincennes Street Town Houses

Mr. Thompson stated that he checked with Mr. Wood in planning and zoning this morning and it has full approval of planning and zoning.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked Mr. Summers if he was familiar with this.

Mr. Summers stated that he was on the plan commission when it came through so if they have satisfied all of the requirements of planning and zoning then he doesn't have any issues.

Mr. Nash asked where this is located.

Mr. Summers stated that it is on Vincennes Street.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is on the corner of Vincennes Street and Ekin Avenue.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve Plat 40, Lots 86 and 88 being situated between 802-810 Vincennes Street, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

2. Patriotic Fireworks re: Request for Fireworks Permit

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that they get this every year. She explained that their location is 2125 State Street and they will be setting up on June 19th and will be there through July 6th.

Mr. Nash asked if that is at Daisy Lane.

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that it is where the WorkOne Office is which is where the old Winn Dixie used to be.

Mr. Thompson stated that Fire Marshal Koehler usually has to inspect them for a permit from the state.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that is correct.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve subject to them having the necessary state permit, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

3. 1751 N. Audubon Drive re: Request for Children at Play sign

Mr. Thompson stated that he received an email from Ms. Shirley Arnold with some concerns about the traffic that goes through N. Audubon between Roanoke and headed out to Charlestown

Road. He said she is requesting a Children at Play sign to make people aware that there are children in the neighborhood.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Summers if he has taken a look at that.

Mr. Summers stated that he has not but can but he would defer to Mr. Thompson's judgment on that.

Mr. Thompson stated that he did ask Ms. Arnold to give him the nearest address of where the majority of the children are so if we do place a sign, it will be in the area that it will be most effective.

Mr. Nash stated that we just want to make sure that it is not in conflict with other signs.

Mr. Thompson agreed.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve a Children at Play sign near 1751 N. Audubon Drive, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Warren Nash re: Traffic cutting through the Finchland Neighborhood

Mr. Nash asked Police Chief Bailey to report on that.

Police Chief Bailey stated that traffic officers have made several stops and the officers are still reporting out there periodically.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Summers if he saw any necessity for any signs out there or if he had a chance to look at it.

Police Chief Bailey stated that the officer said that there wasn't any sign issues and his personal assessment is that there aren't any signage issues in that area either.

Mr. Summers stated that when he reviewed the area, he didn't note anything out of the ordinary there and with the reduced traffic due to the pandemic, he would think that the cut through traffic would be even less.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Mickey Thompson re: YMCA

Mr. Thompson stated that he has been working with Mr. Jeff Jaehnen with the YMCA reopening and they submitted a plan on how they intend to handle their precautionary measure along with some numbers. He said that the pool will be opened with two people per lane, six lanes maximum. He also said that they plan to not have more than 200 people in the building. He explained that when they do start their children's summer program, they have requested to make the road in the back, which is Janette Way, a one-way for them and post signage as we have done in the past. He said that will be best for them to take the children's temperature before entering the building and the one-way traffic would be in effect from 6:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. in the mornings and 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the evenings during the work week. He said that arrows will indicate the direction of travel.

Mr. Nash asked if they shared any plans for the exercise areas with him.

Mr. Thompson replied yes and stated that he would get the document to him.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she thinks it would be appropriate for them to follow up or come back to the board before they increase their capacity. She said it sounds like this is their 1st Stage for reopening.

Mr. Thompson stated that is correct, this is Phase 1.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked that they follow up with this board before they increase capacity.

Mr. Thompson stated that could be in the motion and then he would relate that to Mr. Jaehnen. He then stated that they are requesting to place a storage unit between the back side of the building and flood wall to store their indoor seating furniture to discourage congregating inside. He said they want to store it until they are back to regular operations. He added that it would be right next to the building and not in the right-of-way.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the storage unit and the one-way traffic plan and that they contact the board prior to increasing their capacity, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

2. Mickey Thompson re: Farmer's Market

Mr. Thompson stated that he thinks Develop New Albany did a great job with the Farmer's Market. He said that he went to opening day and vendors and visitors were all wearing masks. He said they had volunteers as well as city volunteers helping people line up and go in in an orderly fashion. He thought it went very well and they did a very good job making sure it was safe and everyone was cooperative.

Mr. Nash asked if there was a decent crowd.

Mr. Thompson said he thought so. He added that he went back a couple of times during the day and it seemed pretty consistent.

Mr. Nash asked Ms. Jarboe if she had anything to add.

Ms. Jarboe said she did not but she spoke with some of the city officials that were there and they reiterated what Mr. Thompson said.

Mr. Nash asked if she has heard anything back from Develop New Albany.

Ms. Jarboe replied no, not yet.

Mr. Nash asked that she keeps the board apprised.

Mr. Thompson stated that the way they are staging people to wait until it opens is lining up across the alley between Bank Street and Third Street so for safety reasons, they requested that alley be closed. He said he did ask if they talked to Monroe Shine since it does affect the side of the property but they still have access to their parking lot.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the closure of the alley between Bank Street and Third Street during Farmer's Market subject to approval from Monroe Shine, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

3. Shane Gibson re: Agreement to Restore Public Right-of-Way

Mr. Gibson stated that he emailed the agreement out to the board and it deals with some underground water wells and monitoring wells that are located at the corner of West Street, Green Valley Road and State Street. He said that New Albany Steam and Clean did a voluntary monitoring program based upon their business there and there are wells and monitoring things in place there currently. He explained that they have a new company that is doing monitoring for them for this project and what they requested is an agreement to restore the public right-of-way. He said that the agreement is pretty self-explanatory and says that they agree to properly maintain them and if any disturbance occurs, as soon as they fix the problem and finish up the monitoring, they will immediately restore the public right-of-way into the condition that it was in.

Mr. Nash stated that it seems this came up several years ago.

Mr. Gibson stated that it did.

Mr. Thompson stated that they do have some equipment doing some remediation there.

Mr. Gibson requested that the board give Mr. Thompson authorization to sign the agreement.

Mr. Nash said that would be fine.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the agreement between Roux Associates, Inc. on behalf of New Albany Steam and Drycleaner and the City of New Albany and to authorize Mr. Thompson to sign the agreement for Mr. Nash, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

4. Shane Gibson re: Emergency Medical Services Agreement

Mr. Gibson stated that he emailed the agreement out to the board for them to review. He said that Yellow Ambulance used to be our provider but they essentially closed shop and in December, AMR came in purchased their assets but not necessarily all of their contracts. He stated that he has been working with AMR to come up with a new agreement and this is a three-year contract. He said that AMR is the largest medical provider for ambulances in the country and they will provide the service for \$200,000.00 per year which is what we were paying Yellow Ambulance. He explained that with Yellow Ambulance, we had a payor of last resort which means they would attempt to collect everything they could but if they did not collect the money from individuals then we were the payor of last resort up to a maximum of \$4,500.00 per month. He stated that is not in this agreement so that is a benefit to us. He said it is the same service that we were getting before with respect to ambulances in the city and responding. He also said that we have been working with them since December and the service has been acceptable and is working out fine.

Mr. Nash asked if there is a performance review during that three-year period.

Mr. Gibson stated that we request monthly reports on what and how they are doing but there are material breaches if they are not abiding by the contract.

Mr. Thompson stated that item number 12 in the agreement states that they will meet regularly to discuss any issues.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the three-year contract with AMR for ambulance service for \$200,000.00 per year, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

5. Larry Summers re: Slate Run Road Update

Mr. Summers stated that the pipe crossing was completed, however, they are still working on one of the headwalls so at this time there is a flagging operation in that area.

Mr. Nash asked if the road is open.

Mr. Summers stated that it is open but there is a flagging operation there but we have had flagging operations going on for a while there.

Mr. Nash asked if there was a detour.

Mr. Summers replied no.

Mr. Nash asked how many days it will take.

Mr. Summers stated that he does not know but he will follow up to find out. He said that is the primary thing and everything else is still similar such as forming up sidewalks and driveways. He stated that they are still looking at the schedule for the milling operation.

Mr. Nash asked if Garretson Lane is open.

Mr. Summers replied yes.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2020, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk