

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.COM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 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, Linda Moeller, Sandy Boofter, Jason Applegate 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. Steve Bruner re: Street cut request at 715 Cherry Street

Mr. Thompson explained that this is a request to cut the alley next to 715 Cherry Street for a new home sewer tie in and it will require a 3X3 street cut. He added that he visited the site and they are not cutting the new pavement on Cherry Street.

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

2. Derek Misch re: Grant Line Road Sight Distance Project

Mr. Misch explained that they would like to start the Grant Line Road sight distance project on Monday and would like to put the closures in place for this project. He stated that the closures will run from June 8-July 29.

Mr. Nash asked if this would be a total closure.

Mr. Misch replied yes.

Mr. Nash asked if there was a detour plan in the packet

Mr. Thompson replied yes.

Mr. Christmas explained that the detour plan has also been presented to the Floyd County Commissioners and they were okay with the proposed route. He added that it is important to note that the road will be open on/before June 29 because that coincides with the first day of school.

Mr. Misch added that he has sent this plan to INDOT as well just in case they had any questions about the signage along the interstate.

Mr. Summers stated that he spoke with INDOT before the meeting and they informed him that the Klerner Lane Bridge Repair project will be complete by Friday so it shouldn't affect this project at all. He added that the paving work that is going to occur on 265 will only affect the ramps in the westbound direction.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked how far back the detour signs will start on Grant Line Road.

Mr. Misch stated that the thru-traffic detour plan will start at the interstate and the local traffic plan will have signs at St. Joseph's Road on the city side.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she thinks the signs should start further back than the interstate.

Mr. Nash agreed and asked Mr. Christmas if there was a standard for that.

Mr. Christmas stated that it would follow MUTCD or INDOT standards and INDOT tends to be more conservative. He added that if they want additional signage at Mr. Tabor, they have a unit price for signs. He stated that it looks like there is signage on the south side of the interstate but he will confirm that and if there isn't, he will get with Mr. Misch to add some.

Mr. Summers added that Mt. Tabor signs would be beneficial just to make the decision point a little further back for drivers.

Mr. Thompson stated that they already have message boards out there.

Mr. Christmas stated that through Michael Hall, the city has sent two notifications to the Industrial Park tenants to inform them of what is going on.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they notified IUS.

Mr. Christmas stated that they have communication with NAFC schools but he would have to check with Mr. Hall about IUS.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the detour subject to checking with IUS and moving the signs back, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

3. Board and You re: Proposed Sidewalk Changes – Pearl & Elm

Mr. Thompson stated that he submitted this drawing to Mr. Summers for his review and he made a recommendation to require 5 foot clearance. He stated that they talked with the architect and met them on site and they amended the outdoor seating plan to have seating on both Pearl and Elm streets but with a break in between. He added that everything is now ADA compliant.

Mr. Nash asked if they are open

Mr. Thompson replied yes and stated that they are currently operating part of the facility while the other part is under construction.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the request for outdoor seating, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Applegate for coordinating the mural on the side of the building and the signal cabinet.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Larry McIntire, BLN, submitted the following update via email:

Slate Run Road Improvement Project – Phase 1

Notice to Proceed Date: Commence on or before 4/15/2019
Final Completion Date: Tentative revised completion date is 7/24/2020
Approximate % Complete: 80%

Progress for the Week:

- Contractor completed the culvert crossing near Lochwood Apartments.

- Contractor excavated and graded for curbs, driveways, and sidewalk.
- Concrete subcontractor formed and poured more curbs, sidewalks, and drives.
- Pavement consultant marked locations to core the existing pavement.

Upcoming Activities:

- Contractor will be working on placing more block retaining wall sections.
- Contractor will be excavating for more curb, sidewalk, and driveways.
- Concrete subcontractor will be pouring more driveways, curbs, and sidewalks.
- Contractor will be looking at scheduling mainline pavement milling.

Construction / Safety / Utility Issues:

- Designer is looking at house drains and proposed pavement markings.
- Consultant is coring existing pavement section to check asphalt condition.
- Contractor will continue using flaggers to control traffic at this time.

Mr. Summers added that he is looking forward to this project finishing up and once the asphalt goes down he thinks everyone will be pleasantly surprised with the end product.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Mr. Nash re: Email from Councilman Greg Phipps

Mr. Nash stated that he received an email from Councilman Greg Phipps regarding an accident at Elm and Jay streets and in it he mentioned some other areas that the board told him that they would look at. He explained that with the epidemic this might not be a very good time to be evaluating things but they need to make a note of this and have it as a continuous evaluation. He asked Mr. Summers to take note of this.

Mr. Summers stated that he would and added that they have looked at a few of the locations in the past and the only one that could potentially warrant a stop was 13th and Market streets, but he hasn't had a chance to get more details on that yet.

2. Farmers Market

Mr. Nash asked if there was any news on the farmer's market and if anyone was there this past Saturday.

Mr. Thompson stated that he was there for set up only but he didn't get any calls or complaints so he assumed it went smoothly.

3. Mr. Nash re: Traffic calls on Adams Street in Silver Hills

Mr. Nash asked Police Chief Bailey and Mr. Summers if they could look at to make note of this location because he was told that there are a lot of people using it as a cut through and speeding over Camp Avenue.

4. Ice Cream Vendor Permits

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they have approved any new ones for this year.

Mrs. Glotzbach replied no.

Mr. Thompson asked if the ones they approved last year are approved for one year because he assumed the ones out now hadn't expired yet from last year.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2020, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk