

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Summers, Jason Applegate, Krystina Jarboe, Fire Chief Juliot, Sidney Main, Police Chief Bailey, Wes Christmas, David Hall, Linda Moeller, Chris Gardner, Jessica Campbell, Josh Staten, Pat McLaughlin 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. Mickey Thompson for Vectren re: Cut requests for 630 W 7th St (17807089) – street cut 2032 W Market St (17733160) – sidewalk cut

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

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

1. David Glotzbach re: Construction on Slate Run Road

Mr. Glotzbach explained that he is a life-long resident of New Albany and has lived on Slate Run Road for over 30 years. He stated that he has had several council members and other city administrators out to look at the project that is going on in the area because he has concerns with the paving and milling operation that started on the 20th. He explained that what he witnessed and what he has photos of is substandard subgrade and insufficient mix that was placed over it to try to correct the subgrade issue. He stated that they starting milling on July 20 and the first pass went down to the dirt (subgrade) and instead of stabilizing that subgrade a decision was made to pave over it and he was told by the engineers that they were going to bridge the road with asphalt. He explained that the mix that was used for the bridging was a recycled asphalt mix and it seems to him that they should have used something with a higher content of aggregate in it to give it some kind of a subgrade to drive over. He stated that he thinks everyone would agree if they go out and look at the road that the wrong subgrade was used and the road should have been stabilized from Charlestown Road towards the school. He added that at the point that they reached the area in front of his house he asked his City Council representative to come out and take a look at it who brought the City Engineer out with him and the paving operation was stopped at that point and the subgrade is being addressed for the rest of the project. He stated that this leaves 2500 feet of asphalt that was installed into a sink hole basically and it needs to come back out and repaired because the road will not hold up. He added that he worked in road milling for ten years so he has experience with this type of work and he has never seen anything like this and while he understands what they were trying to do the wrong material was used and he doesn't understand how this wasn't known because they should have had core samples before the project started. He stated that this substandard road will create a safety issues especially with the addition of the bike lanes so it needs to be something that is addressed now. He stated that those responsible for this mistake need to be held accountable as well and added that Mr. Summers informed him them the geotech people were on this job the entire time and if that is true he has serious questions about their credentials.

Mr. Nash thanked Mr. Glotzbach for his comments and stated that a professional engineering firm overseeing this project so they will make sure to update them regarding his concerns.

Larry McIntire, Beam, Longest & Neff sent in the following update on Slate Run Road and Mr. Summers reported on it:

Notice to Proceed Date: Commence on or before 4/15/2019
Final Completion Date: Tentative revised completion date is 7/24/2020 (to be revised)
Approximate % Complete: 95% (Pending Change Order for Milling/Paving and Subgrade)

Progress for the Week:

- Contractor worked on more drive grade tie-ins and lawn seeding.
- Prime contractor resumed placing base asphalt on mainline pavement.
- Concrete subcontractor formed and poured some sidewalks and drives.
- Prime contractor worked on subgrade treatment at south end of project.

Upcoming Activities:

- Prime contractor will be placing remaining asphalt base at south end.
- Prime contractor will be working on remaining subgrade treatment.
- Concrete subcontractor will be pouring remaining drives, curbs, and sidewalks.

Construction / Safety / Utility Issues:

- City has contacted JTL Engineers to review some remaining design issues.
- City will be reviewing change order items for milling/paving and subgrade.
- Slate Run Road is to be closed to thru-traffic during the mainline milling/paving.

Wes Christmas, Clark Dietz, 2020 Annual Street Paving and Repairs – reported the following:

Substantial Completion Date: 11/15/2020
Final Completion Date: 12/31/2020
Original Construction Contract Amount: \$2,000,000.00
Current Construction Contract Amount: \$2,000,000.00
Approximate % Complete: % this week; % total

Progress for the Week:

- MONDAY 7/27/20 No Work
- TUESDAY 7/28/20 Libs Paving patching base failures on Dalebrook Drive, Woodside Drive, Deerwood Drive, Hazelwood Drive, and Ridgewood Drive.
- WEDNESDAY 7/29/20 Libs Paving finished the last few patches on Woodside Drive and Ridgewood Drive from the day before.
- THURSDAY 7/30/20 No Work
- FRIDAY 7/31/20 No Work

Upcoming Activities:

- Sidewalk, Driveway, and curb work to begin on Lafayette and Savannah Drives 8/5.
- Crack sealing on Dalebrook Drive, Woodside Drive, Deerwood Drive, Hazelwood Drive, and Ridgewood Drive 8/4.

Construction Issues:

- None

Mr. Nash stated that a resident reported some offensive behavior by one of the paving workers and asked Mr. Christmas to relay to the contractor to remind their employees to be courteous.

Mr. Christmas stated that he isn't aware of the incident but he will bring it up with the supervisors, foreman and owners of the company that are associated with the paving. He added that this is an item that is addressed with them pre-construction and discussed regularly that they expect them to act professionally and courteously with the public.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that it was mentioned at their meeting and it was his understanding that the residents had some concern about equipment being left on their property and issues with littering.

Mr. Christmas stated that he will make their field representatives aware to make sure all of these concerns are addressed. He added that they are required to provide written permission from the property owner if they get permission to store anything on their property so this is something they addressed with them before work starts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Request for no parking in front of 1722 and 1726 Depauw Avenue

Mr. Thompson asked that they keep this on the agenda as he is waiting for further information from Ecotech.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Krystina Jarboe re: Special Event Permits

- Health and Safety Plan for River City Racers

Mrs. Jarboe presented the health and safety plan for the River City Racers event for the board to approve. She added that she sent this to the board last week to give them a chance to review in case they had any questions. She explained that they are requesting to use the amphitheater parking lot to do a drive-thru packet pickup on September 18th and 19th to help with following guidelines.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that they might want to hold off on approving their health and safety plan to monitor the situation with the number of positive cases so that they can reassess if it even makes sense for something like this to take place.

Mr. Nash stated that he thinks they also need to ask Mr. Gibson for his advice to see if they even need a permit from the city since it is on the Greenway.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to take this under advisement so that they can consult the City Attorney Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

2. Chris Gardner re: Closure on 8th Street.

Mr. Gardner explained that they had to close 8th Street at the north Y after finding a failed culvert under the road. He stated that they coordinated their work with Mr. Thompson as well as the Street Department and this project, which was already on their list, was expedited to an emergency order. He reported that quotes have been solicited for the work and he should have those by next week for approval. He added that he anticipates that they will be able to have this back open in 3-4 weeks and the detour that they have set up in the meantime runs down Vincennes to Charters to Beeler and back to 8th.

Mr. Nash asked if it would be possible to have one lane open.

Mr. Gardner explained that they would be able to do this because of the width of the project.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if they would consider using Ekin instead of Charters for the detour.

Mr. Gardner stated that they will look into that as an option.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the emergency closure with the stipulation that Mr. Gardner provides weekly updates to the board and the proposed detour subject to review, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

3. Linda Moeller re: June Bank Reconciliation

Mrs. Moeller presented the bank reconciliations for June and asked that it be reflected in the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the BOW claims docket for 07/21/20-08/03/20 in the amount of \$1,364,265.76 that included the following:

General Claims (Bank 1):	36,515.40	
Fire Department:	16,514.42	
Police Department:	16,780.53	
Street Department:	11,754.60	
Parks Department:	11,789.52	
Medical/Drug Fund (Bank L):	-	
Payroll Claims (Bank 2):	1,035,219.52	
Sanitation Fund:	-	
Thursday Utility Claims:	235,689.77	
	Grand Total:	1,364,263.76

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2020, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach City Clerk