

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM.COM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Phipps, Police Chief Bailey, Chris Gardner, Jessica Campbell, Larry Summers, Bryan Slade, Sidney Main, Krystina Jarboe, Deputy Fire Chief Gadd, Sandy Boofter and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Blake Gies, Beam, Clark Dietz sent in the following update on the 2020 Annual Street Paving Project and Mr. Thompson reported on it:

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 8/31/2020 Seven Seas poured two driveways on Savannah Dr. No demolition crew on site.
- TUESDAY 9/1/20 Seven Seas poured 5 driveways today. One on Lafayette Dr. and four on Savannah Dr. Demolition crew working to prep driveways around Savannah Dr. and beginning to move onto Deerwood to saw and set out cones.
- WEDNESDAY 9/2/20 Seven Seas doing demolition of driveways and prepping and forming but no concrete pour today as it rained hard last night and the subgrade is standing with water.
- THURSDAY 9/3/20 Seven Seas doing demolition of driveways and prepping. Hard rain again this morning so no pour crew on site today.
- FRIDAY 9/4/20 Seven Seas plans to pour five driveways today at Savannah Dr. The demolition crew is offsite.

Upcoming Activities:

- Sidewalk, Driveway, and curb work to continue on Lafayette and Savannah Drives. Finish up these two areas and mobilize over to Deerwood on Wednesday next week.

Construction Issues:

- None

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: 92% (Revised due to anticipated additional work)

Progress for the Week:

- Prime contractor completed asphalt tie-ins at drive approaches.
- Prime contractor placed asphalt surface on mainline and approaches.
- Concrete subcontractor poured curb, sidewalk, and 9” pavement at north end.

Upcoming Activities:

- Prime contractor will begin work on added structures at south culvert.
- Prime contractor will schedule pavement markings and signs.
- Concrete subcontractor will pour walls for added structures at south culvert.

Construction / Safety / Utility Issues:

- JTL Engineers is working with utilities & layout for Curb Island at north end.
- City should be processing change order 3.
- Contractor will be working on clean up and pre-punch list items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Marquita Forrest re: Gathering/Protest Permits

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that it doesn’t look like Ms. Forrest is on the call but she was invited.

Mr. Nash stated that they need to drop this from the agenda because it has been dragging on too long.

2. Greg Roberts, East Spring Street Neighborhood Association re: Crosswalk Signs

Mr. Roberts asked for an update on this issue and to request a meeting with Mr. Summers to come out and visit the site together at the crosswalks.

Mr. Nash stated that he would like to join that meeting as well.

Mr. Summers stated that he is unable to drive for the next couple of weeks because he still has a cast on his foot but he will be happy to set something up as soon as it is off. He reported that the signals that Mr. Roberts brought up last week that he observed in Clarksville and discovered that they are using what is called a Hawk Signal. He explained that this type of device is considered the same as a traffic signal and required a warrant analysis before it can be installed. He stated that they could look into doing an analysis on those intersections but it would dictate a certain number of pedestrians before it would be warranted.

Mr. Nash asked what specific intersections Mr. Roberts is referring to.

Mr. Roberts replied 10th & Spring, 4th & Spring and 13th & Spring.

Greg Phipps added 13th & Market, 4th & Market, West 1st and Main, 4th and Elm and 13th and Elm to the list.

Mr. Thompson asked if these are all the ones where they installed the flashing crosswalks.

Mr. Phipps replies yes and stated that it is the same problem at every location. He added that some will obviously have more pedestrian traffic than others but the safety issue is the same regardless of how often they are used because when they are used there is a false sense of security at these crosswalks.

Mr. Roberts asked Mr. Summers if he looked at state law and whether they could change the glass from yellow to red on the flashing lights.

Mr. Summers stated that it is not an option to change the colors.

Mr. Phipps stated that he thinks if they increase the size of the yellow flashers or add the signs that have the LED lights all around it will be easier for motorists to see.

Mr. Thompson stated that he has seen a couple of those pedestrian signs with the light all the way around them in New Albany.

Mr. Phipps asked Mr. Thompson if they are expensive and stated that they run on solar power and he would think they could use the same poles and systems that they have now and just replace the sign.

Mr. Summers stated that he can look into the cost associated with these lighted pedestrian signs. He added that he did look into the cost for the Hawk Signs and they are ~\$150,000.00 each which is also something they would have to take into account if this turns out to be a viable option.

Mr. Roberts stated that he isn't asking for the Hawk Signs but if the Neighborhood Association about the signs that go into the middle of the streets would they be able to install them on the sides of the street.

Mr. Nash stated that he doesn't think it will come to them having the bear the cost.

Mr. Phipps stated that he believes a good compromise will be using the large pedestrian signs with the light around it and then have a sign below quoting state law that requires yielding to pedestrians. He added that he would reserve the use of the Hawk Signal on heavy traffic crosswalks.

Mr. Nash suggested that Mr. Roberts and Mr. Phipps meet with him and Mr. Thompson while Mr. Summers is convalescing and see if they can come up with some recommendations to bring back to him.

3. East End Friend Group: "Friends of Bill W" meetings 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, & 9/24

Ms. Jarboe stated that she has been in touch with Paul Kiger and he has found an alternative location.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Krystina Jarboe re: Special Event Permit Request

- **Sunday, September 13 – Boston Virtual Marathon**

Ms. Jarboe explained that they would like to use the Amphitheater restrooms on the 13th from 5:30-11:00 a.m. and if this is not something the board is willing to approve then she would like to request permission to place a Porta Potty on the west side of the Amphitheater. She added that they would drop the pot off on September 11th and pick it up on the 14th.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that the restrooms are still closed due to COVID but she has no issues with them placing a Porta Potty. She added that it needs to remain locked except for the time frame that they are going to be there on Sunday.

Mr. Thompson asked if the run is on the greenway.

Mrs. Jarboe replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the placement of the pot with the stipulation that it remain locked outside of the event time, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Boofter presented the BOW Claims Docket for 08/25/20-09/07/20 in the amount of \$1,595,016.57:

General Claims (Bank 1):	51,496.33
Fire Department:	72,364.67
Police Department:	2,043.78

Street Department:	21,991.84
Parks Department:	4,326.60
Medical/Drug Fund (Bank L):	124,408.80
Payroll Claims (Bank 2):	1,118,682.05
Sanitation Fund:	-
Thursday Utility Claims:	199,702.50

Grand Total: 1,595,016.57

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2020, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach City Clerk