

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Slade, Robert Lee, Chris Gardner, Sidney Main, Police Chief Bailey, Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Deputy Fire Chief Gadd, Fire Marshal Koehler, Alicia Meredith, Linda Moeller, Larry Summers, Jessica Campbell, Tonya Fischer, Krystina Jarboe, David Hall, Courtney Lewis 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. Jason Schlaeter, THHC LLC re: Curb cut request on Scheller Lane for access to 2655 Charlestown Road

Jason Schlaeter explained that they are in the process of purchasing a building on the corner of Scheller Lane and Charlestown Road and requested permission from the BZA to add on if they find the need in the future, which the board granted. He explained that they were directed to this board to request the ability in the future to have a curb cut on Scheller Lane to facilitate in/out traffic of the parking lot.

Mr. Nash stated that the company that he is associated with has this property for sale so he recused himself from the discussion.

Mr. Thompson stated that he spoke with Mr. Wood before the meeting and he stipulated that there was no curb cut on Charlestown Road so this would need to be on Scheller and it would need to be as far away from Charlestown as possible.

Mr. Schlaeter stated that there is an existing entrance on Scheller now and they were asking for an additional one towards the back of the property.

Mr. Thompson asked if the existing one is to be modified.

Mr. Schlaeter replied yes.

Mr. Summers stated that he doesn't have any issues with the request as presented but he would like to emphasize that the BZA stipulated that the secondary access should be pushed as far to the rear of the property as possible and under no circumstances would he advise the board to approve a curb cut on to Charlestown Road. He added that Mr. Schlaeter isn't asking for that but he wanted it to be on record.

Mr. Schlaeter asked if the board requests if they do get an extra tenant that he re-submit for that layout or is he good to go with what he has.

Mr. Nash stated that if it is modified he will have to come back.

Mr. Brewer stated that it should be reflected on the site plan once it is submitted.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the curb cut and modification on Scheller Lane, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

2. Matt Roberts with Elite Enterprises re: Street cut request at 2208 Ekin Avenue in alley

Mr. Roberts requested a cut request in the alley behind 2208 Ekin Avenue to redo a plumbing line that is clogged by tree. He explained that they will cut into the alley to access the location and run the line back in.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Thompson if he is familiar with this location

Mr. Thompson stated that he hasn't had a chance to go out and look at the location.

Mr. Roberts explained that there is 20' area that has been recently cut and that is where they want to tie back in.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Derek Misch, Dan Cristiani, explained that they are going to install a new waterline at the intersection of Charlestown Road and Vincennes starting tomorrow. He stated that he spoke to the school and they want them to keep their hours from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. because of bus traffic which means they will most likely need multiple days to finish the project. He explained that the work will be from Wednesday, November 15th through Friday, November 17th with an intersection lane closure at Vincennes and Charletown and a road closure on Vincennes from Lopp to Charletown Road.

Mr. Nash asked if they are going to close one lane

Mr. Misch replied yes.

Mr. Nash asked what is going on at Lopp and Charlestown Road.

Mr. Misch stated that is for the traffic that will be going down Vincennes off of Grant Line because that section will need to be closed for equipment.

Mr. Thompson explained that the reason they are doing this intersection now is to try and expedite it to get something back on that road.

Mr. Misch explained that the last two maps are the saw cuts that had to be done and need to be approved.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the closure of Vincennes Street from Lopp Avenue to Charlestown Road and the cut requests, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Mark Bausch, Clark-Dietz, passed out a report for the board to review, said report is on file with the City Clerk's office. He requested rolling road blocks for MAC Construction on E. 8th Street and Woodlawn Drive. He explained that they would like to mill both streets on Thursday and added that they will have traffic control and/or flaggers at both locations. He stated that on Friday they plan to patch base failures on the north bound lane of East 8th that will require a temporary road closure with traffic will be flagged around the work, and they will continue striping on Silver Street as well.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the work and rolling closures on E. 8th and Woodlawn as well as the continued striping on Silver Street, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Bill Johnson, LineBach/Funhouser Environmental, explained that they were hired by Denton Floyd Real Estate Group who is doing the redevelopment of the Reisz Building. He stated that they were hired to do some phase II environmental testing of the ground surrounding the building as well as an asbestos survey inside the building. He requested permission to bore 6 holes in the ground surrounding the building using a geo-probe to retrieve a ground-water sample to make sure there are no contaminants from adjoining sites.

Mr. Nash asked where the work would be done.

Mr. Johnson presented a map to the board showing 146 East Main and pointed out where they would be testing. He added that they should be done in a half day and requested to do the testing tomorrow.

Mr. Nash asked if they would be in the street at all.

Mr. Johnson replied no.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the holes are filled after they do the samples.

Mr. Johnson replied yes and stated that they are normally 2” in diameter so they plug and patch.

Mr. Thompson asked if he would be able to talk with the businesses at the Underground Station.

Mr. Johnson replied yes and stated that he would be happy to meet Mr. Thompson out at the location to look at the site if he has any further questions.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the request for soil sampling around 146 E. Main Street in the sidewalk and alley, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Paul Lincks, HWC Engineering, stated that they are entering the final stretch of the grid project. He explained that the signal work is mostly complete at Spring and 15th but he was notified this morning that they are having some issues with some of the loops on 15th Street, which they are looking into now. He stated that they will move to Pearl and Main and expect that work to be done at the end of the week. He added that at that point the project will be substantially complete and then they will schedule a pre-final walk through to develop a punch list.

Mr. Summers stated that the substantial completion is the portion under INDOT’s pervue but there are a couple of items that he has asked the contractor to take care of which includes drainage at E. Main Street and Pearl Street. He added that this means there will still be some work happening after substantial completion and wanted them to be aware.

Mr. Thompson asked if the problem at E. 15th Street is on the railroad side.

Mr. Links stated asked if it was on one or both sides and he hasn’t heard back yet and he will keep Mr. Thompson posted.

Jim Siliman, Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz, reported that they are nearing the end of the Bono Road Project and they are finishing up asphalt work today. He stated that there is still some concrete work to wrap up and they have talked with the contractor about doing temporary pavement markings. He added that they will come back in the spring and do permanent markings.

Mr. Nash asked if they have a date yet for traffic to be back to normal.

Mr. Silliman stated that he doesn’t have a specific date but with what is left it should be a week or two.

Paige Thomas, Dave O’Mara, presented a cut request for a main break at E. Oak and E. 3rd Street which requires a 5’X6’ street cut.

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

Irv Stumler presented a copy of observations relating to the two-way street project for the board to review. He stated that E. 8th Street is half milled but not paved and has been like that for almost 2 months.

Mr. Nash stated that this was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Stumler stated that a lot of people use that to get to the church. He explained that there isn't a drop-off or parking in front of St. Mary's Church on Spring Street and this needs to be looked at and corrected.

Mr. Summers stated that he has spoken with Father Merrill about this particular location and he is aware of what has been done to accommodate their needs.

Mr. Stumler stated that Father Merrill told him that the police wouldn't cite anyone who stops there but how would anyone know that they aren't going to be cited if they stop there or park.

Mr. Thompson asked if he has shared that with the congregation.

Mr. Stumler replied not from the pulpit and he doesn't think what is there is adequate either way. He discussed manholes and utility access coverage and stated that if you look around at the paving that is being done there are many manholes that are more than an inch below the surrounding pavement which acts like a pothole when driven over.

Mr. Summers stated that there is a running list of all locations and the contractor has been notified that it needs to be rectified.

Mr. Stumler stated that the next issue is the cold joints on the new paving and added that it will become a serious issue when water gets in there and freezes. He presented photos along State Street showing the cold joints and added that the same thing will happen there as it did on Cherry Street and others.

Mr. Summers explained that this year they had the contractor sealed each joint as they paved.

Mr. Stumler stated that he took the pictures of State Street not more than ten days ago.

Mr. Summers stated that it is a thin material that goes over the joint itself that goes inside the joint.

Mr. Stumler stated that he doesn't think there is enough there to seal it in his opinion. He explained that the railroad crossing on Spring Street has deteriorated wood, he presented several photos of handicap access crosswalks where the street is lower than the surrounding sidewalk and water accumulates which will be dangerous in the winter months.

Mr. Nash thanked Mr. Stumler for bringing these items to the board's attention.

OLD BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Deputy Fire Chief Gadd re: Closure of Boat Ramp

Deputy Fire Chief Gadd requested permission to use the boat ramp on November 16th to complete their pump test.

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

2. Courtney Lewis re: Light Up OURNA

Ms. Lewis stated that November 25th will be Light Up OurNA at Bicentennial park beginning at 6:00 p.m. She requested permission to close the two parking spaces closest to the entrance on Pearl Street for Santa's arrival.

Mr. Thompson asked if Santa will pull up on Pearl Street.

Ms. Lewis replied yes. She added that they are partnering with Develop New Albany and the event will probably last until approximately 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the closure of two parking spots on Pearl Street, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

3. Linda Moeller re: Police Chief Bailey's 20 Years

Mrs. Moeller congratulated Chief Bailey on his 20th Anniversary with the New Albany Police Department.

Mr. Nash congratulated Chief Bailey on behalf of the board and thanked him for his service.

4. Larry Summers re: Signal System on State Street

Mr. Summers notified the board that the State Street signal work is finally underway at the intersection of State and Daisy. He stated that starting Monday they will be able to put up the poles and thereafter they will install the new signals which will take about two weeks.

5. Chris Gardner re: Closure of Franklin Drive for next 90 days

Mr. Gardner reported that the culvert across Franklin Drive will be closed for the next 90 days. He explained that it was found that the structure of the culvert was compromised and they will be replacing it.

6. Larry Summers re: General Service Agreement with HWC Engineering

Mr. Summers presented a general service agreement with HWC and explained that it is a general service agreement as a backup to the agreement with JTL. He added that the contract is not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what the term is.

Mr. Summers stated that he doesn't recall a set time as it is on an as needed basis.

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

7. Larry Summers re: Agreement with HMB Engineering for Steep Slope Study

Mr. Summers explained that as part of the city's zoning code upgrade they are looking at steep slopes more closely and HMB will go out and survey all of these areas so that they have a better idea of where they are and they will enter them into the GIS system.

Mr. Nash asked what the terms are on the agreement.

Mr. Summers replied that it is not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Mr. Nash asked how long the contract extends.

Mr. Summers stated that they are working on the zoning code now so as soon as this is agreed upon they will begin work. He added that there is no completion time stipulated.

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

8. Mickey Thompson re: Tree removal

Mr. Thompson informed the board that a large tree is being removed in the alley between Ealy Street and Crystal Court to try to limit the disruption of traffic.

Mr. Nash asked if the alley is the only thing that needs to be closed.

Mr. Thompson replied yes.

9. Mickey Thompson re: Closure of the southbound Lane on Vincennes Street

Mr. Thompson explained that wastewater has requested to close the south bound lane of Vincennes between Spring and the Dollar General on Wednesday and Thursday between 6:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. He stated that they need to do the work during these hours because White Castle and Rally's both use the water the entire time they are open and they will be cut off from the sewer.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Grievance Hearing Minutes for October 10, 2017, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2017, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk