

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD IN ROOM 100 AT NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Mayfield, Fire Investigator Koehler, Bryan Slade, Linda Moeller, Brad Fair, Phil Aldridge, Jessica Campbell, Sidney Main, Larry Summers 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. Derek Misch, Dan Cristiani re: Right-of-way permit to install a water service across the road in front of 1312 Riddle Road

Mr. Misch requested approval of a right-of-way permit to install a water service across the road in front of 1312 Riddle Road. He submitted the permit application and the proposed traffic control plan for the board to review.

Mr. Nash asked when they want to do it.

Mr. Misch replied Thursday.

Mr. Thompson asked if there is any way to get to the other side without a cut because this area is newly paved.

Mr. Misch stated that thought about boring options but there are so many utilities in the road and they wouldn't want to hit anything. He reported that they have noticed a couple of places in the asphalt that are failing.

Mr. Thompson asked if they will make the cut wide enough so that it doesn't look like a patch.

Mr. Misch stated that they were going to try to keep the trenches as narrow as possible but they will make it all even.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that it looks like there is a house located there.

Mr. Misch stated that there are two at the end and the last page of the application shows their plating plans so that if they need access they will be able to do so.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they could give the residents advanced notice.

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

2. Bryan Stumler Excavating re: Street cut request at 500 Fenwick Dr. for sewer tap installation

Mr. Thompson stated that the sewer tap is on the opposite side of the street so they will plate it and have the detour in place.

Mr. Nash asked if they are closing Fenwick and not Green Valley.

Mr. Thompson stated that is correct. He added that the detour is up Green Valley to Bono Road.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Ms. Debra Walker, 549 Eagle Lane, stated that she is concern about so large boulders that here neighbor has installed on the dead-end road in the right-of-way. She presented photos the board for them to review. Said photos are on file with the city clerk's office. She explained that the school bus can't turn around now and most every other vehicle would have difficulties turning around there because you can't see the boulders. She added that they can do severe damage to your car. She explained that the board gave Mr. Moran temporary permission to leave the boulders to prevent people from driving through his yard, but he isn't on a corner and is a far bit away from where anyone would be turning around. She stated that she hopes to see those removed and possibly a shoulder installed there.

Mr. Thompson explained that a previous owner placed the boulders there because the yard was being rutted up by vehicles running off the road or turning around and Mr. Moran asked to leave them in place after speaking to the previous owner about why they were there. Mr. Thompson stated that he did explain to all parties that in order for them to be there they would need the board's permission because they are in the right-of-way. He stated that Mr. Moran did receive temporary approval from the board so that he and Mr. Summers could go out and look to see if there was a better solution. He explained that after Ms. Walker contacted him to ask about the status he talked with Mr. Summers again about it. He stated that the issue is that they do not have a project in the works to address that roadway and Mr. Moran wants to leave them in place.

Ms. Walker stated that these boulders are not in Mr. Moran's yard, they are in the right-of-way so surely the city could address that. She added that she doesn't understand why this board would give anyone special permission to leave them in the easement and make it difficult for school busses and even garbage trucks to access the area and turn around.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked Ms. Walker if she has tried to speak to the neighbor about her concerns.

Ms. Walker stated that she had not.

Mr. Thompson stated that larger vehicles having difficulty access narrow roads isn't unique to Eagle Lane.

Ms. Walker stated that the point is that these boulders were put there on purpose and that is what is causing the difficulty, not some natural occurrence. She stated that the kids have to walk a quarter of a mile down the road to be picked up because of this. She suggested that they put down gravel instead of the boulders.

Mr. Thompson stated that he assumes what his reasoning was is that vehicles that were going down to the end to turn around were running off road and rutting up the front of his property. He added that he likely thought the landscaping boulders looked better than gravel.

Ms. Walker stated that the gravel would make more sense and it isn't his property, it is the right-of-way.

Mr. Thompson stated that is why Mr. Moran came to the board to get permission to leave them in place.

Ms. Walker stated that it is has been a year since they were given temporary permission and asked that the board removed them.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if a guardrail would work if it was installed there.

Mr. Thompson stated that it will still foster the same issues that she is talking about.

Mr. Nash stated that unless Mr. Moran wants to do anything different, this will continue.

Mr. Summers stated that this is a cul-de-sac at the end of a street and with that being the condition of the street, he doesn't see a safety issue associated with having the boulders on the side of the road. He explained that they have instances where there are curbs guardrails and trees on the edge of the roadway throughout the city which is also a barrier within the right-of-way, and he sees no difference with these types of barriers and the boulders that are in place.

Mr. Nash thanked Ms. Walker for bringing it to their attention and stated that it will remain on their radar.

Wes Christmas, Clark Diets re: 2021 Annual Street Paving Project.

Mr. Christmas reported that the project is winding down and they have finished most of everything they intended to do with the paving. He stated that the only streets they didn't get finished last week were a couple of items that popped up and they weren't aware of. He reported that they have some drainage work that needs to be done on Holtz Court and it will hopefully be completed this week so that they can pave it next week. He stated that the only road that didn't get paved last week was Bulldog Alley and explained that after they started the work they identified a collapsed sewer line. He reported that the sewer utility fixed the line yesterday and will be doing a concrete cap today, and after today it will be ready for paving next week. He stated that all the work associated with the Community Crossings Grant is complete and they are working on getting the documentation together to submit to INDOT to close out last year's grant. He reported that there is some miscellaneous work outside of the Community Crossings Grant that they do plan on asking the contractor to work on during the colder months.

Mr. Nash asked if they have applied for the Community Crossings Grant for next year

Mr. Christmas reported that they submitted the pavement inventory submitted and they updated pavement asset management plan, and they have acknowledged receipt of that. He added that this was the first step and they will be eligible to apply at the first of the year.

Mr. Nash asked if this is competitive.

Mr. Christmas replied yes and explained that there is a limited amount of funds available and it depends on the applicants, which now days most municipalities are submitting.

Mr. Summers reported that the city has been extraordinarily successful thus far in obtaining funds and this has done wonderful job expanding the paving program through the years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Sidney Main re: Repair work on Paoli Pike

Mr. Main stated that they are putting the asphalt down today but there will be concrete blankets over the concrete for several more days because of the cold weather.

2. Police Chief Bailey re: Speed issues at the North Y

Police Chief Bailey stated that he doesn't see any safety issues with the speed at this location.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Fire Chief Juliot re: Promotion of Sergeant Sam Heavrin to the rank of Captain

Fire Chief Juliot presented a letter requesting that the board promote Sergeant Sam Heavrin to the rank of Captain. He stated that if the board approves the promotion it will take effect on December 8, 2021 and he will be assigned to truck one b-crew and be on probation for one year.

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

2. Larry Summers re: Schell Lane Update

Mr. Summers stated that the contractors were supposed to begin patching work followed by milling and paving this week but the temperatures have been so cold that they have been unable to do so. He added that as soon as the temperature rises enough for them to move forward they will.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that the weather is going to be warmer towards the end of the week and asked if they will be able to finish it later this week.

Mr. Summers stated that they are going day-by-day to make the determination right now because there is also a chance of rain as the weather warms up. He added that it will be done this year.

Mr. Thompson stated that it looks like they are staged on Grant Line Road so if the weather is good enough they will be ready to go.

3. Mickey Thompson re: Leaf Program

Mr. Thompson stated that he has gotten several questions about the leaf pickup program that the city does every year and reported that the operation starts November 1 and runs through December 31. He explained that storm water and the street department work in conjunction to start at one end of town to go through the other end of town. He added that if time allows they start over again with the intent to hit every location in the city at least twice.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that they pick up the leaves that are put out curbside and not bagged. She asked Mr. Slade to confirm if Ecotech will pick up to ten bags of leaves with weekly garbage.

Mr. Slade stated that is correct.

Mr. Nash asked how they can get this out to the public.

Mr. Thompson stated that they put a notice in with the sewer bills.

Mr. Summers stated that they also post it on social media.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the following claims for the period of 11/16/21 to 12/06/21 in the amount of \$3,096,431.61:

General Claims (Bank 1):	75,324.92
Fire Department:	6,750.42
Police Department:	6,488.05
Street Department:	100,841.22

Parks Department:	23,926.31	
Medical/Drug Fund (Bank L):	13,106.35	
Payroll Claims (Bank 2):	2,231,022.87	
Sanitation Fund:	-	
Thursday Utility Claims:	638,971.47	
	Grand Total:	3,096,431.61

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes November 30, 2021, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

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

Warren Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk