

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, JUNE 7, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member and David Brewer, member and Mickey Thompson, president.

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Fire Chief Juliot, Arson Investigator Koehler, Sandy Boofter, Phil Aldridge, Sidney Main, Mustafa Al-Taie, Bryan Slade, Brad Fair, Councilman Adam Dickey, James Fabel, Krystina Jarboe, David Hall, Jessica Campbell and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jacob Michal re: Dumpster permit requests for 2223 Morton Avenue and 713 W. 7th Street

Mr. Michal was not present.

Mr. Thompson explained that he has visited both of these sites and explained that 713 W. 7th Street was a location that they had placed a dumpster without permission and they were contacted about the proper procedure. He stated that the W 7th location would have to go on the street because they can't access the back of the property with the dumpster but Morton Avenue does have room behind the property, with no overhead lines.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to deny the request for 2223 Morton Avenue on the street and moved to approve the request for 713 W. 7th Street on the street, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

2. Daniel Lathem, Dan Cristiani re: Request for road closures to complete the W. 7th Street and W. Market Street sanitary sewer improvements

Mr. Lathem explained that they would like to close the two alleys indicated on the map that was provided for the board. He stated that they will installed two new manholes and the laterals will come across the property lines so there will be a new trunk line in the alley with four new laterals coming off the back.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked when they want to do the work.

Mr. Lathem stated that they are still waiting on the material delivery date but they are anticipating that it will be here the last week of June. He added that they would like to have the closures in place for the entire week and they will submit letters to the homeowner to let them know of the upcoming project.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the alley would be open at night

Mr. Lathem replied yes.

Mr. Thompson asked if it will be an open trench to lay the new line.

Mr. Lathem replied yes but stated that they will be filling it in as they go.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what time their work hours would be.

Mr. Lathem replied 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Thompson asked if they show up at 8:00 a.m. how long before they actually start work that would create a lot of noise.

Mr. Lathem replied 10-15 minutes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they could start at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Lathem replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they would have the work wrapped up by 5:00 p.m. every day.

Mr. Lathem stated that it would probably be 6:00 p.m. since they are starting later.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked Mr. Lathem to contact the clerk's office if they are not going to start on Monday, June 27th.

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

3. O'Mara re: Closure of Clay Street for water main replacement

Lance Schaefer explained that they would like to fuse the pipe in the back alley and cross Clay Street so they would need to close Clay Street on Friday, June 10 from noon until 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Thompson stated that the issue with Clay Street is that it is one-way so they will have to take into account those people who will need access to their homes

Mr. Schaefer stated that the closure will be at State Street but the work will be on Vine Street.

Mr. Thompson stated that if the board approves the request, they will need to notify the residents and set up a detour that deals with the one-way traffic and access for the residents

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they could flag it.

Mr. Schaefer stated that it will be all the way across the road so they couldn't flag it.

Mr. Thompson asked how long before they get to that intersection.

Mr. Schaefer stated that he said he could be there Friday.

Mr. Thompson stated that they won't have another meeting until Tuesday and while they would like to work with them on this, the board can't approve this request without all the details worked out.

Mr. Schaefer stated that they may just end up trying to do one lane at a time on Clay if that works for the board.

Mr. Thompson stated that he will work with them on closing one lane but they can't do the complete closure.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Jerry Richmond, American Structure Point, Main Street Project Update – he reported that the Main Street project is going a little slower than they had anticipated but they are hoping the pace will pick up. He stated that they had a request to open some of the side streets which is putting pressure on them with some unsafe situations, and as of Friday they had a driver run down the northbound lane in between all of their trucks, up on the sidewalk and ran the stop light. He added that leaving those streets open will slow them down about 3 weeks because they

will now be staging the area to avoid situations like this and the tie-ins will have to be done as closures can be requested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Krystina Jarboe re: Special Event Permit:

Wednesday, July 13 to Wednesday, September 21 - Develop New Albany: Wednesday Summer Market (5:00pm to 7:00pm)

- Request to use City Square (4:00pm to 8:00pm)
- Request barricades to close off entrance to City Square
- Request “No Parking” signs along interior and exterior of City Square
- Request to reserve the parking spots along Bank Street for the vendors

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

2. Truck Traffic Signage-City Engineer Department

Mustafa Al-Taie passed out information on eliminating truck traffic signage recommendations for the board to review. He explained that on East 8th Street they have a low clearance bridge crossing overhead and on Mt. Tabor there is a tight turn for trucks at Green Valley. He stated that both issues have been causing some traffic issues as well as damage to both the trucks and bridge. He explained that the sign recommendations that they are proposing are on the second page of the handout which include adding three regulatory signs to East 8th Street, and three signs to Mt. Tabor.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the Mt. Tabor Road sign will direct them to turn onto Progress Boulevard.

Mr. Al-Taie stated that is correct.

Mr. Thompson stated that they will need to have an additional sign on Hausfeldt Lane to direct them to Grant Line Road.

Mr. Al-Taie stated that he would discuss that with Mr. Summers. He explained that all the signs will be placed on utility poles except sign #2 on East 8th will need a new sign post.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he likes the idea of the signs to redirect people before the conflicts. He expressed concerns that officers have witnessed with trucks coming down Green Valley and trying to turn onto Mt. Tabor.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked Mr. Al-Taie to discuss with Mr. Summers the scenario of trucks coming from Daisy Lane down Green Valley Road and trying to turn right onto Mt. Tabor Road.

Mr. Al-Taie stated that he would and added that they may be able to add some signs on Green Valley to eliminate this conflict.

Police Chief Bailey asked if the signs reflected on the illustration the actual signs being proposed.

Mr. Brewer replied yes.

Police Chief Bailey expressed concerns about the silhouette because there could come into question was is considered a “truck” in this scenario.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if these are the standard signs and drawings.

Mr. Al-Taie replied yes but they do have dimensions and weight limits attached. He stated that they could ask height or length dimensions.

Mr. Thompson asked if the board is okay with approving the proposal with the stipulation that the engineering department look at additional placards that would specify what type of vehicle they are trying to direct.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the sign placements pending additional signage informational placards, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

3. Mickey Thompson re: Charlestown Road between Vincennes Street and E. 8th Street

Mr. Thompson stated that at the last council meeting there was concerned expressed over a house on Charlestown Road that was stuck by a vehicle and the city and the news was reporting that the city placed signage after the house was hit. He explained that what actually happened was that the city visited the site, replaced faded signage and addressed vegetation that could have blocked some of the signage. He stated that there was another incident involving a pursuit that caused another accident as well as a recent incident that they don't know the details to yet, but the city has continued to look at the area and addressed any known issues. He stated that they are looking at restriping the area as well as placing some guardrail to make that area safer. He added that these incidents were not normal every day driving that goes through the area but because they did happen the city has continued to try to make the area safer through whatever means possible.

Mr. Al-Taie added that it was brought up that they are asking for portable boundaries for this issue until the guardrails are in and the engineering department has been looking for a solution that isn't permanent until they can be installed.

Mr. Thompson added that they have also installed messages boards as well.

Mr. Christmas stated that one of their staff members is currently on site meeting with the contractor about the guardrail.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Boofter presented the BOW Claims Docket for 5/24/22-6/6/22 in the amount of \$1,915,034.84

General Claims (Bank 1):	146,862.72
Fire Department:	12,886.31
Police Department:	26,373.22
Street Department:	9,682.69
Parks Department:	88,101.84
Medical/Drug Fund (Bank L:	9,231.25
Payroll Claims (Bank 2):	1,234,584.82
Sanitation Fund:	118,556.01
Thursday Utility Claims:	268,755.98
Grand Total:	1,915,034.84

Mr. Brewer moved to approve the above claims, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: to

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 31, 2022 with corrections, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk