

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 27, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Mayfield, Brad Fair, Phil Aldridge, Sidney Main, Linda Moeller, Jessica Campbell, David Hall and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Daniel Harris, 200 Allen Road, stated that during the plan commission process of Arbor Place Apartments, he represented some of his neighbors which consisted of six households and he met with the building commissioner this morning to see what happened. He said that when they approved the Arbor Place Apartments expansion, the neighbors got together and formed a list of three things that they wanted before they could develop with an agreement between the plan commission, the neighbors and the developer. He stated that all of these things are in writing but he is just making a public statement so that what happened is being documented. He said that the building commissioner assured him that he is looking into it and he was given the green light to go ahead and give them a certificate of occupancy which completely contradicts what the neighbors have been told for the past two years. He stated that what they were told when the development was approved with a variance was that it would include a tree line buffer. He said that he was visiting the plan commission office every three months during the development and he told them that the developer was going to wait until the very last minute to go to Mr. Wood or Mr. Streips and tell them that they can't plant trees because of weather. He stated that they have had nearly two years to plant these trees and build the fence and the plan commission staff was mailing them letters throughout the past year and a half saying they would not issue a certificate of occupancy until these conditions were met, but they were given one before these conditions were met. He said that when he inquired as to how that could even happen, he learned that the planning commission staff agreed to give them an extension until April to plant the trees and install the fence. He stated that he just wanted to be on record because the neighborhood group and he are kind of frustrated that this was allowed to happen with the very competent staff that the city has. He added that everyone in the office was very detailed and friendly during the approval phase so it was a big shock to him that this could even happen. He said that Arbor Place Apartments are now being occupied without those conditions of the trees being planted and the fence being built met.

Mr. Thompson asked if those were the only conditions that weren't met?

Mr. Harris stated that there were three conditions which were the sidewalks, the fence and the trees and they met the one condition of sidewalks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Mickey Thompson re: Ecotech Update

Mr. Thompson stated that he checked with Mr. Lee this morning and they have picked up what they could given the conditions of roads and they hope to be caught up by the end of the week. He said they asked that any resident that didn't get picked up on their regular day, leave it out and they will be out to pick it up.

2. Mickey Thompson re: Detour on Slate Run Road at Silver Street

Mr. Thompson stated that wastewater has a request to detour traffic on Slate Run Road at Silver Street because there is an issue with a manhole lid that keeps popping up and they wanted to do that work today. He said that given the weather conditions, they have asked to postpone it until Thursday. He stated that he forwarded the other board members the detour plan to review.

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

3. Mickey Thompson for CenterPoint re: Right-of-way permit requests for 811 W. 8th Street, 2139 State Street, 1501 Ekin Avenue, 612 E. 5th Street, 2802 Mt. Tabor Road and 216 Greendale Drive

Mr. Thompson stated that the first one is at 811 W. 8th Street and it is for a bore bit outside of the roadway for a new service. He said that the next one is for 2139 State Street and they had to bore under State Street and it is for the new development so they had to run a separate service to it. He stated 1501 Ekin Avenue is a 4X4 panel in the sidewalk for a service to be taken out and 612 E. 5th Street is also a 4X4 panel in the sidewalk to take out that service. He said 2802 Mt. Tabor Road is a 4X4 street cut and he is going to talk to them about that one because it is where the street is so narrow so he wants to know about the traffic set up. He stated that the last one is at 216 Greendale Drive for a 4X4 street cut and the work has already been done but restoration has not been completed. He explained that they did the work because the street department was doing some sidewalk work there and they had to do their work prior to the street department putting the sidewalk back.

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

4. Mickey Thompson re: Main Street Update

Mr. Thompson stated that the first part of the week they installed storm structures and storm pipe. He said that Hummel is on site installing the ADA crosswalk pedestals and conduit on the southeast corner of State Street. He stated that no work will be performed between Christmas and New Year.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Brewer moved to approve the Regular meeting minutes for December 20, 2022, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk