

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, JULY 18, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member and Mickey Thompson, president. David Brewer, member, was not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Fire Chief Juliot, Brad Fair, Phil Aldridge, Linda Moeller, David Rake, Bryan Slade, Larry Summers, Sean Payne, John Rosenbarger, Jessica Campbell, David Hall and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Scott Ferree, Duke Energy re: Encroachment permit for 2014 Old Vincennes Road

Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Ferree is here to request permission to work in the right-of-way and the information in their packets also includes a maintenance of traffic plan.

Mr. Ferree explained that they have a line rebuild project that they tentatively plan to start mid-August and wrap up at the end of October. He stated that the project starts at Silver Crest Drive and finishes at the Old Vincennes Road/Captain Frank intersection. He added that the necessity of this project is to correct a capacity concern and explained that their overhead conductor is a small copper wire its capacity point with load growth, so it has to be upgraded to meeting additional development and demands. He stated that they will be replacing the wire with larger conductor and as an indirect benefit, reliability will be greatly increased on the circuit. He explained that the line-crew foreman deemed it necessary to close Old Vincennes Road during the duration of the project for safety and efficiency reasons, and requested permission to direct traffic down Captain Frank Road to Valley View as it runs parallel with the work area.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if it will be opened at night.

Mr. Ferree stated that is correct and they are proposing work hours from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Thompson asked if they will maintain local access on the Captain Frank Road end.

Mr. Ferree replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked how this will affect school buses.

Mr. Thompson stated that they met on site and since the closure starts passed Silver Crest Drive, that leaves the car rider pickup/drop off unaffected. He added that there is also let off in the parking lot of the school that will not be affected, but they will have to come in off of Cherry Street instead of Old Vincennes.

Mr. Ferree stated that they are notifying and working with the school systems and they can make exceptions for school buses to get through during pickup and drop off hours.

Mr. Thompson stated that if they asked them to shorten the hours like they typically would it would also shorten the window for work and extend the duration of the project.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that they can always make adjustments to the hours if they don't work out. She asked if the start date will be mid-August instead of the August 1 date on the permit.

Mr. Ferree stated that they adjusted that date to give more time to notify the public and plan for material deliveries.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they have plans for advanced signage.

Mr. Ferree replied yes and stated that they will have signage at both ends routing traffic to the detour as well as advanced signage further out.

Mr. Thompson asked if notifications were sent to the customers on the circuit.

Mr. Ferree stated that notifications were sent out in June.

Mrs. Cotner0-bailey asked if they would work with sanitation regarding any routes that may be disrupted.

Mr. Ferree replied yes. He added that they are working to create some media items to share on the city social media pages for additional awareness. He stated that if additional awareness material is requested on the city's end, they can accommodate that as well.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there are going to be any outages for customers during this project.

Mr. Ferree stated that if there are they are required to notify them ten days prior.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Larry Summers re: Main Street Project Update

Mr. Summers reported that they are moving forward with sidewalks ramps on the north side and the contractor for Duke has been installing the bases for the light poles. He added that everything is moving along according to plan.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked about the sign in front of the building and when it is going to be turned.

Mr. Summers stated that he still needs to have another conversation with them about it.

2. Larry Summers re: Paving Update

Mr. Summers reported that MAC will be out doing striping work this week and stop bar locations that were missed, they will finish Mt. Tabor Road, and then they will move over to Hausfeldt Lane.

Mr. Thompson asked if that was the city that was striping on Mt. Tabor Road.

Mr. Summers replied yes and stated that they are putting down fresh paint as it was getting difficult to see the lines, especially at night.

3. Larry Summers re: RFP for Professional Engineering Services for Community-Wide Multi-Modal Transportation Safety Plan

Mr. Summers explained that they are requesting different proposals on how they can make the community safer and how much the plans will potentially cost to determine if it is justifiable, but he needs action from this board to move forward with the process.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if legal has reviewed this.

Mr. Summers replied yes.

Mr. Thompson stated that the scope of the project might lead to a recommendation for a truck route.

Mr. Summers stated that if that is something the board wanted to include, he could get it into the final draft before it is published.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she thinks it would be appropriate.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve subject to including the potential truck route information, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

4. Mickey Thompson for CenterPoint Energy re: Encroachment permit for 2412 Jollissaint Ave. and 1009 Castlewood Dr.

Mr. Thompson stated that this is to replace a gas line but they will be boring under the street so they cut will be in the grass.

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

Mr. Thompson stated that Jollissaint Avenue is a service retirement and does require a 4X5 street cut.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2023 as corrected, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk