

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, OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Deputy Fire Chief Kron, Brad Fair, Phil Aldridge, David Rake, Brian Slade, Larry Summers, Alicia Meredith, Jessica Campbell, Krystina Jarboe, and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. JTL - Lane closure for shoulder extension on Klerner Lane

Mr. Steve Triplett, AllTerrain Paving, explained that they are doing a project for the city and reported that during work hours they will need to have traffic down to one lane managed by portable traffic lights to set up at each end to stop the traffic. He explained that they will be installing a new turn lane in at Farmgate Drive and they will be out in the lane doing some excavation work. He added that they will be moving the storm drainage pipe over and it impacts ~250 linear feet. He stated that they would like to start work at the end of the month.

Mr. Brandon Frazier, Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz, stated that he knows in the past the board has asked for specific work hours and with the work being between Farmgate Drive and Eastridge Drive there could be a lot of traffic in that area. He asked what their work schedule looks like.

Mr. Triplett stated that with the morning traffic and residents he would say no earlier than 8:00-8:30 a.m. and they would finish up around 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Thompson stated that the school busses don't clear until 9:00 a.m. and asked if they could wait to start then.

Mr. Triplett replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the stop light will be up for the duration of the project or just during working hours.

Mr. Triplett stated that it would be up for the duration because at some point they will have made the lane cut and it won't be restored yet for vehicles to drive on. He added that as they get close to the end, they could possibly use it during working hours only.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked the estimated length of the project.

Mr. Frazier stated that the project has 30 days to be completed.

Mr. Summers stated that he thinks it is scheduled to start the 24th and be completed before Thanksgiving.

Mr. Frazier stated that if they can get started earlier, they will be completed before Thanksgiving.

Mr. Triplett stated that if it is okay with this board, they can get the advance notice up after this meeting so they are ready to go on the start date.

Mr. Frazier stated that in theory, if the closure is approved today and advanced notice is sent out tomorrow, seven days after that they will be able to begin work on the 25

Mr. Triplett stated that if something were to happen with weather or unforeseen issues, he believes they would be far enough along by Thanksgiving that they could have a passable lane and traffic back to normal.

Mr. Thompson asked if they could phase it to where they get the road work completed.

Mr. Triplett stated that they could make the storm work secondary so that they would be out of the way when that work starts. He added that this is all contingent upon weather as well.

Mr. Summers stated that if they do have concerns about the notice and timeframe, they could approve the MoT and then discuss internally what the best start time would be so that they complete the work before Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the maintenance of traffic contingent upon the internal review of the actual start date, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

2. Robert Brown re: Dumpster permit request for 1112 Burton Avenue

Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Brown was here and came to the building commissioner's office but he did not know that he was on the agenda. He explained that he did look at the address on elevate and it appears that there is an area in the back yard but he doesn't know if there is room without doing a site visit. He added that Mr. Brown only needs the dumpster for 3-4 days.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve contingent upon Mr. Thompson doing a site visit and determining the best area to place the dumpster, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

3. Travis Robinson, Temple & Temple re: Request to remove curb and apron from 1601 E. Main Street

Mr. Robinson stated that there are some curbs out in front of this project that bump out and they would like to remove them to add another parking lane. He passed out drawings of the project for the board to review and stated that the work would not affect traffic as they will be in the parking lane, but they will need to close the sidewalk.

Mr. Thompson asked if this would eliminate the huge curb cut at the location.

Mr. Robinson replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there will be grass replanted where the existing curb cut is between the sidewalk and the street.

Mr. Robinson stated that anything they disturb will be replaced and wherever they form the curb will be restored with the addition of planting grass and trees.

Mr. Thompson asked if the access of the development is off the alley.

Mr. Robinson replied yes.

Mr. Summers noted that during the pushing back of the curb they need to make sure they maintain a ramp that comes down and appropriate striping because there is a crosswalk at that location.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked how long the project will take.

Mr. Robinson stated that they planned for 1-2 days for the tear out and to let the rocks settle before they come back for an additional day to install the curb and an additional day for paving.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked when they wanted to start.

Mr. Robinson stated that they would like to start Monday.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what hours they would be working.

Mr. Robinson stated that they usually work 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that those hours are fine but asked that they hold off on any work that would consist of loud noises until after 9:00 a.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Darrell Neeley stated that Mr. Hawkins asked him to come to the meeting with him and he has gotten other calls from neighbors on E. Main Street concerning the street rehabilitation. He added that a letter went out in July of 2022 saying that they would get their street done from East 5th to State Street and the residents are now worried because it hasn't been done and when trucks go up and down the road it shakes their homes heavily and the concrete makes it worse. He added that they aren't getting answers or getting the run-around and he is here today to ask for some sort of answers on their behalf since it is mid-October.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked Mr. Neeley if he lives on Main Street.

Mr. Neeley stated that he lives on Oak Street but has had residents calling him so he is here on their behalf.

Mr. Hawkins stated that he lives on Main Street and provided the board with a letter he received from the mayor and a letter to the editor that he wrote in September. He explained that he, and every other resident, has been living with this for the last 15 months and added that surface is rough anywhere that it transitions from the existing asphalt to the concrete. He stated that the dump trucks and 18 wheelers fly through the area and it shakes all the houses. He added that Mr. Neeley is advocating along with him for himself and the other neighbors because something needs to be done because when a mayor makes a written commitment, you would hope that money had been set aside to pay for the repaving and it hasn't happened. He added that according to Mr. Summers there is some finger pointing about who is responsible but he believes it is a mismanagement of funds and that they are using Community Crossing Funds for other paving projects. He stated that he knows the general fund has \$2.5-3M sitting in it at all times in reserve so someone didn't plan ahead properly for East Main Street and it bothers them.

Mr. Neeley stated that the residents are just looking for some answers.

Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Summers is the city engineer, not part of this board, so his questions are directed to the board.

Mr. Neeley stated that he does understand that and asked if they could get a phone call or a letter just so that the residents have some answers because they aren't getting any now.

Mr. Brewer asked if there is an issue with certain types of trucks.

Mr. Neeley stated that from what other have told him when the trucks come up through that area they bounce and shake the road which shakes the houses.

Mr. Thompson stated that this has been an issue with Mr. Hawkins for a while and the city had Main Street redesigned in a effort to limit the truck traffic. He added that it did take a while for this to be completed but when it was, he believes that Mr. Hawkins was happy with the fact that it had been reduced. He stated that the road developed some issues that the city temporarily addressed with a concrete patch in anticipation of repaving that hasn't happened yet. He added that he appreciates them bringing this to the board's attention and Mr. Summers is aware of the issues which the city is looking into.

Mr. Hawkins stated that they want someone to go on record to say what they are doing and mentioned Mr. Summers.

Mr. Thompson explained that Mr. Summers does not sit on this board so their questions and concerns are addressed to this board, not Mr. Summers. He thanked him again for bringing this to the board's attention.

Mr. Hawkins requested that the board ask the city engineer what he is doing about it.

Mr. Brewer explained to Mr. Hawkins that he has to give the board a chance to look into this.

Mr. Hawkins stated that he knows they discussed this before the meeting today.

Mr. Brewer stated that the only conversation he has had was to let them know that they need to see Mr. Thompson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Krystina Jarboe re: Special Event Permit

Saturday, October 21 to Saturday, December 30: DNA – New Albany Farmers Market Winter Hours (10:00am to noon)

- Request to use City Square (9:00am to 1:00pm)
- No road closure requests
- Request for parking spaces along Bank Street to be reserved for vendors (9:00am to 1:00pm)
- Request to place one porta potty (see map)
- Please note – I know the attached map says “October 21, 2023 to April 13, 2024” – but DNA will submit another permit in January for the spring and will use this same map. They understand the BOW can only approve permits for 2023.

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

2. Mickey Thompson for Duke Energy re: Encroachment permit request for 4924 Grant Line Road

Mr. Thompson stated that this is a request to relocate a pole and he attached a photo for the board to review.

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

3. Mickey Thompson for Miller Pipeline re: Encroachment permit request for 901 Park Place

Mr. Thompson stated that this is to install gas service in Industrial Park.

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

4. Mickey Thompson for EXP Realty re: Dumpster permit at 715 E. 11th St.

Mr. Thompson presented a request for a dumpster on East 11th Street. He stated that they wanted to place the dumpster for 2-3 days and they will be using Black Box Dumpster. He added that they would like to place it today if approved.

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

5. Larry Summers re: 2023 Paving Update

Mr. Summers reported that West 1st Street, Pearl Street and East 6th Street will be milled today with paving to follow tomorrow, concrete work is ongoing on south Audubon, and the subcontractor is moving forward with striping on all areas that have been paved. He stated that they are continuing concrete work on Greendale Drive, Lawn Court and Dale Court and hope to finish the concrete work at the end of this week with paving operations going in to next week.

6. Mickey Thompson re: Duke Outage on Monday, October 23rd from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Thompson explained that Duke is planning a scheduled power outage on Monday, October 23, 2023 from 5:00- 9:00pm in order to initiate the removal of a utility pole located on Main Street between New Albany City Hall and Coffee Crossing. He added that once they do the work, they will have to close Main Street long enough to drop the overhead lines in two locations. He stated that they sent out notices and went door-to-door and that is how they came up with the time as it was the most accommodating to those affected.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the temporary closure of Main Street during that time, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

7. Mickey Thompson re: Request to close Pearl Street at E. Main Street

Mr. Thompson presented a request for a closure to remove a steel pole that was left over from the old parking garage on the Pearl Street side. He added that they have to place a piece of equipment while the work is being done and that is why they need Pearl Street to be closed. He stated that they are requesting 4 hours but they don't anticipate needing that much time and they would like to do it on Monday, October 23 or October 30, depending on scheduling.

Mr. Brewer asked who the company is that is doing the work.

Mr. Thomspson replied MAC.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they know what time.

Mr. Thompson stated that he will tell them to wait until 9:00 a.m. to start the work

Mr. Summers explained that they will cut it down and refill with concrete to make a bollard out of it.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if it was going to be painted.

Mr. Summers replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve subject to MAC getting Mr. Thomspson the schedule, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

8. Mickey Thompson re: Harvest Homecoming

Mr. Thompson stated that he wanted to thank all departments for their hard work in getting everything ready and cleaning up after.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey thanked Mr. Thomspson for all of his hard work during the festival

Mr. Brewer thanked Police Chief Bailey and stated that he knows it is a lot of work.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Brewer moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

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

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk