

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 31, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Fire Chief Juliot, Brad Fair, Phil Aldridge, David Rake, Bryan Slade, David Hall, Sean Payne, Jessica Campbell, Larry Summers, Councilman Dickey 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. Taylor Sweeney re: Encroachment permit at 2022 Mary Lee Drive

Mr. Sweeney was not present.

2. Newton Excavation re: Encroachment permit at 1669 Garretson Lane

No one was present.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Adam Gillis, Slate Run Road, explained that he moved here about two years and he walks a lot on Slate Run Road where there are no sidewalks which is really dangerous because the cars do not follow the speed limit. He added that the section that he lives in does not have sidewalks but about a quarter mile in either direction there are. He stated that he met someone when he first moved here that told him that sidewalks were supposed to be installed and he spoke with Mrs. Campbell that said there is something in the works for it, but mentioned that there are buildings on one side that are hindering the idea. He stated that there isn't anything hindering sidewalks on his side of the street and suggested that the board look at this since there are a lot of people that use that road to walk on. He suggested that the city use speed limit trackers on Slate Run Road to show people how fast they are going because speed is an issue on that street.

Mr. Summers stated that it is currently under design as part of the project which will include a significant amount of right-of-way to complete. He added that if the city moved forward with just installing sidewalks outside of the project it isn't as simple as it sounds. He referenced Schell Lane and the cost of \$500,000.00+ associated with it. He stated that they are putting together a package for the plans for construction but it is still a couple of years out.

Mr. Gillis asked about the idea of doing it on one side of the road only.

Mr. Summers stated that is what he is talking about.

Mr. Gillis stated that if someone gets hit and killed that cost is going to seem like peanuts compared to what it would cost to get sued.

Mr. Summers stated that appreciates his concern and he is very familiar with Slate Run Road after completing phase 1 of the project. He added that he has talked to a lot of residents along the corridor and understands the need for the project, but at the same time they cannot simply just install a sidewalk without design, purchasing right-of-way, and moving utilities. He explained that purchasing of right-of-way usually takes about a year and moving utilities takes 6 months to a year so it is a lengthy process.

Mr. Gillis stated that he will be coming to every meeting that he can make to continue to bring this to their attention.

Police Chief Bailey asked if there is room around his residence where they could install one of their mobile speed signs.

Mr. Gillis stated that there is a little bit of space but they could even install it on his property.

Police Chief Bailey asked Mr. Gillis to wait for a few minutes after the meeting so that he could get some information from him.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATION - CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Larry Summers re: 2023 Paving Update

Mr. Summers reported that they are currently in the process of milling Brookridge Circle, Indiana Avenue (between Charlestown Road and Wood Avenue), and Meadow Lane. He stated that Old Ford Road base repairs have begun with a couple of steep slope repairs and a potential for milling beginning this week. He added that there are notification signs on location. He reported that the concrete subcontractor is still working on S. Audubon and AllTerrain will be back to do the pavement markings as the weather warms up. He stated that he was out on Greendale Drive yesterday and the curb and gutter work is complete with new pavement, and it looks really good.

2. Mickey Thompson for Duke Energy re: Encroachment permit at 2538 Charlestown Rd.

Mr. Thompson stated that they are working on the equipment attached to four poles on both sides of Charlestown Road. Photos are attached.

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

3. Mickey Thompson for Spectrum re: Encroachment permit at 3309 Grant Line Rd.

Mr. Thompson stated that they need to bore along the road to run service to the gas station. Photos are attached.

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

4. Mickey Thompson re: Encroachment permit for 218 Pearl Street

Mr. Thompson stated that gas company needed to retire a service at 218 Pearl Street in the alley and they asked them to hold off on the request while the Main Street Project was on-going. He added that they are ready to do the project now and will be resubmitting the permit but he doesn't have it yet.

Mr. Brewer asked if this will create any issues at the location now.

Mr. Thompson stated that both ends are open now so it will not.

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

5. Mickey Thompson re: Dumpster permit at 1312 E. Market Street

Mr. Thompson stated that this request is for one week and they will be using Demo Dumpsters. He added that it was an emergency repair for a drop ceiling that collapsed.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if it is already there and will be removed by Friday.

Mr. Thompson replied yes.

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

6. Mickey Thompson re: Dumpster permit at 2522 E. Elm Street (Black Box)

Mr. Thompson stated that this is a one-week request for this week and they will be using Black Box.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Brewer moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 24, 2023 with corrections, **Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk