

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, MARCH 17, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Fire Chief Baylor, Deputy Police Chief Fudge, Phil Aldridge, David Heeke, Brad Fair, Linda Moeller, Connor Slade, Chris Conrad, Brad Ramsey, Alicia Meredith, Wendy Byrn, Ryan Hensley, Krystina Jarboe, Jessica Campbell, Larry Summers 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. Todd Huffstutler, AllTerrain, explained that he has several projects to discussed that they were awarded throughout town. He stated that there is a sewer repair in the alleyway for 1902 Ekin Avenue and it will require a closure of a portion of the alley for this work. He added that the repair itself may only take 3-4 days but he has a week slotted for that project to include restoration, but they may be able to secure traffic flow in the evenings if that is needed/safe.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if he had a map for the board.

Mr. Huffstutler presented a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) map for the board to review. Said map is on file in the city clerk's office.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the homes on the map where he has the green marks have access to their garage or property off the alley.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that they won't have access while they are performing the work. He added that they spoke with sanitation to make sure they can access the cans/containers.

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

Mr. Huffstutler said he would like to start it on March 23. He added that locates have cleared and letters have been generated, which he was going to put on the whole block. He added that he has that he can email the letter for the board to review.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they will aid in the trash pickup for all residents or just in that closed section.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that it would be for everyone in the stretch. He added that they will work with sanitation to get them in the alley through the soft closure on the Jay Street end up to the work area.

Mr. Connor Slade confirmed that they will be able to get to it.

Mr. Thompson stated that the closure extends 3 properties past the 1902 and asked if that is to accommodate equipment.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that is where the actual tie-in and the sewer pipe is good again. He added that they will be repairing a section of pipe that has collapsed.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would prefer that those directly impacted be contacted in-person.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she would agree that not everyone should be getting the same notification letter because the houses in the green area will have special needs that aren't going to affect the rest of the block.

Mr. Thompson stated that he can send a notice to the rest of the block, but those in the green work area need to be contacted in-person.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what hours they would like to work.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that the earliest they would start would be 8:00 a.m. and they would work until 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked that any loud work not start until 9:00 a.m. and a 5:00 p.m. end time will be fine. She added that the board is okay with him leaving a business card at the homes directly affected but they want to make sure that if Mr. Huffstutler doesn't hear from them that he attempts contact again.

Mr.. Huffstutler asked if the board wanted him to delay the start time a week to make sure they make contact.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she believes the start time is fine but the board would like to see a copy of the letter. She asked that he send that to Mr. Summers for review. She asked if anyone would experience service interruption once they get in and start doing the work.

Mr. Huffstutler replied no.

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

Mr. Huffstutler stated that next two projects that he has are small storm drain extensions in the Mt. Tabor corridor where they will remove the head wall, extend the pipe and install a structure to shoulder the road more efficiently. He added that there are two locations and they think they can do it all with traffic signals to allow traffic to continue to pass through, but they will be given an option to detour around.

Mr. Summers stated that in advance of repaving Mt. Tabor, they wanted to do some storm drainage repairs. He explained that the original request was to completely close the road, which they weren't happy with, and they have put together this plan with the signals to maintain traffic while work on one lane at a time.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the traffic signal will be in place when work is not being performed.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that it will but it will be shut down and the arms come up and out of the line of traffic. He added that this is definitely a 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. job.

Mr. Thompson stated that the road will be open after hours.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that they wanted to start the first project on April 6 and it should take ~three days.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that the map shows an access driveway and asked what they do for them.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that they will be able to get in and out with flaggers.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked how the residents are going to be notified.

Mr. Summers stated that he would prefer a message board seven days in advance and a letter to anyone directly impacted. He asked Mr. Huffstutler to get him a copy for review.

Mr. Thompson asked about the second project.

Mr. Huffstutler passed out the MOT map for the project near Kahl's Body Shop which includes 410 linear feet of storm line reconstruction. He explained that this project will be more involved, taking a couple of weeks (weather permitting) to complete the work with restoration, and they will utilize traffic signals to minimize impact.

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

Mr. Huffstutler stated they wanted to start immediately following the other two, the week of April 13-27.

Mr. Summers stated with the message board being placed for the first project, he feels that they could use it as a continuation of the construction.

Mr. Huffstutler asked if he prefers the solid mount signs or the 6X8 message board.

Mr. Summers stated that in the past the board's preference has been the message board.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that they will pull the boards back to the shoulder line every day and plate the road.

Mr. Brewer asked if they are installing a curb and gutter there because he is not seeing it anywhere else on that road.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that it is a reinforced shoulder with a gutter that directs to the storm inlets.

Mr. Summers stated that there has been a plate on the road in that area for quite some because of an odd issue with storm drainage, and they are trying to take some of that collection to the side of the road.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked to clarify that on both Mt. Tabor Road projects that the road would be reopened after working hours to two-way traffic.

Mr. Huffstutler replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked about the plan to notify Kahl's.

Mr. Summers stated that he has talked with them personally so they know the work is coming, but they will get a notice to them for the dates as well.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that he can generate a notice for the whole stretch of this work if he needs to.

Mr. Summers stated that he thinks the best course of action will be to generate one letter detailing both projects.

Mr. Brewer asked what their plan is for bringing their trucks in and out.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that they will bring them into the closure and they will pull back out with the flow of traffic.

Mr. Brewer asked if there was going to be any trucks staged for these projects.

Mr. Huffstutler replied no.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the hours will be 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Mr. Huffstutler replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked about trash pickup for these residents.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that he hasn't had that conversation yet but he is sure they can make it work just like on the Ekin Avenue project.

Mr. Thompson asked if the temporary signals can be adjusted so traffic doesn't backup too much.

Mr. Huffstutler replied yes and added that the foreman will be monitoring it.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey added that this is work that has been in the plans and not something that has just recently come up and it has taken several months of planning.

Mr. Summers stated that they have wanted to pave this stretch of Mt. Tabor Road and this work allows them to pave it with the knowledge that the infrastructure under it is adequate to hold the roadway until they come through with the federal project in the future.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the MOT plans for the two projects on Mt. Tabor Road from April 6-27 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

Mr. Dennis Feiock, stated that he came to the meeting at the suggestion of his city councilman. He explained that Mt. Tabor Road is in a sorry state of repair as most of them know, and he would guess that the last time it was paved was 60 years ago or more. He explained that patchwork has followed with metal plates, potholes, and sewer caps that are 3-4 inches above the road, which affects traffic. He asked if it is possible to get the entire road resurfaced, and while he heard mention of the federal work, that was planned in 2010 and they have been waiting 16 years for it to happen. He stated that he approached the city last year and was told that they didn't have the money to do the work nor did they have any plans for the federal project because the grants weren't available. He added that he thinks everyone is tired of waiting to see something done other than more patchwork, and mentioned long areas of patchwork on Klenner Lane in areas that didn't need any work.

Mr. Summers explained that when the project was planned to move forward in 2025 with the federal funds, those funds were taken back by the state, and the large-scale project is now planned for the fiscal year of 2029. He stated that since this happened the new plan was to go through and resurface the street from Klenner Lane to Charlestown Road to ensure that the roadway would hold up until the 2029, but in planning for this they wanted to make sure that the drainage infrastructure that is under the roadway was in good enough shape to hold up. He added that this is what the gentleman preceding him was here to get approval to do the underground work in-advance of the paving work.

Mr. Feiock asked when the resurfacing will take place.

Mr. Summers stated that they open bids on April 7 and paving will take place once the storm water work is done, and while he doesn't have an exact date it is on the plan for this year.

Mr. Travis McAfee, Brian Stumler Excavating, stated that they have a water line project on Hausfeldt Lane that they would like to start on March 23 which will require a road closure. He passed out the MOT plan and stated that they expect the work to take ~4 days, but the first two days they will be able to keep the road open with one lane of traffic. He explained that once they make the tap and turn to go across the road they will have to shut the road completely down for the next two days, adding that it will be plated and open at night.

Mr. Brewer asked how emergency personnel would access those areas during the day.

Mr. Travis stated that they can come around the barricades if needed. He stated that he does have saw cutting planned for Friday (3/20) morning to get it out of the way and they will have traffic control in place while they do that work.

Mr. Brewer asked if they are tapping the watermain for the business.

Mr. Travis replied yes.

Mr. Thompson asked if they are going to do both domestic and fire service.

Mr. Travis replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they will provide a written notification to the residents affected.

Mr. Travis replied yes.

Mr. Brewer asked if this would affect water service at all.

Mr. Travis replied no.

Mr. Brewer asked what hours they are requesting work.

Mr. Travis stated that they typically work 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. but they can adjust accordingly.

Mr. Thompson asked if they can revisit the sewer restoration while they are doing this work because it is a little rough.

Mr. Travis replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the MOT starting March 23 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with the stipulation that they revisit the restoration work on the previous project, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Krystina Jarboe re: Special Event Permit

Friday, April 3 – Kentucky Derby Festival: FamFest

- Same permit requests as in the past
- Request to use YMCA parking lot (8:00am to 10:00pm)
- Event will be from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- Request to close State Street from Black Avenue to Jeanette Way (12:00pm to 9:00pm)
- Request to close Jeanette Way from W 1st Street to Pearl Street (12:00pm to 9:00pm)
- Will have music/DJ, inflatables
- No yard signs this year
- Security = D.R.H. Professional Services, LLC – Dennis Henry
- Porta Potties – Waste Now

- Drop = Friday, April 3 @ 10:00am
- Pick Up = Friday, April 3 @ 9:00pm
- Will have food vendors on site
- If inclement weather, event will be moved to inside YMCA

Ms. Jarboe stated that the only thing that is new is the YMCA parking lot times that have changed which will be April 2 at 10:00 p.m. to April 3 at 10:00 p.m.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that here only concern is people that would typically go to the YMCA early and be out before the closure. She asked if they know how many vehicles would be impacted.

Ms. Lauren Miller stated that they don't know how many vehicles would be impacted but they will work with the YMCA to share information with their guests about the closure. She added that they do have an early morning event and they will be opening the parking lot to those in attendance.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they know the number of vehicles they are having to deal with morning of.

Ms. Veronica Roessler stated that they don't know but she can get with Melissa Wilson to see what their morning classes look like.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if it is possible to coordinate with staff to have them remind anyone checking in that the lot is going to be closed. She added that she isn't sold on closing it the night before because of the inconvenience it could cause.

Mr. Thompson asked if they use the entire area for the event.

Ms. Miller replied yes. She added that they don't fully close Jeanette Way and there is accessible parking behind the YMCA.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she would prefer that they work with the staff to remind guests that they will need to be out of the lot by closing time on Friday morning, and if that doesn't work well this year, the board would be open to considering an overnight closure in the future. She added that she thinks it okay if they want to place some yard signs advertising for their event a few days before the event takes place, but only in the area of the parking lot.

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

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Vicki Glotzbach for Thomas & Jonie Teal re: Residential Parking at 216 W 8th Street

Mrs. Glotzbach presented a request from Thomas and Jonie Teal for a residential parking space. She explained that the street department did a site visit and recommends approval.

Mr. Thompson stated that he did visit the area and ServePro is parking their trucks on W. 8th Street. He explained that he spoke with management about the parking issue and they advise that it should improve with the completion of the building under construction on West 7th Street and they will notify all employees to limit parking on West 8th Street mid-block to Market St.

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

2. Mickey Thompson re: Dumpster permit request for 824 Jay Street

Mr. Thompson presented a request for Tony Nava for another two weeks. He added that he will be using the same company.

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

3. Mickey Thompson for Miller Pipeline re: Encroachment permit request for 1707 State Street

Mr. Thompson stated that this is to install a new gas service that will come in off of Albany Street and photos are attached for the board to review.

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

4. Larry Summers re: 2025 Paving Project Update

Mr. Summers reported that the only items left on the punch list are the railroad striping, the stop on Vance Avenue and the stop on Eagle Lane. He stated that they have the pre-bid meeting for the next group of paving on Tuesday, March 31 and that will be followed by the bid opening on April 7.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Brewer moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2026 with corrections, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk