

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 24, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Juliot, Deputy Police Chief Fudge, Phil Aldridge, David Heeke, Brad Fair, Linda Moeller, Conner Slade, Mike Wallace, Brad Ramsey, Sean Payne, Wendy Byrn, Ryan Hensley, 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. Kris Dickey with ACK Holdings re: Request to open cut McDonald Ln. to install sanitary sewer tap for new construction at 1735 McDonald Ln.**

Mr. Thompson stated that the permit is in the packet for review and he is using the same contractor with the same setup for 1749 McDonald Lane. He explained that Estes Excavating is going to be doing the work and they will have to open cut all the way across the road, but they will only work on one side at a time.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there were any issues with previous restoration.

Mr. Thompson stated that they did the restoration exactly as requested and in a timely manner.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked how long the work would take.

Ms. Crystal Dickey replied one day.

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

- 2. Pat Hauersperger with Dave O'Mara Contractor's re: Request to replace water valve near 524 E. 4th St., replace a water meter set foe 626 E. 9th St., retire water service for 1210 Ekin Ave. 627 East 4th Street for valve replacement, and replace a water meter set for 1218 Clark St.**

Mr. Hauersperger presented the above permit requests for the board to approve and review. He asked **Mr. Thompson** if he looked at 627 East 4th Street because it is not listed on the agenda.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is in the packet but he had the incorrect address on it when he sent the list to the clerk's office for the agenda.

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

- 3. CJ Ransom for DC Excavating re: Request for Approval of Phased Traffic Plan for Oak Street Road Project**

Mr. Thompson stated that these are the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plans for Oak Street.

Mr. Ransom explained that Phase 1 will start on Pearl Street from Culbertson Avenue to Oak Street and it the work will take ~45-60 days. He stated that they will stop at the Oak Street intersection to do as much restoration as possible, and then they will move to Culbertson Avenue while Duke is relocating power lines. He added that once Culbertson is complete (~30 days) they will move to Oak Street, which is estimated to take ~120 days to complete.

Mr. Thompson asked if these will be complete closures.

Mr. Ransom replied yes. He explained that they will post a two week notice for everyone affected and there will be advanced message boards. He added that they will allow access for any businesses that need it.

Mr. Thompson asked when they wanted to start.

Mr. Ransom stated that they want to finalize the plans by the end of the week and have people on the ground in the next 30 days (between April 15-30).

Mr. Thompson stated that they discussed potential conflicts with Harvest Homecoming.

Mr. Ransom asked for the dates of Harvest Homecoming.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that the parade is the first Saturday in October and the festival is the following week.

Mr. Ransom stated that by that time he would think that they would have all the pipe work completed but they can plan accordingly and have more conversations on what they would need to do to prepare.

Mr. Thompson stated that they would need them to be a place where they can shut down during that week.

Mr. Summers requested that when they do have the start time established that they let Mr. Thompson or the board know.

Mr. Ransom stated that once he gets the structures approved and knows the pipe schedule, he will revise the long-term schedule and get it to the board.

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

4. Josh Darby with Prime AE is requesting approval of a Maintenance of Traffic Plan for Broekers Lane

Mr. Tyler Lewandowski, Temple & Temple, requested approval of the MOT for Broekers Lane.

Mr. Thompson stated that there is a copy of the closure in the packets for review.

Mr. Lewandowski stated that they will be closing Broekers Lane all the way to Corydon Pike, to replace a box culvert and install a new guardrail. He added that they will have advanced signage in place and the work will take ~3-4 weeks.

Mr. Thompson stated that the closure is only going to be on either side of the culvert.

Mr. Lewandowski stated that residents can still get to their homes.

Mr. Summers stated that the location of the culvert is in the curve which isn't near any homes.

Mr. Thompson stated that anyone trying to get out onto Budd Road will have to turn around and go back to Corydon Pike and vice versa. He asked if it would be closed for the entire project.

Mr. Lewandowski replied yes.

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

Mr. Lewandowski replied the second week of April.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve contingent upon advanced signage and notification to residents, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Wayne Holt, Miller Pipeline for CenterPoint, requested approval for the MOT plan Spring Street and the rehabilitation project on 4th Street.

Mr. Thompson stated that this is for the gas company's relocation work that they have to do as part of the city's 4th Street Trail Project. He added that the water company and MAC have already been out there working and this is the gas company's part of it.

Mr. Summers stated that the board previously approve the MOT for the non-intersection components, so they asked the gas company to come up with an MOT for the intersections. He added that both himself and Mr. Thompson have reviewed this and the one he was most concerned with is Spring & 4th streets, and given the complexity at this intersection they gave them a list of comments.

Mr. Thompson stated that he spoke with Mr. Holt before the meeting and the gas company's plan is to try to bore anything that they can to be less disruptive, but it will depend on utilities. He added that the MOT allows for open cuts if it is necessary and they would flag traffic around. He explained that the plan will also include the automatic traffic signals that will be on the side streets to handle traffic as they are going across the intersections at Culberson Avenue, Oak Street, Elm Street, Spring Street and Market Street.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they do have to open cut would it be plated at night and reopened.

Mr. Thompson replied yes. He stated that Mr. Summers discussed peak traffic time with them as well.

Mr. Summer stated that he indicated to them that 7:00-9:00 a.m. is peak time on Spring Street and they wouldn't want any work going on.

Mr. Holt stated that they planned to work at 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. He added that they will contact the fire department and other business in-advance.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that notification to those impacted is the most important component.

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

Mr. Todd Huffstutler, AllTerrain, explained that they had an opportunity to step up scheduling for the Mt. Tabor Storm Drainage Project that was scheduled to start on April 6. He stated that he has a crew available and they can now start as soon as March 30 and end on April 17.

Mr. Thompson asked if they would adjust the notifications.

Mr. Huffstutler stated that he has already made those adjustments and plans to hand them out after the meeting.

Mr. Summers stated that the communications team is working on the adjustment and should have it soon.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Larry Summers re: 2025 Paving Project Update

Mr. Summers reported that there are a couple of paving activities remaining from last year that Libs will be working on that includes a small amount of alley work off of East Market Street and a portion of alley by Bicknell Park.

Mr. Thompson reported that it looks like they have been working on striping as well.

2. Mickey Thompson for Allen Moeller re: Requesting curb cut permit to extend current driveway at 18 Robin Rd.

Mr. Thompson stated that the resident has an issue with his driveway that he needs to fix and is requesting to extend the cut as well so that they can park on both sides of the driveway. He added that there is no impact to on-street parking.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked when he would like start.

Mr. Thompson stated as soon as possible.

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

3. Mickey Thompson re: No parking signs for tree trimming on East Market Street

Mr. Thompson reported that he is presenting this for the city's arborist. He explained at the last tree board meeting, they approved the trimming of trees on East Market Street between Pearl and Bank streets. He stated that they will be trimming them away from the building fronts and in order to do the work they are requesting "no parking" posted on one side of the street from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and the opposite side from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. He added that they agreed to do the work on Monday, April 13, as many of the businesses are closed that day. He stated that this will also include the work on the tree roots that have heaved up the pavers and fix the trip hazard.

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

4. Mickey Thompson re: Dumpster permit request at 1135 Chartres Street for Michael DeSilva

Mr. Thompson stated that there is a photo in the packet or the board to review and explained that they only need the dumpster for two days and they are using CCE. He stated that this request is for Michael DeSilva. He added that there is no room on the property.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the BOW Claims Docket for 03/10/26 to 03/23/26 in the amount of \$1,884,344.94:

General Claims (Bank 1):	\$164,320.91
Fire Department:	\$27,306.64
Police Department:	\$12,285.17
Street Department:	\$6,627.68
Parks Department:	\$8,726.11
Medical/Drug Fund (Bank L):	\$ -
Payroll Claims (Bank 2):	\$1,169,687.24
Sanitation Fund:	\$ -
Thursday Utility Claims:	\$495,391.19
Bank Service Fee:	\$ -
Total:	\$1,884,344.94

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

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the above claims, **Mr. Thompson** second, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2026, **Mr. Thompson** second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk