

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, APRIL 28, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Juliot, Deputy Police Chief Fudge, Phil Aldridge, David Heeke, Linda Moeller, Mike Wallace, Alicia Meredith, Ryan Hensley, Jessica Campbell, Wendy Byrn, 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:

1. Dustin Mason re: Request to place new facing over 8th St. Pizza sign

Mr. Mason explained that they are opening up a Dough Boy Pizza at the Breakwater to replace 8th Street Pizza and they have two signs made that are essentially going to be fixed to the original sign that is currently at the location.

Mr. Thompson asked if they are changing the mounting.

Mr. Mason stated that they will be installed to the existing sign with silk patterned screws on each side and Fast Signs will be doing the install.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they would be using a lift to do the work.

Mr. Mason stated that they would be using a bucket truck and the work should take ~1-2 hours.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that the sidewalk is wide enough to allow for that without a closure.

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

2. Wayne Holt with Miller Pipeline for CenterPoint Energy re: Request to install new gas service to 617 Mt. Tabor Rd.

Mr. Thompson presented for Mr. Holt and explained that this is for a new construction by the tracks and photos are attached for the board to review. He added that they will handle traffic with flaggers.

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

3. Todd Donahue with Duke Energy re: Request to replace three poles and bore a new service to 1302 E. Main St., poles and bore are on the 13th St. side of Main St.

Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Donahue called him and because of the storm last night he was called away to Corydon to assess storm damage. He explained that photos are attached of the three poles for the board to review and added that they are all from the 13th Street side.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Jacob Bir, Hugh E. Bir's, stated that he wanted to follow up about the June 7 Road closure request for their annual block party.

Mr. Thompson stated that they reached out to the contractor that is working on the Monon South Trail and they indicated that they would not be finished in time for their event, but he felt like they could make it safe. He explained that given the work they are doing, in order to make it safe, the city was concerned that there wouldn't be much room left for them to have their event. He stated that it was suggested by the city engineer to allow for this year only to close Market Street between 4th Street and the alley with a soft closure at 3rd Street.

Mr. Bir stated that would be a great compromise.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that typically this board wouldn't approve a closure on Market Street but because of the construction as well as the city's support for their event, they felt like this was the best and safest option in order for them to have it on the requested date. She asked for a reminder of the closure and event times.

Mr. Bir stated that they would close it from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and the event would be from noon-9:00 p.m.

Mr. Brewer suggested having vehicles parked at the road closures as an extra safety barrier.

Mr. Bir stated that he could have vehicles parked at the 4th Street barricades and the alley side.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the closure of Market Street from 4th Street to 3rd Street on June 7 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. with the stipulation that there are vehicles parked inside the barricades at 4th Street and at the alley as well as confirming with the two businesses in the location that they are close with no impact, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

Mr. Bir stated that he wasn't made aware of the project blueprints until after he came to the last meeting and went to meet with MAC for an update, only to discover they are losing their 4th Street parking and their loading zone. He added that this affects all of the businesses in the area who weren't made aware of it and it was disheartening to learn about it that way. He stated that he has concerns about their deliveries, hosting during the festival, dumpster placement, and parking in general.

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Summers if he would be able to set up a meeting with Mr. Bir to discuss his concerns and what the city can do to possibly mitigate them.

Mr. Summers stated he can set up a meeting between the design team and Mr. Bir that he will attend as well. He explained that there are some sensitive spots along the corridor that have been worked out along the way and they can continue to do so.

Mr. Bir thanked him for that. He mentioned that today they are working on the sidewalk directly in front of their business and he doesn't even know how he can open, so while he would love to see the project completed he does have a lot of concerns about how it is affecting the surrounding businesses.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there are any other areas in the project where changes are being made to the existing setup where businesses are located.

Mr. Summers stated that Sweet Stuff was directly impacted.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that question is has there been communication with these businesses and if not why.

Mr. Summers stated that notices were sent out about the construction but as far as the exact design details, he'd have to check on that and get back with them.

Mr. Bir stated that he noticed that the lane is going to be so narrow that if the fire department were to pull out on to Market Street and needed to turn on 4th Street, he doesn't think they would be able to make it.

Mr. Summers stated that will take a look at that. He added that the parking situation is not likely to change but they can make accommodations for the dumpster and entrances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Mickey Thompson re: AT&T Doorhangers

Ms. Kim Barks passed out copies of the doorhangers for the board to review.

Mr. Nicholas Redenbarger explained that the doorhangers will be issues three weeks prior to the start date.

Mr. Brewer asked where the new cable is going

Mr. Thompson stated that they have a permit for Main/Main streets that the board hasn't reviewed yet. He explained that the city engineer was out on Main Street yesterday and noticed that there was a crew working and when he went to check it out it turned out to be BOI who had started work on the permit that wasn't approved yet. He added that he assumes that someone indicated to BOI that the permit was approved, but AT&T need to make it clear to BOI that they have to have a signed permit from the city before they can start work.

Mr. Redenbarger stated that he was not made aware of this issue because he doesn't issue the permits until they are paid for.

Mr. Thompson stated that they pulled their equipment immediately once they were made aware and made the site safe, he just wanted to make them aware of the incident and street the process for these right-of-way permits.

Mr. Nicholas Redenbarger presented a drawing for another project for the board to review.

Ms. Barks stated that she will talk to the construction manager to make them aware.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she thinks residents will have the same question of "Who is MOI?" but as long as he answers his calls and his mailbox isn't full, she is okay with it.

Ms. Barks stated that the 877 number is AT&T so they can leave a message with them if they need to for any reason.

Mr. Thompson asked if the QR code is for AT&T or specific for the work.

Ms. Barkes stated that it is for AT&T and allowing the customers to know if they are in the service area.

Mr. Thompson stated that the board already took action on Garretson and now that they have a copy of the door hanger they will get them a signed copy of the permit so they can get their crews out.

Mr. Redenbarger stated that they did have one other project that he brought copies for and asked if that is something he could present today.

Mr. Thompson stated that he can present the information to them but if it needs a site review this board will not be able to act on it until that happens.

Mr. Redenbarger passed out copies of the permit application.

Mr. Thompson stated that this is the section they were working on yesterday that they have to ask them to stop work.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that just so there is no misunderstanding the board has not approve any work to be done at this location.

Mr. Thompson stated that he does have this permit but his review hasn't been completed, and one of the reasons was is because he had some concerns that needed to be addressed regarding another project on 5th Street and the boring work that was done.

Mr. Redenbarger stated that they will be in contact with upper management to address those concerns with the contractor.

Mr. Brewer asked if they have plans to extend towards Vincennes from Main Street.

Ms. Redenbarger stated that it stops at 5th and Market but they do have plans to move east of from 5th Street towards Vincennes.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Larry Summers re: 2025 Paving Project Update

Mr. Summers reported that the work on Mt. Tabor Road appears to have been completed but he does need to do a final walkthrough. He stated that based on the engineering and legal review they have authorized the low bid from MAC Construction to begin putting together the contract documents for the 2026 Paving Project. He explained that as part of this they are scheduling some paving activity on the flood control facility that was recently purchased.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked about the photo on the second page of the update that shows a sump pump pipe and if it is open on the bottom.

Mr. Nick Pierce, Clark Dietz, stated that that they installed it towards the riprap so that it wasn't shooting out into the roadway

Mr. Brewer asked why they make it flush with the riprap because as it could be a safety hazard.

Mr. Summers stated that they will take a look at the location to see what they can do.

2. Larry Summers re: LPA Consulting Contract for Prime AE Group

Mr. Summers stated that this is for Slate Run Road, Phase II. He explained that they had the opportunity to transition this phase to a federally funded project and the result of that negotiation is the contract before them, which is not to exceed \$744,000.00 (80/20 split) as long as there are enough federal funds to cover the project. He added that this project goes from Slate Run where phase 1 ended just past the elementary school to Beharrell and a little beyond to tie the sidewalks into Ekin Avenue.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve subject to final legal review, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries

3. Mickey Thompson for CenterPoint Energy re: Approval of an emergency repair to a gas main on Grant Line Rd.

Mr. Thompson stated there was an emergency repair after an accident resulted in the pole being knocked over and damage to the gas main.

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

4. Mickey Thompson for William Stepp re: Two PODS in front of 1217 E. Main St.

Mr. Thompson explained that the board recently approved dumpsters at this property for a cleanout and they are asking to place two PODS in front of the home for two weeks to allow for the moveout.

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

5. David Heeke re: Ossuarium Update – Fairview Cemetery

Mr. Heeke stated that he received confirmation that they will receive the ossuarium on May 5 at 10:00 a.m. and he has scheduled a crane for the work which will all be inside the cemetery, with no disruption to traffic.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2026

Mrs. Glotzbach explained that there was a technical problem with converting the minutes this week and requested that the regular minutes for April 21, 2026 be approved at next week's meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk