

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA,**

June 6, 2023

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:00 June 6, 2023, with the following members present: Mayor Miles Hewitt and Board members Matthew Jelenek and Ron Dausch, Clerk-Treasurer Kurt Krauskopf, City Attorney Dustin Kern. Also in attendance were department heads and other interested parties.

A motion was made by Board Member Jelenek, seconded by Board Member Dausch to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made to amend the agenda by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to correct the amount of claims presented to the Board of Works from \$446,335.77 to \$488,000.77. Motion Carried.

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| Payment of Claims: | \$ 488,335.77 | Motion-Jelenek | Second-Dausch | |
| Regular Payroll | \$ 200,768.28 | Motion-Dausch | Second-Jelenek | |
| Pension Payroll | \$ 88,751.56 | Motion-Jelenek | Second- Dausch | - |
| Crossing Guard Payroll | \$ 5,990.77 | Motion-Dausch | Second-Jelenek | |

MOTIONS CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

Request from Nancy Eisbrenner- Nobody was present to address the request for a Stop sign at the corner of West Canal and Walnut streets. The mayor reported that he feels a Stop sign located one block farther east at Brownell would be more beneficial. It is located where traffic will be exiting from the new housing area. That is the solution he proposed to the Traffic Department, and that is what they will proceed with. It should be installed within the month.

MOTION CARRIED

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NEW BUSINESS:

A request was presented by the First Christian Church to have a temporary closure on Miami Street between West Main and West Fifth streets between the hours of 7am to 5pm for their Revving for Recovery Festival on September 16, 2023. There were no problems foreseen by any of the department heads. Motion made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED

A request was presented by the First Baptist Church First Christian Church to have a temporary closure of the East-West alley directly south of the church building from Wabash Street from 6pm to 8pm during the week of June 19th for Vacation Bible School. There were no problems foreseen by any of the department heads. Motion made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED

A request was presented by the Peru Glass and Screen for a temporary street closure on West Canal Street from Cass Street to Hood Street on Saturday, July 29th from 7am to 3pm for their Customer Appreciation Day and Cruise-IN. There were no problems foreseen by any of the department heads. Motion made by Board Member Jelenek, seconded by Board Member Dausch to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED

A request was presented by John and Julie Schwartz for a temporary closure in the 500 block of West Fifth Street between the hours of 11am to 3pm for a block party on Sunday, June 25th for their 35th annual block party. There were no issues foreseen by any of the department heads. Motion made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED

Request by the Peru Police Department- Peru Police Chief Dan Sofianos presented a request to promote Zach Adkins to the rank of Lieutenant. Motion was made by Board Member Jelenek, seconded by Board Member Dausch, to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED

Request by Peru Police Department – Peru Police Chief Dan Sofianos presented a request to promote Jeremy Brindle to the rank of Sergeant. Motion was made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED

Request by Peru Police Department – Peru Police Chief Dan Sofianos presented a request to promote Tyler Hagan to the rank of Sergeant. Motion was made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED

Opening of Bids for Vacant Lots Having Been Advertised by the Peru Building Department.

Bids were opened by Clerk Treasurer Krauskopf for the following properties:

- 504 Oak Street by Zach Black and Matt Chilcutt \$ 3435.00
- 388 East Second Street by Abundant Life Church \$ 5000.00
- 15 Bobtail by Rita Conley \$14,000.00

Motion was made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve the bids.

MOTION CARRIED

The Peru Building Department requested that the Board of Works approve Ragan Electric as an approved electrical contractor. Mr. Ragan passed the test on May 16, 2023. Motion was made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilperson Peter Sahaidachny spoke to the Board asking for clarification about legal fire pits within the city of Peru. Chief Hawk explained the rules. Mayor Hewitt expanded the explanation stating that no building material could be used in the pits.

With nothing further to come before this board, Motion was made by Board Member Jelenek, seconded by Board Member Dausch, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED



Miles Hewitt, Mayor

City of Peru, Indiana

Attest:



Kurt Krauskopf Clerk-Treasurer City of Peru Indiana