

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

**September 5, 2023**

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The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:00 September 5, 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.

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A motion was made by Board Member Jelenek, seconded by Board Member Dausch to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2023, meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Payment of Claims:	\$ 796,609.51	Motion-Dausch	Second-Jelenek
Regular Payroll	\$ 204,622.06	Motion-Jelenek	Second-Dausch
Pension Payroll	\$ 88,667.30	Motion-Dausch	Second-Jelenek
City Council	\$ 5,99.77	Motion-Jelenek	Second-Dausch

**MOTIONS CARRIED**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Board Member Dausch moved, seconded by Councilperson Jelenek, to remove a request from Anita's Boutique from the table. Motion carried.

A request from Anita's Boutique was presented to closed off the first ½ block of West Sixth Street on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings to conduct an outdoor flea market. After some discussion between the Board of Works and Anita Day, it was decided to approve the request on a temporary basis until the end of September. Agreed upon days would be Saturday and Sunday, and approved times would be from 8am until 2pm Board Member Dausch moved, seconded by Board Member Jelenek to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

A request was presented by Miami County SAPC for traffic control on September 16 to allow a Recovery Walk event. They need police to provide traffic control while crossing Broadway at Main Street and Fifth Streets between 10:15 and 10:30. Board member Jelenek moved, seconded by Board Member Dausch, to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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A request from St John's Lutheran Church to close Fremont Street from West Main Street to West Third Street from 4pm until 7pm on Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>. This will allow a drive-thru option for people for their annual Sauerkraut Supper. Glenda Gierke spoke to the board about the annual event. Board Member Dausch moved, seconded by Board Member Jalenek, to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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A request from Lucas Slagel to hold a car show on Sept 30 from 3pm until 6pm in the parking lot next to the amphitheater in Maconaquah Park. The proceeds will benefit the Brewer family who recently had a child born with birth issues. Mr. Slagel appeared and assured the board that he has organized a number of these and they have all been successful.

Board member Dausch moved, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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A request from Clayton Thomas to have a police escort for a benefit ride for the Brewer family on September 30 at 11:30 am. They would like an escort through town, beginning on West Logansport Road, heading East to Broadway, turning South on Broadway, and ending the escort at the south Dollar General. Board member Dausch moved, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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A request from the Korner Lounge to block off the 1<sup>st</sup> block of East Sixth Street for a ride ending location benefiting the Barrett Brewer family on September 30<sup>th</sup> between 4pm and midnight.

Board Member Jelenek moved, seconded by Board Member Dausch to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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A request was heard from Brenda Linkenhoker to have a Safe Haven Baby Box installed at the West Canal Street Fire Department. Other communities surrounding Peru have already installed these boxes and have reported good success and no issues. Peru Fire Chief Hawk also spoke and expressed no concerns about having this installed. Total cost would be between \$11,000 and \$16,000, with state grants available for \$10,000 of this amount. The balance would be accumulated through fund raising. Board Member Dausch moved, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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A request from the Peru Fire Department to accept the resignation of Stacey Westfall from the Peru Fire Department.

Board Member Jelenek moved, seconded by Board Member Dausch to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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A request was presented by the Peru Fire Department to approve the hiring of Tyler Archuleta to the Peru Fire Department. Board Member Dausch moved, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve the hire.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Greg Douglass, Animal Control Officer, presented a case to have a dog be declared vicious. The dog had bitten numerous people and the last one resulted in a large number of stitches. In the interim, the dog has been relocated to Ohio. It was moved by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve his request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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A motion was made to amend the agenda to allow for a change of the observed Veterans' Day holiday by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek to add this item to the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Hewitt explained that most of the banks and government offices are going to observe the holiday on Friday, November 10 rather than on Monday, November 13. Board Member Jelenek moved, seconded by Board Member Dausch, to change the holiday observation date to November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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A Motion was made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to amend the agenda to consider a request by the Peru Miami County Chamber of Commerce to conduct Oktoberfest on October 7, 2022.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Oktoberfest activities would require the first block of East Fifth Street to be closed. They will be having a beer garden and a tent for brats and hot dogs. A Farmer's Market will take place from 10 am until 1pm. Other activities are also planned. Board Member Dausch moved, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

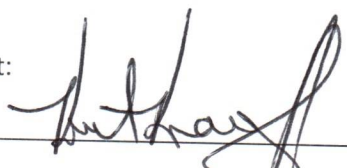
**COMMUNICATIONS:**

With nothing further to come before this board, Board Member Jelenek moved, 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