

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

**March 19, 2024**

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The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana, met in regular session at 3:00 March 19, 2024, with the following members present: Mayor Don Sturch, Board member Jim Walker, Deputy Clerk-Shalayna Correll, 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 Butts, seconded by Board Member Walker to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2024, meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Payment of Claims Corrected	\$ 406,388.24	Motion-Walker Second Butts
Regular Payroll:	\$ 140,674.34	Motion- Walker Second Butts 3/8/24
HSA payment	\$ 346.99	Motion- Walker Second Butts 3/8/24

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A request was heard from Marlene Michelson representing Miami County Artisan Gallery to block off area in front of the courthouse for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Peru Visual Arts Festival on May 11th from 10am until midnight. This would include Broadway from Main to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Discussion was made regarding security of event tents whether they would be staked or weighted. Motion was made by Board Member Butts contingent on no stakes being used, seconded by Board Member Walker. Motion carried.
- Material Bids were received from Gaunt and Son and E&B paving for paving materials. Bids were reviewed. Motion was made to award bid to Gaunt & Sons by Board Member Butts, seconded by Board Member Walker. Motion carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A request was heard from Chris Badami and Kati Roberts representing Cole Porter Festival to block the area of North Broadway from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> on June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup> for their 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Event. Discussion was held. Board Member Walker moved, seconded by Board Member Butts to approve the request. Motion Carried.

- A request was heard from George Morris requesting to block off the first block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street East of Benton Street on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm until 11:30 pm for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 5<sup>th</sup> Street Block Party. Discussion was had regarding fire access, Chief Dane requested that the event activities all be placed on one side of the road leaving the center and one side accessible to emergency crews if needed. Board Member Butts moved, seconded by Board Member Walker to approve the request. Motion carried.
- A request was made by Chief Dane to promote Cameron Mygrant from probationary firefighter to permanent status. Board Member Butts moved, seconded by Board Member Walker, to approve the request. Motion carried.
- Request from Chief Feller to accept the retirement of Lieutenant Dan Sofianos effective March 30, 2024. The motion was made to consider by Board Member Butts, seconded by Board Member Walker. Board Member Butts moved, seconded by Board Member Walker to approve the request. Motion carried.
- Recommendation to appoint Jim Baker as the Board of Works appointee to the Plan Commission. Board Member Butts moved, seconded by Board Member Walker to approve. Motion carried.

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**Public Comments:**

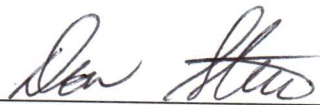
Pete Sahaidachny, speaking to several residents on 8<sup>th</sup> Street requests that a speed limit sign be placed on 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Broadway east to Tippecanoe. Discussion was held.

Pete Sahaidachny questioned if East Paw Paw Pike was included in Peru City limits, as there is also an issue with cars speeding up and down that road as well. It was stated that it was County property.

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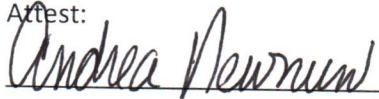
With nothing further, Board Member Walker moved, seconded by Board Member Butts to adjourn.

**MOTION CARRIED**



Don Sturch, Mayor  
City of Peru, Indiana

Attest:



Andrea Newnum Clerk Treasurer  
City of Peru