

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

March 4, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana, met in regular session at 3:00 pm March 4, 2025, with the following members present: Mayor Don Sturch, Bruce Carson, Erick McCoy, Attorney Dustin Kern, Clerk Treasurer Andrea Newnum (absent) Deputy Clerk Kelly Stillings. Also in attendance were department heads and other interested parties.

A motion was made by Board Member Carson, seconded by Board Member McCoy, to suspend the reading and approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025, meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Payment of Claims 3/3/25	\$279,003.15	Motion-Sturch Second McCoy
Regular & Monthly Payroll 2/7/25	\$239,705.06	Motion-Carson Second McCoy
Pension Payroll	\$90,740.17	Motion-Carson Second McCoy

MOTIONS CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

Request by Brenda for the Building Department to accept sealed bids for properties that were previously offered to adjacent property owners:

15 N Grant	Vega's Venture Management LLC	\$4,002.00
15 Bobtail	Alex Bishop	\$7,825.00 canceled by purchase
304 E 2 nd	Alex Bishop	\$5,001.00

A motion was made by Board Member Carson and seconded by Board Member McCoy to award the property bids to the above listed bidders.

MOTION CARRIED

Request by Chief Feller to approve the following Peru Police Department Policies:

- Policy 320: Bias Crimes
- Policy 322: Information Technology Use
- Policy 323: Department Use of Social Media
- Policy 324: Report Preparation
- Policy 325: Media Relations
- Policy 327: Outside Agency Assistance
- Policy 328: Major Incident Notification

A motion was made by Board Member Carson and seconded by Board Member McCoy to approve the 7 policies presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Request by Sandy Chittum on May 17th from 4pm to 11pm for the Taste of Miami County to close from after Farmers Market to 11 pm, street closure at Main and Court, North Broadway and East 5th and Court Street and East 5th. The stage will be taken down on May 18th by 3pm. Todd from Traffic stated the reason for the stage to

be situated on 5th Street is due to the sale of alcohol and the County not wanting alcohol being sold on their property. Food vendors will be mostly on Court Street. Chief Daine and Chief Feller stated if the stage is placed allowing if needed access to public safety equipment to get down 5th if needed. Motion made by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson to table this request till the next meeting to have their questions answered.

MOTION TABLED

NEW BUSINESS:

Request by Jodie Hutchins, Deputy EMA Director, to approve the updated Siren Policy and to approve the updated Interlocal Agreement. The Siren Policy has not been updated since 2009. The only amendment to the policy is the firing cancelation and activation this is to make sure the sirens go off. County Commissioners have already signed this agreement. Mayor Sturch questioned that it states there are 13 outdoor sirens but on a separate page it states 6, 3 in the city and 3 in the county. Jodie stated that the city maintains 3 in the city limits and 3 in the outlying area just outside the city. There is an additional siren at the County Courthouse that is maintained by the county. The remaining are in the surrounding towns in the county. Jodie stated that there is also Interlocal Agreement is to amend the duties being a signer. The signers are County Commissioners, City Council and County Auditor. Mayor Sturch questioned if there are people at each siren to verify that the siren does go off. Herb stated that currently no that if there are people out and about, they will verify however there will be people assigned from now on. Mayor Sturch also questioned that the agreement states the terms begin May of 2025 and shall end May of 2025. Jodie stated that she was allowing herself time to get all signatures acquired, the end date is if the agreement is not signed, or the notice of cancellation is received. Jodie stated that the sirens in the city will need updated, that generally they last between 20-25 years and sirens were placed in the city around 2006. Herb stated that quotes for updating were requested last year, however nothing was done. Herb stated that they are currently in the process of getting updated quotes and will present that information once it is received. Motion was made by Board Member Carson to approve the signing of the Siren policy and the Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Board Member McCoy

MOTION CARRIED

Request by Brooke Robertson is requesting the Alley between 12 N and 16 N Broadway to be pedestrian only. The second activation alley from the east corner of the building to the speed bump at the west corner of 16 N Broadway, allowing the bank to still have access to the back door and the street department access to the trash. Brooke has had both building owners' approval. The alley would have decorative bollards with a circus theme with animals for the children and seating. She presented a resolution, Mayor Sturch questioned the resolution not stating how much of the alley is being closed. Dustin stated that it could be voted on with the amendment of the closure portion of the alley. Mayor Sturch made a motion to approve the resolution with amendments, Board Member Carson seconded.

MOTION CARRIED

Request by Brenda from Building Department to open sealed bid for demolition of 253 Chili, was issued by the Board of Building Appeals on 12/19/23.

Black Lawncare & Construction \$12,400, Ames \$13,800, Caudill Services \$14,070, Chad Merritt \$15,300. Mayor Sturch made a motion to accept the bids as presented and award at a later date, Board Member Carson seconded.

MOTION CARRIED

Request from the YMCA to hold its 21st Annual Firecracker 5k on Friday July 4th. Requesting road closures of the same roads as previous years, one lane of Broadway from Canal Street to Mac Park and post a police officer at each road intersection beginning with Canal and Broadway and ending with Mac Park and Broadway from 7:45am to 9:30am. They will also need both lanes of Canal from Broadway to Cass Street from 7:30am to 9:30am. Also requesting to use the city cones and have the Riverwalk Restrooms open by 6:30am. Mayor Sturch made a motion to approve the closure for the Firecracker 5k, seconded by Board Member McCoy.

MOTION CARRIED

Anthony Hamm of Abate of Indiana Region 3 is requesting south bound on Wayne Street to turn left or right you cannot see due to a tree and cars being parked in the driveway. He is requesting a 4-way stop be placed there. With no representative for this request Mayor Sturch made a motion to table request, Seconded by Board Member Carson

MOTION TABLED

Open bids for Street, Road & Alley Material along with Deisel, Gas and Oil.

Gaunt & Sons

20,000 gallons of Tack Coat \$4.25/gallon

Hot Mix Base Type B \$87.75/ ton

Hot Mix Intermediate Type B \$87.75/ton

Hot Mix Surface \$91.30/ ton

Keystone Cooperative

Contract Price

25,000 gallons on road premium diesel \$2.435/gallon

6,000 gallons on road premium diesel \$2.488/gallon

8,000 gallons 87 octane gasoline \$2.319/gallon

2,500 gallons 87 octane gasoline \$2.369/gallon

Cash Price

25,000 gallons on road premium diesel \$2.3859/gallon

6,000 gallons on road premium diesel \$2.4389/gallon

8,000 gallons 87 octane gasoline \$1.9399/gallon

2,500 gallons 87 octane gasoline \$1.9899/gallon

3,000 gallons heavy duty 15w40 oil \$17.78/gallon

3,000 gallons standard transmission fluid \$15.42/gallon

3,000 gallons premium tractor hydraulic fluid \$15.32/gallon

120 lb keg High Temperature Grease \$7.90/pound

120lb keg 80w90 gear oil \$3.06/pound

275 gallons diesel exhaust fluid \$1.99/gallon

JM Reynolds


25,000 gallons on road premium diesel \$2.87/gallon

6,000 gallons on road premium diesel \$2.87/gallon
8,000 gallons 87 octane gasoline
2,500 gallons 87 octane gasoline \$2.646/gallon

3,000 gallons heavy duty 15w40 oil \$12.91/gallon
3,000 gallons standard transmission fluid \$16.43/gallon
3,000 gallons premium tractor hydraulic fluid \$11.00/gallon
120 lb keg High Temperature Grease 10,000 lbs. \$5.41/pound
120lb keg 80w90 gear oil \$4.30/pound
275 gallons diesel exhaust fluid \$5.00/gallon

Communications:

With nothing further, Board Member Carson moved, seconded by Board Member McCoy to adjourn.



Don Sturch, Mayor
City of Peru, Indiana

Attest:



Andrea Newnum Clerk Treasurer
City of Peru Indiana

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