

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

February 21, 2023

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:00 pm on January 17, 2023, with the following members present: Mayor Miles Hewitt, Board members Matthew Jelenek and Ron Dausch, City Clerk/Treasurer Kurt Krauskopf, and City Attorney Dustin Kern. Also in attendance were department heads and other interested parties.

A motion was made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to suspend the rules and dispense with the reading and correcting of the Journal of Minutes for the regular meeting on February 7, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

***** Motion was made to accept the payment of claims submitted on February 21, 2023

Payment of Claims:	\$ 118,827.68	Motion-Jelenek Second-Dausch
Regular Payroll	\$ 193,517.38	Motion-Dausch Second-Jelenek

MOTIONS CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Request from Circus City Festival to hold the annual Circus Parade on July 22, 2023 on the traditional route and to utilize a staging area on Wayne and Canal Streets and locate bleachers on the corner of Main and Broadway. Motion made by Board Member Dausch, Seconded by Board Member Jelenek to approve. Motion carried.

Request from Circus City Festival to hold the annual downtown festival and block off sections of Broadway, Fifth, Sixth and Court Streets with carnival rides and food booths. Motion made by Board Member Dausch, Seconded by Board Member Jelenek to approve. Motion carried.

Request from Helping Hands to use the Riverwalk for their annual Walk for Hunger on April 15, 2023, from 8:00 am thru 1:00 pm. A motion was made by Board Member Jelenek, seconded by Board Member Dausch to amend the date for the walk to April 22, 2023. Motion carried. Motion was made by Board Member Jelenek, seconded by Board Member Dausch, to approve the amended request. Motion carried.

Request from Cole Porter Festival for street closure, no parking spaces, and sandbags for Cole Porter Festival scheduled for June 8 thru June 11, 2023. Motion made by Board Member Dausch, Seconded by Board Member Jelenek to approve. Motion carried.

Interlocal agreement between the City of Peru Fire Department and Jefferson Township to provide fire coverage. Chief Hawk presented a proposal to provide fire coverage to Jefferson Township after having withdrawn it at the previous meeting. Motion made by Board Member Dausch, Seconded by Board Member Jelenek to approve. Motion carried.

Request from citizen thru Animal Control department to address disposition of dog after dog bite.

Resident Mark White presented his case to keep his dog from being put down. The dog had bit a young adult woman, requiring over 10 stitches. The board heard his argument, and testimony from the homeowner where the bite occurred. Greg Douglass, Animal Control Officer, presented his opinion and pictures of the wounds. After some discussion and questions from the board, a motion made by Board Member Dausch, Seconded by Board Member Jelenek to follow the recommendation of the Animal Control Officer. Motion carried.

Barbara Hunt requesting a portion of East 8th street be made "one way" between Water and Tippecanoe streets. The board asked some questions. After some discussion, a motion made by Board Member Dausch, Seconded by Board Member Jelenek to table the request until March 21st to allow time to survey the street and traffic patterns. Motion carried.

The Peru Police Department presented a request to hire Mallory Grizzle as a probationary officer effective March 6, 2023 based upon the Peru Police Department Pension Board recommendation. She has successfully completed the testing process, passed Public Safety and has been approved by the Indiana Public Retirement System. Motion made by Board Member Dausch, Seconded by Board Member Jelenek to approve. Motion carried.

Request from Relay 4 Life to use a portion of Riverwalk Park and walkway to hold their annual walk on the west end near the Riverview Event Center on May 20th, 2023. Motion made by Board Member Jelenek, Seconded by Board Member Dausch to approve. Motion carried.

Board Member Dausch moved to amend the agenda and allow a request from the Presbyterian Church to install a handicap access ramp on the Cass Street side of their church. Board Member Jelenek seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Motion made by Board Member Dausch, Seconded by Board Member Jelenek to approve. Motion carried.

Motion made by Board Member Dausch, Seconded by Board Member Jelenek to adjourn. Motion carried.

Miles Hewitt, Mayor

City of Peru, Indiana

Attest:



Kurt Krauskopf Clerk-Treasurer City of Peru Indiana