

REGULAR SESSION, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY, October 10, 2022

The Board of Public Works and Safety of Plymouth, Indiana, met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on October 10, 2022. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, on the second floor of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana.

Mayor Senter called the meeting to order. Senter presided for Board Members Duane Culp, Jeff Houin, and Bill Walters who were physically present. Board Member Shiloh Milner was absent. City Attorney Surrisi and Clerk-Treasurer Gorski were present. The public was able to see and hear the meeting through Microsoft Teams.

Board Members Culp and Houin moved and seconded to approve both the minutes of the regular session of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of September 26, 2022 and the executive session of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of October 5, 2022. The motion carried.

Utility Superintendent Davidson states that he has some project updates. He states for the Solar Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that he was informed that the construction start date is scheduled for October 24th. He explains that they have submitted their first pay claim for materials stored. He states that they are still working on what type of ground cover they are going to use and they are working with the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for various options. He explains that they are leaning towards pollinators to continue with the green theme. He states that according to Bruce Breeden at Telamon that they are still in play for the 30% rebate on the entire project including the engineering which would be almost \$350,000.00. He adds that it is still looking very favorable. He states that they will have to wait and start things back up after January 1st for it to qualify. He states that he believes it will be worth the wait and he believes that by the time they get everything done that it will be around that time anyway.

Davidson states that the next project he has is the new test well at the Ledyard Water Plant. He explains that they are attempting to find a good volume and quality of water there to replace one they have now that is fairly high in manganese. He explains that they cannot use that well currently due to the cost to remove the manganese as it is extremely expensive. He states that is supposed to happen this month and the last project that they have going on will be the cleaning inspection of the west water tower near the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant. He states that will start in the second week of November and should be out of service for about five days. He states that they have to remove the various debris and whatever may accumulate inside the tower while checking both the structural integrity inside and outside. He states at that point they will prepare

their list of what improvements need to take place. He adds that they have that water tower scheduled to be repainted in 2025.

Mayor Senter asks how long it takes for the manganese to get that bad.

Davidson responds by stating that they have had that well for about 30 years and it is in a layer that is high in manganese. He states that they are hoping to get the volume that they need from the new well. He states that they need at least 1,000 gallons a minute for it to be efficient and provide adequate backup.

Fire Chief Holm states that he does have an application for a Part-Time EMT who is just about ready to finish up her Paramedic Schooling. He states that she works in Culver as a Full-Time EMT currently and she has been doing run time with our department to finish up her Paramedic clinicals. He states that she has put in an application with us to provide part time service. He states that by the end of the year she will have her Paramedic finished up so she may move into that area as a part time when that occurs. He asks for permission to hire her as she has been a great asset to us so far just by doing her ride time. He explains that she is very well versed in the medical profession and as far as their trainers have gone that they are very happy with her progress.

Houin asks once she finishes her Paramedic certification, does Holm anticipate that she will be available full time or would she still be only part time.

Holm responds by stating that she may as she originally put in for a Full-Time position and then had to withdraw due to personal reasons. He states that in the future that may find it's way to a more full-time position if she chooses.

Culp asks if he gets back up to the full staff that he needs, will she still be needed as much or will he still be okay.

Holm responds by stating that from a part time position, probably not. He states that they will see as far as their current availability for positions.

Culp asks if there is money in the budget for that.

Holm agrees. He states that his first request is to hire her as a Part-Time EMT to help fill some slots.

Board Members Culp and Houin moved and seconded to approve the request to hire a Part-Time EMT as presented. The motion carried.

Holm thanks the Board for their time the other night for interviews. He states that out of the interviews the other night that they interviewed five candidates. He states that starting with

the beginning of next year that they do have five positions available. He states that as of right now there are three for immediate fill. He states that he would like to choose to only fill those three positions at this time. He states that after the interviews he is looking at Austin Bragg who would be a Civilian Paramedic. He states that he would be able to start with a normal city hire with PERF as he would in a Civilian position. He states that Chris Todd would be the other Paramedic. He explains that he would be pension eligible so he would have to go through the steps of the physicals and testing to get approved by the pension. He states that Kegan Holland is an EMT who is also pension eligible so they would like to put them through that process as well. He adds that Holland is also very adamant about becoming a Paramedic from the position that he is in now. He states that would take care of the three positions that they are looking at now leaving two positions open for the first of the year to move forward with either the other two candidates that they currently have in the pool or any future applicants that may happen between now and then.

Houin wished to add that he was very impressed with all five of the candidates and it feels good coming from a time recently where they couldn't get applicants for the open positions to have such a good pool to choose from. He states that he understands that it is difficult to not be able to offer positions to the other two that they interviewed but believes that this was a wise decision.

Board Members Houin and Culp moved and seconded to approve the hire of all three positions as presented. The motion carried.

Street Superintendent Marquardt states that E&B Paving had started. He states that they have completed a few of the streets and have completed the cemetery. He explains that they were pulled out of town to finish another job by their bigger boss. He states that they are hoping to be back sometime this week to get the city finished up. He states that they finally have all the concrete done correctly. He states that they had some problems with the concrete crew they had and since then they have made everything right. He adds that they have been apologetic about that.

Mayor Senter asks what is left aside from Felix Place.

Marquardt responds by listing Felix Place, Garro Street, Seventh Street, Fifth Street, and Angel Street off the top of his head. He states that he is hoping that will be done soon and they will go from there.

City Attorney Surrisi states that he would like to give a report on the recent Stormwater Audit that Chris Marshall and himself have been working on. He states that they got the first part of the audit on September 28th with Staci Goodwin from IDEM. He explains that there are six different minimum control measures for their MS4 Stormwater Program. He states that this audit was over control measures number one which was regarding public education and outreach, number two on public involvement, number three on illicit discharge, and number six on pollution prevention and good housekeeping. He states that it went pretty well and they picked two of the city-owned facilities to go do an inspection at. He states that they went to the Parks Department and the Street Department. He states that they are just waiting on her report and then after that there are a few comments that she did have about 30 days to respond to and remedy that were identified. He states that the second part of the audit will be on the 22nd of October in regards to minimum control measures number four and five which are over construction and post construction standards. He adds that will be with Rob Beck from IDEM. He states that Chris and himself are working with Jeffery Haws from VS Engineering who has been consulting with the city on this. He states that VS Engineering is working on an additional proposal for some additional services to handle the coordination of the program and a few other items that need to be addressed as the city still lacks a full-time engineer. He states that part of the audit is that reports need to be provided to the board about what is going on with MS4.

Clerk-Treasurer Gorski presented Resolution No. 2022-1018, Resolution of the Plymouth Board of Public Works and Safety Establishing the Date and Time for Halloween 2022.

Board Members Culp and Walters moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2022-1018, Resolution of the Plymouth Board of Public Works and Safety Establishing the Date and Time for Halloween 2022.as presented. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Board Members in Favor: Culp, Houin, Walters, Senter

Board Members Opposed: N/A

Board Members Absent: Milner

RESOLUTION 2022-1018

RESOLUTION OF THE PLYMOUTH BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY ESTABLISHING THE DATE AND TIME FOR HALLOWEEN 2022

WHEREAS, the children of the City of Plymouth have established by common practice an annual method of acquiring treats in the form of candy, fruit, and other sweet delights; and,

WHEREAS, this program of acquisition of treats by the children of Plymouth takes form of a door-to-door campaign with the participants being disguised as witches, goblins, ghosts, and other creatures of fun and fright; and,

WHEREAS, a certain day should be designated for the program of acquisition of treats which is better known as "Trick or Treat",

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Plymouth that Monday, October 31", is hereby set aside and designated as "Trick or Treat" day in the City of Plymouth, Indiana, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all persons who are children or who imagine themselves to be such are hereby authorized to engage in this door-to-door campaign of trick or treat upon the citizens of Plymouth on said day during the evening hours of 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., so long as the methods employed are neither over bold nor extremely frightening.

ALSO BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that residents desiring to be visited by costumed youngsters are asked to leave their porch lights on that evening.

Passed and adopted this 10th day of October 2022.


Mark Senter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn M. Gorski
Clerk-Treasurer

Board Members Walters and Houin moved and seconded to allow the payroll for

September 30, 2022 and claims for October 10, 2022, as entered in Claim Register #2022-20.

The motion carried.


Board Members Houin and Walters moved and seconded to accept the following


communications:

- October 10, 2022 Docket
- September 27, 2022 Technical Review Committee Minutes

The motion carried.

There being no further business, Board Members Culp and Houin moved and seconded to adjourn, Senter declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Lynn M. Gorski
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

Mark Senter
Mayor