

REGULAR SESSION, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY, May 12, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety of Plymouth, Indiana, met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on May 12, 2025. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, on the second floor of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana.

Mayor Robert Listenberger called the meeting to order. Listenberger presided for Board Members Duane Culp, Don Ecker Jr., Shiloh Milner, and Dave Morrow, who were physically present. City Attorney Houin and Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Gorski were also present. The public was able to see and hear the meeting through Microsoft Teams.

Board members Morrow and Ecker moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of April 28, 2025, as presented. The motion carried.

Utility Superintendent Donnie Davidson introduced Change Order #4 with TGB Unlimited for the Division 1 Water Main Improvement Project. He stated the change order was for the water main on East Jefferson Street as they feel there was a better route. He explained that Discount Muffler had planned to give them an easement to cut across the point there that would save anywhere between \$30,000 and \$35,000 by going that route. He stated to accomplish that the contractor would need some additional fittings that were not identified in the unit prices of the original contract. He stated they would also be doing some potholing and restoration work across the parking lot to ensure that there was nothing in there that they were going to disturb.

Ecker asked what the total amount of the change order was.

Davidson replied that it was \$11,550.

Ecker asked if he was comfortable with this.

Davidson replied that he was and that it would save them money as the savings were around \$40,000-\$45,000 by taking this route so you would be ahead by \$30,000-\$35,000 as a conservative estimate.

Board members Ecker and Milner moved and seconded to Change Order #4 with TGB Unlimited as presented. The motion carried.

Davidson announced that Garro Street from Michigan Street to Water Street would be closed starting Wednesday, May 14, 2025, to Friday, May 16, 2025. He stated the reason was to install storm water and sanitary sewer connections for the Water Street Townhomes. He stated they wanted to get the utility installed in the street so they could get it repaved

immediately, so it could get opened to traffic and they would finish the last of the run later in the week.

City Engineer Dan Sellers stated that the contractor that was awarded to do the sidewalk projects would start Wednesday, May 14, 2025, on Washington Street between Park Jefferson and Fifth Street. He stated it should last a couple weeks and as soon as school lets out, they would be starting on the sidewalks around Webster School.

Building Commissioner Dennis Manuwal Jr. stated that he did an inspection at Northgate Trailer Park and there were multiple issues there.

There were technical difficulties, so Northgate Trailer Park property owners could not be heard.

Manuwal added that this was brought to light over a certain lot where the individual owned the mobile home, but it was in unhealthy living conditions. He explained that he issued a vacate order and went back this morning to see that the property was vacated. He stated someone had started to clean up the mobile home but as for the other issues around the mobile home park they were still outstanding. He stated he had further information that he would have to check with the owners of the mobile home park to clarify on a certain unit. He stated there were quite a few units that needed a lot of attention. He explained there were multiple locations within the mobile home park where old units were removed, and the sewer hookups were left exposed. He believed debris got down into the sewer system of the park and that it was clogging up because raw sewage was being backed up into the park. He explained that the owner did contact him, and he believed that he was looking for an extension to be able to accommodate the order.

Culp asked for clarification that what was inspected were not livable conditions.

Manuwal replied that they were not livable conditions and one of the units still had the old aluminum wiring. He added there was arching inside the boxes, and it was for sale by owner. He stated according to the park owner that they contracted a third party, and he went in and started listing them for sale. He stated he did not want to say a whole lot as with the technical problems, they could not speak for themselves.

Mayor Listenberger wished to move on and come back if the technical issue were resolved.

Manuwal stated on a separate note that the old Indiana Heat Transfer building on W. Harrison Street was being torn down.

Police Chief John Weir updated the board on the Tactical Urbanism project at the intersection of Jefferson and Randolph Streets. He stated the last week went great with no complaints. He explained the first couple of vehicles tried to turn left and then they had a sign made by the Street Department for no left turns and that alleviated that issue on either side. He added that traffic was not backed up anywhere and there was enough room left at the Coffee Lodge for people to go around and turn in.

City Attorney Houin introduced Executive Order 2025-01, Regarding Partial Obstruction of Sidewalk.

Board members Culp and Milner moved and seconded to ratify Executive Order 2025-01, Regarding Partial Obstruction of Sidewalk. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-01
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, INDIANA

REGARDING PARTIAL OBSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK

WHEREAS, within the interval between the last and the upcoming Plymouth Board of Public Works and Safety meetings, a request was received from David Fortin and The Very Nice People, LLC to close portions of the sidewalk on West LaPorte Street and North Michigan Street around the building located at 101 N Michigan Street to perform repairs to the brick façade of the building. The purpose of this order is to authorize the sidewalk closures as requested. The closure is expected to begin on May 5, 2025 and remain in effect until work is completed on May 15, 2025. The Very Nice People, LLC will be responsible for any barricades and/or signage and shall coordinate with the City of Plymouth Street Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Plymouth, in order to ensure the efficient government of the City, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-4-5-3(7) and all other applicable law, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Very Nice People, LLC is authorized to close portions of the sidewalk on West LaPorte Street and North Michigan Street adjacent to the building located at 101 N Michigan Street beginning on May 5, 2025 until May 15, 2025. The Very Nice People, LLC shall coordinate with the City of Plymouth Street Department and provide all necessary barricades and signage during the period the sidewalks are closed.

DATED this 2nd day of May, 2025.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, INDIANA

/s/ Robert Listenberger
By: Robert Listenberger, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Jeffery R. Houin
By: Jeffery R. Houin, City Attorney

REQUEST FORM
CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Date: 5/2/25

Notice to BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY, CITY OF PLYMOUTH, INDIANA

Kindly review the following request:

I Would Like Permission For A MARIUAT CONSTRUCTION,
TRAYN'S MARIUAT AND REPAIR, LLC To Close Portions
Of The North Sidewalk on West LaPorte Street and
The West Sidewalk on N Michigan Street at the
ORDER TO DO BRICK WORK ON THE BUILDING
LOCATED AT 101 N Michigan Street Starting Monday
May 5, 2025 and until Project Completion on May 15, 2025.

D. Fortin
Signed

574 276 8885
Phone Number

DAVID FORTIN
Print Name

119 W. GARDEN ST, PLYMOUTH IN 48183
Address

Manuwal requested if they wished to continue the conversation with Northgate that they have the City Attorney, Mayor, and one or two board members in attendance for a conference call with them.

Houin asked if a request for hearing was submitted.

Manuwal replied that they did not but rather personally called his office.

Houin stated they would reach out to Northgate.

Board members Ecker and Milner moved and seconded to allow the payroll for April 30, 2025, and the claims for May 12, 2025, as entered in Claim Register #2025-9. The motion carried.

