

## REGULAR SESSION, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY, October 24, 2022

The Board of Public Works and Safety of Plymouth, Indiana, met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on October 24, 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, Shiloh Milner, and Bill Walters who were physically present. 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 Milner moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of October 10, 2022. The motion carried.

Street Superintendent Marquardt states that the hope is that E&B Paving will be done either today or tomorrow.

Mayor Senter wished to congratulate Airport Manager Bill Sheley on receiving the President's Special Recognition Award at the recent Aviation Indiana Conference. He adds that is the same conference that Plymouth received its Airport of the Year Award from in 2019.

Clerk-Treasurer Gorski presented the Request to Block Off the Old Firehouse Parking Lot from Kristi Nate.

REQUEST FORM  
CITY OF PLYMOUTHDate: 10-11-22

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

Kindly review of the following request:

We are requesting that the parking lot located next to the Old Firehouse be blocked off for our Truck-or-Treat event on Oct. 31, 2022. We would utilize the parking lot for this Small Wonder's Preschool to have firefighters, Mayor Mark & other public figures distribute candy & goodies to our preschoolers from 8:00 AM to 10:11 AM.

Signed Kristi Nate

Phone Number

574-780-4072  
574-780-0014Print Name Kristi Nate

Address

P.O. Box 89 Plymouth, IN  
(Preschool Address)

In-Office Only:

Determination of Request

Approved by Board of Public Works & Safety 10/24/22

Return original form to Clerk-Treasurer's office after determination is complete.

Signed Kristi Nate

Title

Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor Senter states that he is there to speak for them. He explains that they have done this in the past and it is a great event for the kids. He adds that he will also be judging costumes. Board Members Walters and Houin moved and seconded to approve the request as presented. The motion carried.

Mayor Senter called Charlee Ormanovich up to the podium. He explained that they are not going to talk about the Courthouse or the Sheriff's Department in this meeting as those are not business of the city.

**REQUEST FORM**  
CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Date 10.10.22

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

Kindly take care of the following request:

Every thing from  
street police courthouse  
sheriff's office

CHARLEE ORMANOVICH

City of Plymouth

574 567 9376  
574-367-9376

Ormanovich states that is fine as her biggest concern is the lousy Police Department the city has. She states that they have a child running away from home and coming to Serenity Place begging for help. She states that he is afraid of the step father and he carries a knife when the police make him get in his mother's car. She states he refuses to put the knife down and when the police tell him to put it down that he has no choice.

Mayor Senter asks if she is talking about the child or the adult.

Ormanovich responds by stating that the child has no choice but to go with the mother. She states that the safety concern is that the child has told police that the mother is locking him and his siblings in the basement until the mother decides to leave. She states that he says that they are being told to sleep in the basement on a regular basis. She states that she knows that the mother used to live in a complex and has not been there since they came and took her off the property. She states that there is a new baby involved in that situation as well. She states that the police need to protect our children. She states that she does not care about the adults and her concern is with the children. She states that there are other children that are being forced in these same situations and the police are saying that there is nothing they can do about it. She states that is a lie. She states that they have had a couple residents this morning, at Serenity Place, get



attacked by another resident and by her ex-husband. She states that it is okay with the Police Department because they are not doing anything. She states that she has had conversations with the Police Department about the upstairs Heather. She states that Heather told her to go kill herself because nobody wants her around. She restates that the police do not do their jobs. She asks whose job it is to enforce these police.

Mayor Senter responds by stating that it comes down to the Police Chief.

Ormanovich responds by stating that the Police Chief does not want to call anyone back either. She states that the second thing on her agenda is the sidewalks and streets. She states that they are bad. She states that there are not a lot of sidewalks in a lot of places. She states that she has to drive from Walmart to West Jefferson with no sidewalk. She asks why that is. She asks who is looking out for the people in the wheelchair. She asks who is speaking for them. She asks where the button is to help her open the door when she comes in here. She states that there isn't one. She states that there is no button on this building or many other buildings in this town. She asks whose job it is to oversee the ADA. She states that she was told that the ADA that they have here is no longer here as no one wants to be part of it.

Mayor Senter states that what she said is not true. He states that there is an ADA specialist for the City of Plymouth.

Ormanovich responds by stating that they told her that person does not exist.

City Attorney Surrisi states that he is the ADA Coordinator for the city. He states that when this building was developed that it was renovated to ADA standards. He states that he can't explain exactly why the door in question is not required to have a button but there is one at the Clerk's Office front door. He states as far as sidewalks they agree with her that they could use better and improved sidewalks in many locations. He explains that it is just a matter of juggling priorities and budget needs that in addition to streets and sidewalks there are many of needs that the city has. He states that the city has in recent years developed new committee, the Complete Streets Committee, which is focused on assuring that all streets and modes of transportation are taken into consideration.

Ormanovich asks if they oversee the railroads too to make sure they comply with the ADA.

Surrisi responds by stating that they do not oversee the railroads. He states that every business of any kind has their own obligations under ADA and as a city we are trying to do the best they can to make improvements to be fully compliant and accessible to everyone. He states



that the ADA went into place in the 1990's which seems like a long time ago but it is a big city and is a very expensive proposition to fully outfit everything to be 100% accessible and they are doing their best to do that. He adds that the Complete Streets Committee is working towards that.

Ormanovich states that she has lived in other cities and they say that the property owner has to fix their sidewalks then they are going to be fined. She states that it is not put on the citizens but rather the owners of the property. She states that it is part of the taxes that they are paying to keep up on the sidewalks. She asks if that is how it works in Indiana. She states that she has noticed a lot of different things in this state and in this town.

Mayor Senter states that Oak Road was developed 25 years ago before ADA was even around. He states that it would cost millions for them to do a sidewalk from Jefferson to there.

Surrisi states that Oak Road is a priority that is on the radar of things that they would like to improve. He provides the example that the City Council will be approving the formal budget step that they need to for engineering work to design sidewalks along Harrison Street all the way from Oak Road to across Michigan Street. He states that the idea is that eventually the next step is going to be figuring out some solutions for pedestrian access on Oak Road.

Ormanovich states that all they need is one sidewalk on either side of the road. She states that you do not need it down both sides. She asks if they are going to wait until someone is hit or killed to do it.

Surrisi responds by assuring her that is not the goal. He restates that it is a very expensive proposition and they are trying to attack it as they can. He states that there are a lot of priorities and that one is an important one but there is not enough money in the city budget to do everything that they need at once. He states that during the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting earlier this month that there was a discussion with Mr. Storage in regards to the requirement in the zoning ordinance about having to comply with adding sidewalks whenever a business makes improvement to their property. He states that there was also discussion in regards to Beacon Credit Union to the north of it being required to add sidewalks due to them having relief from the ordinance in the past until an adjoining property has built sidewalks. He states that for the time being there will be no sidewalks getting to there but that is one improvement that they are working toward.

Ormanovich states that she can not even get her wheelchair up in the driveways to get out of the way for cars because there are steps up to them. She states that her wheelchair wheels are being damaged because of this and Alick's Home Medical is not going to pay for any more



wheels on her chair. She states that she has had them replaced six times since she has been in this city since February. She asks when this becomes a priority for disabled people.

Houin states that he believes everyone would agree with her that they recognize there is a problem. He states that there are a lot of areas of the city that are not accessible and a lot of missing sidewalks.

Ormanovich states that she gets stuck in the railroad tracks where the road is missing chunks and she has had to have people stop and get her off the railroad tracks as there are cars coming. She asks who is responsible for making sure those things do not happen.

Clerk-Treasurer Gorski states that is the Railroad Company.

Houin states that the point that Surrisi is making is that we recognize the problem but it is not physically possible to fix all of the sidewalks immediately. He states that they can only do it some at a time and every year they make efforts to improve the sidewalks and repair what they can. He states that they have not gotten to all of it and she is absolutely right about that. He adds that it is going to take a long time. He states that it took a long time for the city to be built the way that it is and it is going to take them a while to fix those problems.

Mayor Senter states that there was a city not far from here that was sued in the millions for ADA situations and that was around 2005. He states that since every street repaired has been made ADA compliant because of that reason.

Surrisi states that they have a policy called the ADA transition plan that the Street Department works through every year and it is a prioritization of every sidewalk in the city. He states that the highest priority are ones that are connecting to public facilities and then it goes down from there.

He states that it is primarily focused on addressing the intersections and making sure that... Ormanovich interrupts and states that half of the walk signs do not even work in the city. She states that for half of them that she cannot even get to because it is on a step up and off the sidewalk.

Surrisi states that they have developed this plan where they prioritize all the sidewalks and then every three years address the plan to take off the sidewalks that have already been approved and see what sidewalk priorities need to be raised up the list. He states that they have been working towards that goal but it has been a never-ending project that they do not have all the resources to do at once. He states that one other thing he wished to add for the public is that Police Chief Bacon from the Police Department is not here tonight as he is celebrating his 30-

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year wedding anniversary but he had provided an email to the Board members that had 29 separate police reports where there were events where the police officers responded and addressed situations in regards to Ormanovich.

Ormanovich states that Chief Bacon shared nothing with her and she has left numerous messages for him to call her. She states that she is not one to sit back and idle. She states that she is the squeaky wheel and that she is going to get the grease whether that is going to be here or Eric Holcomb's office.

Board Members Culp and Walters moved and seconded to allow the payroll for October 14, 2022 and claims for October 24, 2022, as entered in Claim Register #2022-21. The motion carried.

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

communications:

- October 24, 2022 Docket
- October 11, 2022 Technical Review Committee Minutes
- Plymouth Fire Department Activity Report – September 2022
- Plymouth Water Department Activity Report – September 2022
- Plymouth Wastewater Department Activity Report – September 2022

The motion carried.

There being no further business, Board Members Milner and Culp moved and seconded to adjourn, Senter declared the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

  
Lynn M. Gorski  
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

  
Mark Senter  
Mayor