

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

September 2, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana, met in regular session at 3:00 pm September 2, 2025, with the following members present: Don Sturch, Bruce Carson, Eric McCoy, Attorney Dustin Kern, Clerk Treasurer Andrea Newnum. 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 August 19, 2025, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Payment of Claims 9/2/25	\$ 362,641.57	Motion-Carson Second McCoy
Regular & Monthly Payroll 8/22/25	\$ 252,057.43	Motion-Carson Second McCoy
Correction of Payroll 8/22/25	\$ 2,003.94	Motion-Carson Second McCoy
Pension Payroll 8/22/25	\$ 90,885.85	Motion-Carson Second McCoy

MOTIONS CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Daine is requesting that firefighter Lucas Hopwood be placed on permanent status with the Peru Fire Department. Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chief Daine is requesting the extension of the mandatory probation of firefighters Tristian Working and Caleb Bragg. Mayor Sturch questioned the reason behind the extension, Chief Daine explained that per the policy the new hires must have completed several training items. Working and Bragg are currently enrolled in the EMT course and will not complete the course till December. Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Laura Rush, Peru Jr/Sr High School requesting police escort for homecoming parade on September 12th. Parade will start at 6:15 pm at the depot and travel down Broadway to Daniels Street to the stadium. Mayor Sturch questioned Chief Feller and Chief Daine if they had any concerns. Chief Feller stated that it is a small parade, and it has been held for several years. Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Miami County Republican party is requesting the closure of Fremont from W Main to W 3rd Street on October 11th for a Chicken & Noodle Dinner with drive thru services. Andrea stated the set up will be identical to the St Johns Sauerkraut Dinner however there will be no EMA. Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dustin Smith of Abundant Life Church is requesting the closure of Benton St from Canal Street to 2nd Street on the night of October 31st from 3pm to 9pm for their annual Trunk or Treat event. Dustin stated that the church Board Member Carson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

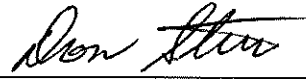
Chief Feller is requesting the approval of the following Peru Police Dept Policies:

- Policy 507- Sobriety Checkpoint
- Policy 508- Traffic Crash Review Board
- Policy 509- Traffic Procedures
- Policy 600- Investigation & Prosecution
- Policy 601- Sexual Assault Investigations

Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

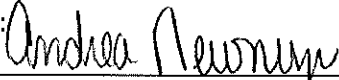
Comments: Mr. Sahaidachny questioned if the Board of Works would the Board that would pass a homeless ordinance. Mayor Sturch stated that ordinance would go through the Common Council.

Adjourn: With nothing further, Board Member Carson made a motion to adjourn seconded by Board Member McCoy.



Don Sturch, Mayor
City of Peru, Indiana

Attest:



Andrea Newnum Clerk Treasurer
City of Peru Indiana

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the City of Peru Board of Works meetings. The full video of the meeting is available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWKLaYGsjYc> for as long as this media is supported.