

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

September 16, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana, met in regular session at 3:00 pm September 16, 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 September 2, 2025, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Payment of Claims 9/16/25	\$ 630,557.94	Motion-Carson Second McCoy
Regular Payroll 9/2/25	\$ 248,335.07	Motion-Carson Second McCoy

MOTIONS CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Feller is requesting to promote Adam Liehr from Patrolman to Sergeant effective September 27, 2025. Adam joined the department in June of 2025; he has 5 years of law enforcement experience. He is also a generalist training instructor, bachelor's degree and currently working on his masters. Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Emily Laycock with the Miami Nation of Indians of the State of Indiana(Sarah Siders-Bitzel) are requesting a police escort for the Nation's Annual Removal Memorial March on Sunday October 19th at 11:00 am. The march will start at the Tribal Headquarters at 80 W 6th St and proceed down Miami St to the Peru Depot Pavillion on W Canal St. Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chapel of Praise/Link Ministry (Pastor Marie Thompson) would like to install a bench like those around the city for Link clients to be able to sit off the ground as they wait for them to open. Pastor Marie stated the bench will be placed on the right side of the door and wanted to stick to the esthetic of the city. Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

St John's Lutheran Church is requesting use of alle way for their annual Sauerkraut supper on Tuesday October 21st, along with the closing of traffic on Fremont Street. The drive thru will enter the alley on Hood Street and flow down to Fremont Street to exit onto 3rd Street from 4pm-7pm. Lee Ann stated that EMA will be helping direct traffic. Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vengeance M/C (David Wood) would like to hold a bucket shake to benefit Larry Gamble who was recently in a motorcycle accident in Peru. This would be held at the intersection of Main Street and Miami on October 11th from 10am – 2pm. Mayor Sturch requested that with the cones being placed around the turn lanes that there be a truck to protect them from traffic. Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Electrician's license for John Helvie. Board Member Carson stated that John had passed the test with an 86%, his recommendation would be to approve the license. Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson **MOTION CARRIED**

Circus City Festival is requesting to close 7th Street between Miami and Broadway on October 18th between 10am and 5pm to host a benefit for the family of Jessica Rohde. There will be a car show on 7th Street along with other activities inside the Circus arena. Paul Foreman stated that there would be vendors set up inside the arena and the car show will be lined up on 7th Street. The event will end in time for the cars to be able to join the cruise in that evening. Barricades will need to be placed at 7th and Broadway and 7th and Miami. Moved by Mayor Sturch, seconded by Board Member Carson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Light up Peru parade and courthouse tree lighting will happen at 6pm Saturday November 22nd. Parade route will be on Broadway from Canal Street north to Ewing Street.

- o Closure of Ewing St between Broadway and Wabash between 5pm-7pm
- o Closure of Canal St between Huntington and Broadway from 330pm-6pm (parade line-up)
- o Closure of Broadway between Main St and 5th St from 415pm-630pm (tree lighting)
- o 5th Street between Broadway and Court St from 12pm-8pm for barrel rides during the open house and Santa train after parade

Paul Foreman stated that a safety meeting was held with Chief Daine and Chief Feller to make updates to the parade. Paul states that the parade time will be moved to 4:30 pm and tree lighting will be on the courthouse lawn at 6 pm. There will not be candy thrown along the parade route. Paul states that there will be no parking on Broadway between Main Street and 5th Street. Following the tree lighting once the crowd disperses Broadway will open back up. Moved by Mayor Sturch seconded by Board Member Carson **MOTION CARRIED.**

Comments: Eric McCoy stated as part of the Rediscover Downtown they will be hosting a Chalk the Town where chalk will be provided, and people can draw on the sidewalks downtown.

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=Xd2leiw4yY> for as long as this media is supported.