

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA  
12/15/20**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana met in regular session at 5:00 pm December 15, 2020 by zoom with the following members present Mayor Miles Hewitt, Board Member Ron Dausch, Board Member Bill Gornto, City Attorney Dustin Kern and Deputy Clerk Lori Hawk. Others present were Fire Chief Erick Hawk, Police Chief Dan Sofianos, department heads and other interested parties.

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Motion was made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Gornto to suspend the rules and dispense with the reading and correcting of Journal of minutes of regular meeting on December 1, 2020.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Motion was made to pay claims submitted on December 15, 2020.

- Payment of Claims: \$302,087.34 plus wire transfer \$179,758.00 Motion- Gornto, Second-Ron
- Regular Payroll: \$162,580.70 Motion- Dausch Second- Gornto
- EMT/Specialty Pay: \$19,600.00 Motion-Gornto Second- Dausch
- Clothing Allowance: \$16,112.94 Motion-Dausch Second- Gornto
- Blight Payments: \$16,780 Motion-Gornto Second- Dausch

**MOTIONS CARRIED**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Application for Electrical License for Adam J. Brehmer. With a passing score of 83%, Board Member Dausch made a motion to approve the test, seconded by Board Member Gornto.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Request by Alan Chesley for a street sign to be placed near his property at 129 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street that reads "Do Not Block Drive." Motion was made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Gornto to DENY the request. The property owner may consider placing a sign at the end of his driveway on his own property stating "Do Not Block Drive"

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Request by Officer Colten Pitner, on behalf of the FOP Lodge 72 to approve the contract between the City of Peru and FOP Lodge 72 for the year 2021. After review and discussion, Board Member Gornto made a motion, seconded by Board Member Dausch, to approve the agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Approval to hire Cole Alspaugh to the Peru Fire Department, contingent upon passing PERF. Motion made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Gornto to offer Cole Alspaugh a position with the Peru Fire Department.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Request from Chief Sofianos to retire Police K-9 Fargo and to allow Fargo to remain with his handler Sgt. Samantha Raber. After discussion, it was agreed to allow Fargo to retire and live out the rest of his life with Sgt. Raber. Thank you, Fargo, for your 5 years of service.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Board of Works Resolution 1, 2020 was presented. Motion made by Board Member Gornto, seconded by Board Member Dausch to approve Board of Works Resolution 1, 2020.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CITY OF PERU BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**

**RESOLUTION # 1 - 2020**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF K-9 OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, Samantha Raber is Police Officer employed by the City, who is tasked with the role of K-9 handler;

**WHEREAS**, Samantha Raber has always been the Handler for the K-9 Officer Fargo;

**WHEREAS**, Fargo has undergone surgery for cancer in his jaw in 2020, causing half of his jaw to be removed;

**WHEREAS**, Fargo's health continues to be an issue, which is a cause of concern for his fitness of duty;


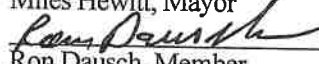
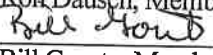
**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of both the City of Peru, and Fargo, that Fargo retire as a K-9 Officer from the Peru Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, it is most appropriate that Samantha Raber, Fargo's handler and companion, assume ownership and responsibility over Fargo; and

**WHEREAS** Fargo shall never be used as a K-9 Officer for any other law enforcement agency, or private security agency in any capacity whatsoever.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the K-9 Officer be retired, and Samantha Raber, his handler be granted ownership of said K-9.

PASSED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF PERU, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY, THIS this \_\_\_\_ day of December 2020.

  
Miles Hewitt, Mayor  
  
Ron Dausch, Member  
  
Bill Gornto, Member

ATTEST:

  
Susan Stanley, Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Peru Board of Works and Public Safety


- Santa Sighting on December 18, 2020. Kathleen Plathow presented the plan for a drive by Santa on Broadway from 6-7pm. No motion needed, as nothing was presented to approve, but Kathleen will check in with the Mayor tomorrow about the traffic department printing some signs so people will not stop their cars.

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With nothing further to come before this meeting Board Member Dausch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Gornto.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Attest:   
Susan Stanley, City Clerk-Treasurer

  
Miles Hewitt Mayor of the City of Peru, Indiana