

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

Tuesday
June 21, 2022
4 PM

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:00 pm June 21, 2022, with the following members present: Acting Mayor, Patricia Russell, Board Member Ron Dausch, Board member Matthew Jelenek, City Clerk/Treasurer Susan Rylands and City Attorney Dustin Kern were present. Also present were department heads and other interested parties.

Reading & Approving of Minutes: A motion was made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Jelenek, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on June 7, 2022. All said Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept the payment of claims, in the amount of \$190,399.41 was made by Board Member Jelenek, seconded by Dausch. All said Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept the payment of Regular Payroll for May 16, 2022, in the amount of \$196,225.15 was made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Jelenek. All said Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept the payment of OPO Payroll for May 2022 in the amount of \$1,046.70 was made by Jelenek, seconded by Dausch. All said Aye.

MOTION PASSED

Motion to accept the payment of OPO Payroll for May 2022 in the amount of \$1,026.75 was made by Dausch, seconded by Jelenek. All said Aye.

MOTION PASSED

Motion to accept the payment of OPO Payroll for May 2022, in the amount of \$2,060.33 was made by Jelenek, seconded by Dausch. All said Aye.

MOTION PASSED

Motion to accept the payment of OPO Payroll for May 2022 in the amount of \$306.30 was made by Dausch, seconded by Jelenek. All said Aye.

MOTION PASSED

There was no old business brought back to the board.

New Business:

Mike Siblisk, on behalf of Peru Glass & Screen, Inc, requested a road closure on Canal St. from Cass to Hood to allow for parking for the 5th Customer Appreciation & Cruise-In event on Saturday, July 30, 2022, from 9AM – 3PM. Request closure for road from 7AM – 3 PM to allow for cruise-in.

Motion was made by Dausch to accept the request as presented, seconded by Jelenek. All said Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Michael Grey, on behalf of Vengeance requested to have 6th St. to 8th St. on Clay St. and Ewing St. blocked off for Backpack for Bikes Ride on July 24, 2022, for 6AM – 6AM the following day. Also asked for a police escort. Chief Sofianos stated that he would need the route sent to him before the event to set up the escort.

Motion to approve the request was made by Dausch, seconded by Jelenek. All said Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Paul Foreman, on behalf of Forman Blasters Pyrotechnics, LLC, is requested a closure on the Peru Riverwalk for two events, the 4th of July and the Cal Ripken Championship on July 1, 2022. Paul also requested to have signs posted at the park to state the closure of the disc golf course for that day.

Jelenek made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Dausch. All said Aye.

MOITON CARRIED

Roger Steele, on behalf of Peru Fall Festival (formerly Block Party), requesting permission to block off Broadway from south of 6th to Main St., 5th St from parking lot behind Flagstar Bank to Court St., to Main St., and parking lot at Main and Court St. Closure from 6 AM on October 7th to 2 AM October 9th. Also need electric and water hookups for vendors and food concessions.

Roger Steele, appearing in person, informed the board that this was in addition to the Second Saturday event. He reduced the request to just closing 5th street and Court Street. The board informed him that he would have to get permission to close Court Street. On the request of utilities, he was directed to call the utility company to see what he needed to do to get the electricity and water he needed.

Motion was made to approve closing off the part of 5th street as requested by Dausch, seconded by Jelenek. All said Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Acting Mayor, Patricia Russell, withdrew her request to amend the amphitheater rental agreement

Motion was made by Dausch, seconded by Jelenek to accept the withdrawal. All said Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Chief Sofianos, on behalf of the Police Department, requested to approve Jonathon Cruz, and James Armstrong as probationary officers both with the starting date of July 11, 2022.

Motion to approve the hiring of Cruz was made by Dausch, seconded by Jelenek. All said Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve the hiring of Armstrong was made by Jelenek, seconded by Dausch. All said Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications:

Councilman Sahaidachny introduced to the board a gentleman who had recently become homeless. After his explanation of events, Debi Wallick, United Way representative stepped forward to offer him several options for assistance and the resources available to him and his wife. Debi also presented to the board a list of cooling stations available during the high temperatures. City attorney, Dustin Kern, also gave him phone numbers of legal agencies that might be able to assist the man as well.

With no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Dausch, seconded by Jelenek.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Patricia Russell

Patricia Russell, Acting Mayor

City of Peru, Indiana

Attest:

Susan Rylands

Susan Rylands, City Clerk Treasurer

City of Peru, Indiana