

## Regular Board of Works Meeting In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on February 18, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, City of Michigan City, on Hybrid/Zoom and streamed live on the "Access LaPorte County" Facebook page.

The meeting was called to order by President Skyler York.

On the call of roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent.

**Noted present in person:** Candice Antisdell, Peggy Moore, Tamiko Smith, Skyler York, Gene Simmons (5)

**Absent:** None (0)

### **Also noted in attendance:**

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich; Izabelle Galvin Ellis, Clerk of the Board of Works; Wendy Vachet, Director of Public Works; Terry Greetham, Director of Special Events; Ryan Beal, Deputy City Attorney; Tim Werner, City Engineer; Chief Steve Forker, Michigan City Police Department; Drew White, ALCO.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2025 meeting as presented, seconded by Mrs. Antisdell and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Contract**

The Michigan City Special Events Department requested the approval of a Gold Level Sponsorship for the 2025 Event Season from NIPSCO in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Terry Greetham, Special Events Director, addressed the Board stating that NIPSCO is a returning sponsor this year and that they are huge supporters of our events.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, made a comment.

Discussion ensued between the Board Members and Mr. Greetham about the sponsorship contracts.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the contract sponsorship, seconded by Mrs. Antisdell and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Request for Stop Sign**

Kameesha Williams, 312 Homer St., requested a stop sign at E Homer St. and Lafayette St.

Nobody was present to address the request.

Tim Werner, City Engineer, and President York stated that they had spoken with Captain Greg Jesse before the meeting, and they all don't approve of the stop sign; President York further explained that Lafayette is now a major snow route and the only connector street between Pine St. and 8<sup>th</sup> St. that goes straight through without any stop signs.

Mrs. Antisdel relayed Captain Jesse's message, stating that since January 1, 2023, there's only been four (4) calls for service at that intersection for accidents, with all of them being in the year 2023.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio St., made a comment.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to deny the request for a stop sign, seconded by Mrs. Smith and was denied with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Approval of Amended Emergency Plan**

Approval of amended emergency plan for the Shelf Ice Brew Fest on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

Justin Post, Mainstreet Association, addressed the Board explaining the Emergency Management Plan for Shelf Ice Brew Fest.

President York stated that he has addressed the plan with Terry Greetham, Special Events Coordinator, and he approved the plan.

Mrs. Antisdel made a motion to approve the amended emergency plan, seconded by Mrs. Moore and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **PAYROLL CLAIMS DOCKET**

<b>February 7, 2025</b>	<b>City Payroll</b>	<b>\$1,015,492.94</b>
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Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket as presented, seconded by Mrs. Moore and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

## CLAIMS DOCKET

**February 18, 2024**

<b>Municipal</b>	<b>\$1,024,842.26</b>
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Health &amp; Life</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Special Events</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Zoo Casino Agreement</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Workers Comp</b>	<b>\$267,038.85</b>
<b>ARP Local Fiscal Recovery</b>	<b>\$299,458.16</b>
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS:</b>	<b>\$1,295,039.27</b>

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the claims docket as presented, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Request for Signage – Unfinished Business**

Frank Anderson, 408 Martin Luther King Drive, requested signage to implement laws for cyclists to abide by traffic laws. This was tabled from February 3, 2025.

Nobody was present to address the request.

President York explained why the request was tabled and Madam Clerk Izabelle Galvin Ellis stated that she had spoken to Frank Anderson about the request.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to deny the request for signage, seconded by Mrs. Antisdel and was denied with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Street Enhancement – Unfinished Business**

Councilman Don Przybylinski requested for the Board of Works to contact CSX Railroad for a projected start date to fix the railroad crossing at Woodland Ave. This was tabled from August 19, 2024.

President York stated that he had spoken to the City Engineer, and they discussed that it would be fixed in the Spring when the asphalt plants open back up, along with the crossing at Buffalo St.

President York made a motion to combine the Woodland Ave railroad crossing request with the Buffalo St railroad crossing request and table it until the May 19, 2025 meeting, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Public Comment**

Earnie Hollyhan, 302 Gladys St., made a comment stating that drivers keep running over the grass on the corner of Broadway and Carroll Ave., causing it to be a mud pit; further asking for it to be repaired.

Mr. Hollyhan also made a comment regarding housing opportunities and the Housing Authority.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio St., made an announcement about the IHSA high school boys basketball sectionals.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, made a comment asking about time limits when coming back requesting the same request.

Terry Greetham, Special Events Director, made a comment regarding the process for contract sponsorships for City Events and new requirements for special event requests.

### **Board Comment**

Mrs. Smith made a comment regarding the contract sponsorships and requirements for special events.

President York made a comment regarding special events that come to the City.

Madam Clerk Izabelle Galvin Ellis read correspondence of a Thank you letter from Dave Albers and Dan Radtke, thanking the Board for their efforts in repairing the water run off issue at Taylor St.


Mrs. Antisdel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Smith, Simmons, York**

**NAYS: (0) None**

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:39 p.m.**

  
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Skyler York, President of BOW

  
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Izabelle Galvin Ellis, Clerk of BOW