

Regular Board of Works Meeting In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on June 16, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Monday, June 16, 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 Candice Antisdell.

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

Noted present in person: Candice Antisdell, Tamiko Smith, Gene Simmons, Peggy Moore (4)

Absent: Skyler York (1)

Also noted in attendance:

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich; Izabelle Galvin Ellis, Clerk of the Board of Works; Deputy Attorney Ryan Beall; Eric Williams, Assistant Director Special Events; D'Marcus Brisco, Code Enforcement Manager; Tim Werner, City Engineer; Chief Barrett Taylor, Michigan City Fire Department; Brett Kelley, Director of Vector Control; Andrew Matanic; Director of Information Technology; Drew White, ALCO.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the June 2, 2025 minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Opening of Bids

Opening of bids for the demolitions of 901 Manhattan St., 904 Elston St., and 120 W Custer Ave.

President Antisdell asked if there were any more bids to be turned in and there were none.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to close the acceptance of bids, seconded by Peggy and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich opened the bids and read them aloud:

- Smith and Sons for 120 W Custer Ave. in the amount of \$21,000. A separate EEO packet is included.

- Smith and Sons for 901 Manhattan St. in the amount of \$29,000.00. A separate EEO packet is included.
- Smith and Sons for 904 Elston St. in the amount of \$21,000.00. A separate EEO packet is included.
- J.Shoffner General Contractor Inc. for 901 Manhattan St. in the amount of \$26,400.00.
- J.Shoffner General Contractor Inc. for 904 Elston St. in the amount of \$22,600.00.
- J.Shoffner General Contractor Inc. for 120 W Custer Ave. in the amount of \$24,500.00.
- ACTIN Contracting, LLC for 901 Manhattan St. in the amount of \$27,130.00.
- ACTIN Contracting, LLC for the 904 Elston St. in the amount of \$18,150.00.
- ACTIN Contracting, LLC for 120 W Custer Ave. in the amount of \$12,700.00.
- Green Demo for 120 W Custer Ave. in the amount of \$19,800.00.
- Green Demo for 901 Manhattan St. in the amount of \$18,800.00.
- Green Demo for 904 Elston St. in the amount of \$18,800.00.
- Beaver Excavating for all addresses (120 W Custer Ave., 901 Manhattan St., 904 Elston St.) in the amount of \$24,750.00 for each property.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, made a comment.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to refer the bids to the Attorney and Planning and Inspections Departments for further review, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdal, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Proposals for Federal Tree Grant

Approval of Tree Removal and Acquisition Competitive Procurement for Federal Tree Grant.

Attorney Amber Lapaich explained that we received a Tree Grant last year and that before the Board are RFPs asking to solicit for the removal of high-risk trees, with the completion of all tree and stump removal to be completed by December 31, 2025, and the replanting of trees on City property that would be done in the Fall of 2025; further explaining that these projects would be based on the tree inventory that was completed in 2024.

Corporate Counsel Lapaich stated that the RFPs are due Wednesday, July 16th and they will hopefully award on or about Monday, August 4th.

Mrs. Smith asked how many trees throughout the City need to be removed, and Corporate Counsel Lapaich stated that it's approximately 349 trees that would be removed and 500 trees that need to be planted; further explaining that the trees have been divided into three (3) zones throughout the City so the contractor can bid on one (1) or all three (3) zones due to the time sensitivity.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, made a comment.

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that everything is still in place for the City to receive money for this grant, and Mrs. Smith stated that they have been getting pre-approved for monies for the grant.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the request for proposals for the Tree Removal and Tree Procurement and Planting, seconded by Mrs. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Request to Open Nominations

The Michigan City Fire Department requested to open nominations for the Democratic position on the Fire Merit Commission.

Chief Barrett Taylor, Michigan City Fire Department, addressed the Board stating that Mike Neuileb has resigned from the commission and asked to open nominations to replace him.

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

Mr. Simmons made a motion to open nominations for the Fire Merit Commission Democratic position replacing Mile Neuileb, seconded by Mrs. Moore and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Approval of Professional Services

The Michigan City Street Department requested the approval of professional services from Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. for their Environmental Mosquito Management Program, in the amount not to exceed \$7,169.00.

Brett Kelley, Vector Control Director, addressed the Board explaining the spraying for mosquitos and how it's done, stating that they will be doing a total of four (4) sprays, but Clarke Environmental will only be doing the first spray and the City will be in charge of doing the other three (3) sprays; further stating that the first spray will be done right before the 4th of July and the others will be done through September weather permitting.

Mr. Kelley stated that the spray is EPA approved and that the Indiana Environmental Protection Agency no longer requires a license to spray, so we can now do it ourselves as the City, but the Mayor requested that Clarke start for the season and the 4th of July.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the contract with Clarke Environmental Services, seconded by Mrs. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Road Closure for Special Event

The Michigan City Police Department requested to close 7th St. between Franklin St. and Washington St. for their annual National Night Out Event on August 5, 2025 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Chief Marty Corley, Michigan City Police Department, addressed the Board explaining the event, stating that it's a yearly event that happens on the first Tuesday of August every year in support of police and is a national event that takes place in other cities across the country; further stating that they will be entering a contest this year for their event.

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

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, made a comment.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the road closure, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Road Closure for Construction

Gluth Brothers Roofing requested to block off parking spaces and the sidewalk on E 10th St. and Spring St. during the roof replacement project at 909 Spring St. for crane use from June 17, 2025 through June 27, 2025, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Joy Graves, Gluth Brothers Roofing, addressed the Board explaining the project, stating that they would be closing the sidewalk and parking spots intermittently to use the crane for fixing the roof at 909 Spring St.; further stating that their start date has now been pushed back to June 18th, weather permitting, and asked for approval of the closures.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the road closure, seconded by Mrs. Moore and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Road Closure for Special Event

Queen of All Saints requested to amend their original request for their Parish Procession on Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 3 p.m. to a new route.

Chief Marty Corley, Michigan City Street Department, addressed the Board stating that Captain Greg Jesse has approved the amended closure and has been in contact with Queen of All Saints in regard to the event.

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

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Updated Request Form

Request for approval of updated BOW General Request Form.

Madam Clerk Izabelle Galvin Ellis addressed the Board stating that she had removed the Special Event boxes from the request and made it more of a General Request Form for construction street closures, stop sign requests and other general requests, allowing more space for the description of the request.

Mrs. Smith confirmed that more options were added to get more information when somebody fills out a form.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the updated BOW General Request Form, seconded by Mrs. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

City Hall Repairs

Request for approval and ratification of Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch's execution of the proposal and installation agreement with Wayne Mechanical to replace the HVAC cooling tower in the amount of \$102,905.00.

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich explained that the pipe that holds all the water that circulates all the various air conditioners burst and Wayne Mechanical was immediately called out to assist, and they found that the cooling tower was leaking and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Further stating that Tim Wilson, our Building Maintenance, reached out to three (3) companies for quotes, including Gan Mechanical, Wayne Mechanical and Circle R, and Wayne Mechanical was the only company who came back with a quote; further stating that due to the urgency of the situation, Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch executed the agreement on May 30th, 2025.

Corporate Counsel Lapaich requested the Board make the finding that an emergency existed pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-12-19 for the coolant tower leaking and needing replaced on an urgent basis, with the City requesting quotes from three (3) different companies with Wayne Mechanical being the only one who submitted a quote and the Mayor executing the proposal; further asking the Board to ratify the execution done by the Mayor. Corporate Counsel Lapaich stated that the Mayor is seeking an additional appropriation ordinance out of our Rainy Day Fund for this purchase and the first reading on this ordinance will be set to occur on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

Mrs. Smith stated that our building is very old and Tim Wilson, our building Maintenance, works very hard to maintain our heating and cooling systems.

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

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, made a comment.

Tim Werner, City Engineer, made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to ratify the Mayor's Execution on the proposal, seconded by Mrs. Moore and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Contract

Andrew Matanic, IT Director, requested the approval of the amended Onboarding Entra ID & Intune for Management contract in the amount not to exceed \$17,700.00.

Andrew Matanic, IT Director, addressed the Board explaining that this contract has already gone before the Board, but the scope of work has changed since it has been approved, so the contract has been amended to reflect the new scope of work; further stating that the cost of the contract did not change.

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

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Special Purchase

The Michigan City Police Department requested the special purchase of a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor SUV from ESU Pursuits in the amount of \$52,000.00, after the government discount of \$7,300.00.

Chief Marty Corley, Michigan City Police Department, addressed the Board stating that the purchase of this vehicle will come fully equipped with lights, sirens, etc.

Mrs. Smith asked if they had purchased other vehicles this year, and Chief Corley stated yes, they have already purchased eight (8) vehicles this year and this would be their ninth (9).

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, made a comment.

Chief Corley stated that this ninth (9) vehicle will be to replace a vehicle and explained why they replace their vehicles and the process.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the special purchase, seconded by Mrs. Moore and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Road Repair

Ryan Labis, 3606 Dorchester Rd., requested to repair the road at 3606 Dorchester Rd.

Ryan Labis, 3606 Dorchester Rd., addressed the Board explaining that there is about 10 inches of excess water that will stand on the road after rainfall due to no drainage, which is causing damage to his curb in front of his home.

Tim Werner, City Engineer, addressed the Board stating that they will go look at the issue and talk to the Sanitary District about a storm sewer drain.

Mrs. Antisdel made a motion to table the request until the July 7, 2025 meeting to allow time to investigate the issue, seconded by Mrs. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Contract

Agreement between Fiske Enterprises, LLC, the City of Michigan City, Indiana and Michigan City Area Schools regarding the "Braden Fiske Family Fun Day".

Eric Williams, Assistant Director of Special Events, addressed the Board explaining the request, stating that this is to ensure everybody is covered with insurance and everybody knows who is paying for what for the event.

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

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

AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Payroll Claims Docket

Payroll Docket	June 13, 2025	\$828,392.39
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Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket as presented, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Claims Docket

June 16, 2025

Municipal	\$879,727.79
CDBG	\$13,259.72
Health & Life	\$1,532,638.56
Special Events	\$5,750.00
Zoo Casino Agreement	\$0.00
Workers Comp	\$0.00
ARP Local Fiscal Recovery	\$552,071.30
TOTAL CLAIMS:	\$2,983,447.37

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

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Stop Sign – Unfinished Business

Collin Kahn, 716 York St., requested a stop sign or a crossing button on the corner of Oak St. and Belden St. to allow children and pedestrians to cross safely. This was tabled from April 21, 2025.

Tim Werner, City Engineer, addressed the Board stating that they're waiting on signage and an update from the Street Department on when the signage will be installed.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to table the request until the July 7th meeting, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Mobile Food Vendor License Request – Unfinished Business

BreAjah Walker, Fire Truck No. 5, requested the approval of a mobile food vendor license for one (1) year. Her truck will be conducting business at 1801 Franklin St. This was tabled from June 2, 2025.

Madam Clerk Izabelle Galvin Ellis stated that the request was originally tabled to find an updated location for the food truck, but there has not been an update on the request.

Wendy Vachet, Director of Public Works, addressed the Board stating that they have not found a location for Fire Truck No.5 and that they're waiting on an update from Dominique Edwards, the Director of Planning.

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

Mr. Simmons made a motion to table the request until the July 7th meeting, seconded by Mrs. Antisdell and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Parking Space – Unfinished Business

Dennis and Jean Guzman, 1101 Pine St., requested one (1) parking space at 1101 Pine St. for their tenant to park on the street.

Tim Werner, City Engineer, addressed the Board stating that he had met with the Guzmans at their property at 1101 Pine St. and found that there is not enough room for a parking space in front of the property and recommended the Board deny the request.

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

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Traffic Signage – Unfinished Business

Chad Norman, 2208 Normandy Drive, requested either a stop sign, yield sign or don't block business sign at the entrance of the gas station on Cleveland Ave., just North of Pahl Road due to cars backing up on both Cleveland Ave. and Pahl Rd.

Tim Werner, City Engineer, addressed the Board stating that he has investigated the issue and found that there is a sign to not block the driveway into the business located at the intersection and recommended the Board deny the request.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to deny the request for traffic signage, seconded by Mrs. Moore and was denied with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Public Comment

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio St., made a comment about the demolition hearing that will be happening at the July 7, 2025 Board meeting, stating that he believes the owner has not been updating the property.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, made a comment regarding Pahs Rd. and Cleveland Ave., stating that the striping needs to be fixed for people turning onto Pahs road from Cleveland Ave. and recommends the City Engineer investigate it.

Mr. Meland also made a comment about Flock Cameras, stating that he disagrees with them and the invasion of our privacy.

Tim Werner, City Engineer, addressed the Board stating that the City received a "Safe Streets for All" Grant, and with this grant the City will be looking at fixing intersections throughout the City that have safety issue.

Board Comment

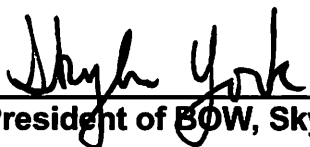
Mrs. Moore asked if the restriping has been done yet on the roads where the paint peeled off from the plow trucks, and Mr. Werner stated that Tilden Ave. and Harrison St. have been redone and that he will look at Barker Ave.

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

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Smith, Simmons, Moore

NAYS: (0) None

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



President of BOW, Skyler York



Clerk of BOW, Isabelle Galvin Ellis