Regular Board of Works Meeting
In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on
August 3, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 8:30 a.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 Board President Candice Antisdel.

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

Noted present in person: Candice Antisdel, Tamiko Smith, Gene Simmons, Peggy Moore, and Patrick Voltz (5) **Absent:** None (0)

Also noted in attendance:
Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich; Gianna Galante, BOW Clerk; Captain Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol; D'Marcus Briscoe, Code Enforcement Manager; Tim Werner, City Engineer; David Albers, Building Superintendent; Shong Smith, Street Department Director; Dominique Edwards, Planning Director; Terry Greetham, Special Events Director; Eric Willaims, Assistant Special Events Director; Barrett Taylor, Fire Chief; and Drew White, ALCO.

Approval of Minutes
Regular "HYBRID/ZOOM" meeting on July 20, 2026

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the July 20, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Request to Solicit for Bids
The Planning Department is Requesting Permission to Solicit for Bids for the Demolition of 512 Holiday Street

Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich noted that the Planning Department is withdrawing their request to solicit Bids for 512 Holiday Street as the dates on the bid packet are not accurate.

Flashing Stop Sign Request
Kristen Novak is requesting to replace the existing stop signs at the intersection of Duneland Beach Dr. and Jamestown Dr. with flashing stop signs for safety purposes

Kristen Novak, 9 Bristol Dr., noted that she lives in a subdivision called Kimbell Woods and the flashing stop sign request is intended to be put at the entrance to her neighborhood for safety purposes.

Captain Jesse stated that after running a report he found zero accidents reported at the intersection since January 2020; explaining the results of the report.

City Engineer Tim Werner noted that there is evidence of an upcoming stop sign and clear sight lines for hundreds of feet prior to the stop; explaining his recommendation to deny the flashing stop sign request.

Mr. Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

Mr. Meland (200 Kenwood Place) made a comment.

Ms. Smith stated that Ms. Novak is intending to be preemptive; however, there have been no reported accidents at the intersection, and based on the recommendations from Captain Jesse and Mr. Werner, Ms. Smith stated that the request does not appear to be necessary at this time.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to deny the flashing stop sign as requested; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Request to Purchase City Owned Property
Rahul Kumar Chohan is requesting to purchase the following parcels next to his property in the City of Michigan City:
- 460132161015000022
- 460132161010000022
- 460132161009000022
- 460132161008000022
- 460132161007000022
- 460132160004000022
- 460132159005000022

Note: Tabled from July 6, 2026 meeting

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that the Planning Department recommended declining the request, as they do not believe the lots are feasible for development due to zoning requirements.

Discussion ensued between Attorney Lapaich and Ms. Smith regarding the possibility of rezoning the lots.

Mr. Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

Mr. Rahul Chohan, 1414 Hillcrest, LaPorte, Indiana, commented that he could build individual housing if low-income housing is not an option.

Ms. Smith made a motion to deny the request to purchase city owned property; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Road Closure for Construction

Hunter's Precision Construction and Roofing, Inc. is requesting the closures of the sidewalks and parking spaces along East 6th and Franklin Streets as well as the alley along Trinity Church for reroofing purposes for an approximate time period of August 17th to September 30, 2026 excluding Mondays – Note: Tabled from the 7/20/2026 meeting

Tim Werner, City Engineer, noted that the map submitted by Hunter's Precision Construction needs to be revised to include the correct street names of where the intended closure is going to be taking place.

Mr. Voltz asked if Refuse is okay with the requested times and dates of the closures. Mr. Werner responded yes.

Mr. Meland (200 Kenwood Place) made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the request for a road closure for construction pending receipt of an updated map with correct street names; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Request to Utilize City Owned Property for Construction and License Agreement

Rase Building Services LLC is requesting to utilize City owned property to supply concrete to a job site for the construction of a new home on Lot 5 of the Kehoe Subdivision near the intersection of Warren Rd. and Moorman Rd. on 8/18/26, 8/25/26, 9/25/26, and 6/15/27 – Note: Tabled from the 7/20/2026 meeting

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that everything is signed and in order with the license agreement including the certificate of insurance.

Joel Wadas, 110 Morman St., commented that they are requesting to use an in-line concrete pump to pump concrete up to the houses in order to comply with HOA rules.

Mr. Meland (200 Kenwood Place) made a comment.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the request to utilize city property for construction and license agreement; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Street Closure for a Special Event Request
The Washington Park Zoo is requesting to close part of Lake Shore Drive for their annual Boo at the Zoo Event to take place on October 17, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ms. Antisdel noted that this is annual event that gains popularity each year.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the street closure for a special event request; seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Honorary Street Sign
Tina Wade-Mahone is requesting the installation of an Honorary Street Sign to be named "George & Madeline Smrt Way" to be placed at the intersection of Grant and Lincoln Avenues.

Ms. Wade-Mahone, 225 Sunset Dr., stated that she is a member of the West Side Association and is working to help revitalize the west side, beginning with key streets; explaining that this is the reason for her request for an honorary street sign.

Ms. Wade-Mahone and other members of the West Side Association, including Mary Newsom, 304 Grant Ave., and April VanBuren, 415 Hayes Ave., provided additional details regarding their request, including background information and personal experiences with Madeline and George Smrt. Discussion ensued among the applicants and Board members regarding the request.

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that the Board of Works does not have jurisdiction to officially rename the street but can approve an honorary street sign.

Mr. Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

Mr. Meland (200 Kenwood Place) made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the honorary street sign request; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Attorney Lapaich noted that the cost of an honorary street sign is $450. She stated that she is working on developing a policy regarding honorary street signs and asked the Board to temporarily suspend consideration of any additional honorary street sign requests until the policy is completed.

Ms. Smith made a motion to temporarily suspend any additional requests for honorary street signs until a policy is established; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

<u>Vendor License</u>
Tina Mahone is requesting to be a Street Vendor in order to sell ice cream, refreshments, and soft serve treats at the corners of 9th St. and Willard Ave., Gardena and Jackson Streets, 6th St. and Willard Ave., and the sidewalk in front of 1212 W. 9th St. for one (1) month Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Wade-Mahone, 225 Sunset Dr., stated that she would like to sell ice cream on the west side as there are currently no similar businesses in the neighborhood.

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich asked Ms. Wade-Mahone if she had contacted the Health Department. Ms. Wade-Mahone stated that she had checked to determine whether certification was required and is scheduled to receive the necessary certification; noting that she would not need a license to sell her refrigerated products.

Mr. Voltz asked whether any of the proposed locations are located on park property. Ms. Wade-Mahone stated that she does not intend to set up on park property.

Discussion ensued among Attorney Lapaich, City Engineer Tim Werner, Planning Director Domonique Edwards, Captain Greg Jesse, Ms. Wade-Mahone, and the Board members regarding location requirements, business specifications, traffic flow, zoning restrictions, and safety concerns.

Mr. Kulavick, 1316 Ohio Street, made a comment.

Mr. Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, made a comment.

Ms. Wade-Mahone agreed to obtain written permission from New Hope to set up at the intersection of 6th St. and Lamb Ct.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve Ms. Wade-Mahone's request for 6th St. and Lamb Ct. as well as 1212 W. 9th St. pending receipt of written approval from New Hope Church ; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Ms. Moore made a motion to deny Ms. Wade-Mahone's request for 9th St. and Willard Ave. and Gardena and Jackson Streets; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Claims Docket

August 3, 2026

Municipal	**$962,595.55**
CDBG	**$86,868.40**
Health & Life	**$552,041.23**
Special Events	**$0.00**
Zoo Casino Agreement	**$26,328.92**
ARP Local Fiscal Recovery	**$0.00**
TOTAL CLAIMS:	**$1,627,834.10**

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the claims docket as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Payroll Claims Docket

Payroll Claims Docket	**July 24, 2026**	**$875,719.51**

Mr. Voltz made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business at this time.

Public Comment

Tommy Kulavick, 1316 Ohio Street, commented that August 1 marked the 10-year anniversary of the opening of the Michigan City Police Department Headquarters on Michigan Boulevard and the 30-year anniversary of President Bill Clinton's campaign visit to the Washington Park Bandshell.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, thanked the Board for its decision regarding Ms. Wade-Mahone's vendor license request; commenting on the success of the Leadership Academy and its various endeavors.

Board Comment

Ms. Moore asked whether there is a policy regarding flashing stop signs and raised concerns about the access road in front of Kabelin True Value off of St. John's and U.S. 20, noting that there are significant potholes.

D'Marcus Briscoe, Code Enforcement Manager, noted that the access road is private property and that the property owners are responsible for addressing the condition of the roadway.

Ms. Antisdel thanked Captain Greg Jesse for conducting the speed demonstration to help Board and Council members better understand how fast vehicles are traveling and what different speeds look like. Ms. Antisdel also thanked everyone involved in the boat races.

Adjournment

Mr. Voltz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote.
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

BOW President, Candice Antisdel

BOW Clerk, Gianna Galante