Regular Board of Works Meeting In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on August 17, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 2026 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 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; Shong Smith, Street Department Director; David Cooney, Assistant Chief of Police; Shante Ivy, Assistant Director of Human Resources; Eric Willaims, Assistant Special Events Director; Barrett Taylor, Fire Chief; and Drew White, ALCO.

Approval of Minutes
Regular "HYBRID/ZOOM" meeting on August 3, 2026

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the August 3, 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

Opening of Bids
Bid opening – Sale of City Property – 621 Spring St.

Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that the Board previously approved the procurement from adjacent land owners of bids for the sale of City property that abuts 821 Spring Street, noting that the three bid forms were sent to ES Tech LP, Kip Piper, and JP Investments, LLC. Three sealed bids were received.

JP investments bid $6,600.00, ES Tech LP bid $3,000.00, and Kip Piper bid $1,777.77.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the bid from JP Investments LLC in the amount of $6,600.00 pending final review by the City Attorney, Amber Lapaich; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval
Haas Associates is requesting approval of Reith-Riley Construction Co,. Inc payment recommendation No. 01 for the Ameriplex Drive Roadway Reconstruction

Tim Werner, City Engineer, stated this payment request is for all the curb, storm, and sewer related work to be completed in this project.

Ms. Antisdel asked if any City Staff has been out to inspect the construction of the Ameriplex Drive Roadway Reconstruction project. Mr. Werner stated yes, noting Haas has completed inspections as well the Engineering Department.

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

Rolling Street Closure for a Film Shoot Request
Andrew Shea with Shea Productions, LLC is requesting a rolling street closure on York Street between 8th and 9th Streets on September 27, 2026 for a documentary with Lyn Isbell and the Michigan City Soul Steppers from 1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that Donnie Seals with Digital Café LLC resubmitted the application in order to match the name listed on the Certificate of Insurance (COI). Andrew and Mellisa Shea (14428 Lakeshore Road, Lakeside MI) stated that they intend to film this documentary about Lyn Isbell and the Michigan City Soul Steppers, explaining the details of the documentary. Discussion ensued among the applicants and the Board members regarding the specifications of the documentary.

Tommy Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Request for a Rolling Street Closure for a Film Shoot Request; seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Lane Closure for Construction
Eric Kimmel with Drive and Shine Car Wash Center is requesting a lane closure on part of Franklin Street to install a new driveway approach

City Engineer Tim Werner stated that a sewer connection also needs to be completed and has been coordinated with the Sanitary District to occur at the same time as the driveway approach. Mr. Werner recommended using an arrow board on Franklin Street to avoid impacting Route 20 and to minimize traffic disruptions.

Tommy Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the Lane Closure for Construction Request; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

<u>Request for Approval</u>
Shannon Eason, M.C. Public Art Committee, is requesting approval of contracts with the following artists to purchase their art work for the production of banners to be placed in and around the Uptown Arts District:
- Andrea Williams
- Joe Condon
- Anneke Dekker
- Leah Romano McMeen
- Jacob Howard
- Laurie Schirmer Carpenter
- Amy Thurman
- Julie Kasniunas
- Gabriel Garcia
- Bunny Dimke
- Dennis Maloney

Matt Kubik, Michigan City Public Art Committee, noted that this project is a celebration of Michigan City's 190 anniversary and will include 19 banners to be placed on Pine Street, Franklin Street and Washington Street. Discussion ensued among the Board members and Mr. Kubik regarding the specifications of the banners.

Tommy Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

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

<u>Contracts(S) & Renewals: Medical Prescription Drug and Stop Loss</u>
Highstreet Insurance is seeking approval of the following:
- Approval of the Stop Loss Contract with QBE; (Exhibit 1)
- Administrative Cost Renewal with UMR, APTA, and Highstreet; (Exhibit 2)
- Contract with Mutual of Omaha for life, dental and voluntary life insurance; (Exhibit 3)
- Renewal of contract with Metlife for Vision; (Exhibit 4)
- Contract with UHC for accident, critical illness, hospital indemnity, short term disability, and long term disability; (Exhibit 5)
- Renewal of contract with Curalinc for the Employees Assistance Program (EAP); (Exhibit 6)
- Modification to the City's prescription drug plan through Northshore Clinic regarding GLP-1s;

- The Health Plan Document and Summary Plan Description for the City of Michigan City, Indiana. (Exhibit 7 and 8)

Eric Gibson, Highstreet Insurance, explained the details of the Medical Stop Loss, Administrative cost renewal with UMR, APTA and Highstreet, expected total program costs, and other conditions of the request. Discussion ensued between Mr. Gibson and the Board regarding the specifications of the contract renewals.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the Contracts & Renewals for Medical Prescription Drug and Stop Loss; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

<u>Special Purchase</u>
The Michigan City Police Department is requesting approval of a special purchase for new printers to replace the Department's existing multifunction copier/printer equipment

David Cooney, Assistant Police Chief, noted that the requested contract is a replacement of their current, expired printer agreement. Discussion ensued among the Board and Chief Cooney regarding the specifications of the special purchase agreement.

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

<u>Change Order</u>
Tim Werner, City Engineer, is requesting a change order to the 2026 Michigan City Road Improvements Project for quantity adjustments and contract modifications

Tim Werner, City Engineer, noted that the original CCMG contract did not include some sidewalk sections, so the change order includes more funding for those sections. Discussion ensued among the Board and Mr. Werner regarding the locations for road improvements.

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

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

Policy Revision
The Human Resources Department is requesting a revision to Policy 302 – Personal Time to add a grid of the accrual breakdown to provide clarity to employees

Shante Ivy, Human Resources Department, noted that a grid of the accrual breakdown was added to Policy 302 Personal Time to provide clarity so there is no confusion as to time City Employees will receive.

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

Claims Docket

August 17, 2026

Municipal	**$ 2,038,781.63**
CDBG	**$ 5,054.05**
Health & Life	**$ 493,712.28**
Special Events	**$ 13,215.00**
Zoo Casino Agreement	**0.00**
ARP Local Fiscal Recovery	**0.00**
TOTAL CLAIMS:	**$ 2,550,762.96**

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

Payroll Claims Docket

Payroll Claims Docket	**August 7, 2026**	**$887,300.27**

Mr. Voltz made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket as presented; seconded by Ms. Moore 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 18th will be the 30-year anniversary of President Bill Clinton's campaign visit to the Washington Park Bandshell.

Erin Hollihan (302 Gladice Street) made a comment regarding grass growing through cracks in the sidewalks near Franklin Street and Tim Road, expressing concern that the condition could result in further damage over time. Mr. Hollihan also noted a section of Broadway, near the intersection of Carroll Avenue, that needs to be repaired, stating that the condition is causing inconvenience for residents.

Board Comment

Ms. Moore made a comment commending City Leadership and City Departments for their efforts in cleaning up the damage from the storm on August 11th.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Candice Antisdel

BOW President, Candice Antisdel

Gianna Galante

BOW Clerk, Gianna Galante