

Regular Board of Works Meeting In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on September 21, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 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 Antisdell.

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

Noted present in person: Candice Antisdell, Gene Simmons, Peggy Moore, Tamiko Smith and Patrick Voltz (5) **Absent:** (0)

Also noted in attendance:

Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich; Gianna Galante, BOW Clerk; Andrew Mantanic, IT Director; Shong Smith, Street Department Director; Captain Greg Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol; Tim Werner, City Engineer; Chief Barrett Taylor, Fire Chief; and Drew White, ALCO.

Approval of Minutes

Regular "HYBRID/ZOOM" meeting on September 8, 2026

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the September 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Opening of Quotes

Opening of Sealed Quotes for M.C. Animal Control for the construction of a new Dog Kennel Building

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that two sealed quotes were received: one from Milmar Buildings in the amount of \$74,985.00 and the other from Cleary Building Corporation in the amount of \$122,365.00. Attorney Lapaich further stated other specifications outlined in the proposed quotes, including the proposed completion schedule and permit requirements.

Ms. Smith made a motion to refer the quotes to the IT and Legal Departments; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Road Closure Request for a Breast Cancer Walk

High Praise Outreach Ministries is requesting a road closure for their annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk to take place on October 10, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Erica Miller, High Praise Ministries, noted that this is an annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and outlined the proposed route for the walk.

Captain Greg Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol, noted that the event would utilize a rolling escort rather than a street closure, stating that one lead officer could be assigned to the front of the group, with an additional officer at the rear.

Discussion ensued among the Board members and Ms. Miller regarding the specifications of the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Road Closure Request for a Breast Cancer Walk; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Signage and Striping

Councilman Don Przybylinski is requesting the following:

- Restriping on Pahs Rd. from Woodland Ave to Johnson Rd.
- Restriping on Karwick Rd. from Springland Ave. to U.S. 12
- Speed Limit Signs to be replaced from Woodland Crossing on Woodland Ave. North to Coolspring Ave.

Councilman Przybylinski, 215 Gardena Street, noted safety concerns regarding the need for restriping on Pahs Road from Woodland Avenue to Johnson Road and Karwick Road from Springland Avenue to U.S. 12, noting pedestrian traffic and nearby residential areas.

Councilman Przybylinski requested that the Board direct the City Engineer to obtain bids from contractors for the proposed restriping work. In the event that funding is not available, Councilman Przybylinski indicated that he would sponsor an ordinance and bring the matter before the City Council.

Councilman Przybylinski noted that the requested speed limit sign on Woodland Avenue had been installed by Shong Smith, Street Director, and that request has been addressed.

Discussion ensued among the Board members, Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich, and Councilman Przybylinski regarding the proposed restriping.

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

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Ms. Smith made a motion to refer the striping request to the City Engineer to obtain bids for the proposed work; seconded by Ms. Antisdal and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdal, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Traffic Control Device Inspection

Councilman Don Przybylinski is requesting an inspection of all City stoplights with "Audio Crosswalk" buttons from 11th & Franklin Streets South to Coolspring Ave

Councilman Przybylinski, 215 Gardena Street, noted that the crosswalk pedestrian buttons do not work as there is no sound, affecting the hearing impaired and sight impaired from being able to cross the streets.

Discussion ensued among the Board and Shong Smith, Street Director, and Captain Greg Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol, about the specifications of the crosswalk buttons.

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

Ms. Moore made a motion to refer the Traffic Control Device Inspection to the City Engineer to get further clarification on the stoplight inspections; seconded by Ms. Antisdal and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdal, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval

Dr. Dominique Edwards, Planning Director, is requesting approval of the Tryon Meadows Infrastructure Bond for Phase II – Tabled from 9/8/26 meeting

Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that this request is for the dedication of roads within the plat, noting that the infrastructure is nearly complete, and the final product must be approved by the City Engineer before the City can accept the roads. Attorney Lapaich explained that a resolution will accompany the final approval.

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

Ms. Smith made a motion to table the Request for Approval; seconded by Ms. Antisdal and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdal, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Special Purchase

Darrell Garbacik, Central Services Superintendent, is requesting the approval of a Bulk Salt Sales Agreement between the City of Michigan City and Midwest Salt, LLC for the purchase of 3,500 ton of treated bulk road salt at \$135.73 per ton

Darrell Garbacik, Central Services Superintendent, noted that three quotes were received. Discussion ensued among the Board, Corporation Counsel, Shong Smith, Street Director, and Mr. Garbacik about the specifications of the Special Purchase.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the special purchase as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Agreement

Darrell Garbacik, Central Services Superintendent, is requesting the approval of a Landscaping Agreement between Duneland Landscape, LLC and the City of Michigan City for ground restoration and tree removals for an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00

Darrell Garbacik, Central Services Superintendent, noted that 2 proposals were received: one from Sky Valley group, \$45,900 and Duneland Landscaping at \$27,000.00. Discussion ensued among Mr. Garbacik and the Board regarding the specifications of the agreement.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the special purchase as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Towing Licenses

The Controller's Office is requesting approval of towing licenses for Ace Auto Services, Cloverleaf, Moore's Auto, and Dave's Garage

Ms. Smith noted that the requested towing licenses have already been approved by Captain Jesse and are now before the Board for final approval.

Mr. Voltz made a motion to approve the towing licenses as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Claims Docket

September 21, 2026

Municipal	\$1,780,410.79
CDBG	\$0.00
Health & Life	\$307,008.48
Special Events	\$0.00
Zoo Casino Agreement	\$40,928.19
ARP Local Fiscal Recovery	\$0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS:	\$2,128,347.46

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

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Payroll Claims Docket

Payroll Claims Docket	September 4, 2026	\$845,497.26
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Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the payroll claims dockets as presented; seconded by Ms. Moore and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business at this time.

Public Comment

Mathew Kubic, 3318 Tilden Ave., noted that the Board originally approved a request for Hunter's Precision Construction and Roofing, Inc to operate on Trinity Church, with the exception of Mondays, as requested by the Refuse Department due to garbage collection. Mr. Kubic stated that Hunter's Precision Construction and Roofing, Inc does not intend to work in the alley and is therefore requesting that the Board amend its decision to allow Hunter's Precision Construction and Roofing, Inc to operate on Mondays.

Councilman Don Przybylinski, 215 Gardena St., noted that the railroad ties on Arthur St. and the crossing on Buffalo St. are unsafe and have degraded over the past two years. Councilman Przybylinski requested that the City Engineer contact the railroad to address these issues.

Steve Lockridge, 302 Crestwood Dr., noted concerns with a sidewalk project in front of his house that began in 2025 and has not yet been completed. Mr. Lockridge noted that he was told the project would be completed in the spring. Mr. Lockridge asked for an update.

Tommy Kulavick, 1316 Ohio St., commented that the City ought to take care of Mr. Lockridge's sidewalk, noting concerns with being able to properly service a new proposed subdivision.

Board Comment

Ms. Moore requested a report back from City Staff on Mr. Lockridge's request. Ms. Moore and Ms. Antisdel questioned whether the original motion to exclude Mondays from Mr. Kubic's request could be amended. Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that it could, but the appropriate City officials are not present to advise on the decision.

Attorney Lapaich noted that the best course of action is to have the Refuse Director reach out to Mr. Kubik directly and possibly hold a special meeting to amend the motion.

Ms. Smith asked if there is a date or schedule for Mr. Lockridge regarding the sidewalk improvements. Mr. Werner noted that the bid documents for the fall sidewalk project will be out on October 2nd and that Mr. Lockridge is number one on the list for improvements. Ms. Smith asked what the delay was in satisfying Mr. Lockridge's request. Mr. Werner noted that he has not had the appropriate budget to allocate the money.

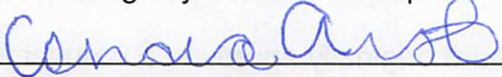
Adjournment

Ms. Moore made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote.

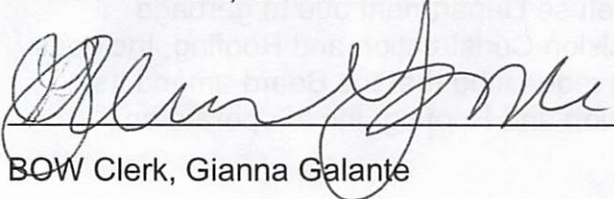
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.



BOW President, Candice Antisdel



BOW Clerk, Gianna Galante

Monday, September 21, 2026