

The Board of Public Works and Safety of Plymouth, Indiana, met in Regular Session on December 23, 2019. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana.

Mayor Mark Senter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Senter presided for Board Members Duane Culp, Jeff Houin, Shiloh Milner and Bill Walters. Clerk-Treasurer Jeanine Xavier was also present. City Attorney Sean Surrisi was absent.

Members Culp and Houin moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last regular session of the Board of Public Works and Safety on December 9, 2019. The motion carried.

Street Superintendent Jim Marquardt recommended the board approve the bids from both IMI Aggregate and Stockberger Trucking LLC for the 2020 Street Materials, as the street department has done in the past.

Board Members Culp and Walters moved and seconded to accept both bids. The motion carried.

Marquardt also discussed the fuel bids with the board. He called both Ceres Solutions and Bellman Oil on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to obtain prices. Ceres Solutions came back with the lowest bid:

- Gasoline - \$2.087/gallon (5 cents more than last year)
- Diesel - \$2.509/gallon (4 cents less than last year)

Marquardt recommended the board ratify the decision to award the bid to Ceres Solutions for the 2020 Fuel Supplies and approve the contract.

Board Members Houin and Culp moved and seconded to ratify the contract with Ceres Solutions for 2020 Fuel Supplies. The motion carried.

Mayor Senter recommended the board appoint Bill Walters as the 2020 representative to the Plymouth Plan Commission.

Board members Houin and Milner moved and seconded to appoint Bill Walters as the Board of Public Works and Safety representative to the Plymouth Plan Commission. The motion carried.

Fire Chief Rod Miller asked for the board's acceptance of a donation of two cordless drills from Cargil, totaling \$599.18.

Board Members Milner and Walters moved and seconded to accept the donation of two cordless drills from Cargil. The motion carried.

Miller also requested the board's permission to allow the Clerk-Treasurer to process a payment for the remounted ambulance, which he anticipates will be completed before the next

board meeting. The ambulance will be inspected, and if acceptable, the check would be presented to Crossroads Ambulance Service at the time of pickup.

Board members Culp and Houin moved and seconded to approve the payment to Crossroads Ambulance Service at the time of ambulance pickup. The motion carried.

City Engineer Rick Gaul reviewed Comcast Cable's request to work in the city's right-of-way at Baker Street, Dora Lane, Red Maple Drive, and Redspire Drive (UT-19-036). They are replacing underground fiber optic cable. The agreement includes a \$5,000 financial guarantee.

Board Members Houin and Walters moved and seconded to approve the request for work in the city's right-of-way for project UT-19-036, Comcast at Baker/Dora/Riverwalk (921 River Birch Dr), subject to the terms, notes and conditions outlined in the correspondence provided by City Engineer Gaul and the placement of the financial guarantee. The motion carried.

Bob Severeid, EMS Chief for the Town of Walkerton, addressed the board regarding his concerns for the city's Paramedic Assist Services resolution that was tabled at the last board meeting. He reviewed some data from 2016-2018, noting that Walkerton has paid the City of Plymouth 50% of payments received for ambulance runs:

- \$61,874.66 – total billed out for ambulance services
- \$21,814.00 – total received from insurance, Medicaid, Medicare
- \$22,278.19 – total revenue
- \$10,942.00 – total paid to City of Plymouth

Severeid calculated that if the runs had been charged at \$300 each rather than a 50% payout, the total paid to Plymouth would have been nearly \$19,000, which is 85% of the total revenue income for their ambulance services. He noted that all cities and towns are feeling the pressure from the recent hospital rate increases and hopes there can be a compromise to adjust to these changes.

Chief Miller said he, along with representatives from the fire department and clerk-treasurer's office, have had recent discussions with the city's ambulance billing company to try and come up with an alternative plan to the \$300 per run as previously presented to the board. The fire department is looking at a two-tier billing system, but details are not ready to be presented to the board. He requested that the resolution stay tabled until details have been worked out.

Clerk-Treasurer Xaver presented the following request:

Dustin's Place, center for grieving children and families, would like to host a 5K on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 8:00 am. Location of race start 11802 Lincoln Hwy, runners will go to Pennsylvania Ave to Liberty, Laporte and Kingston Road. S/ Viki Brown, Founder, 11802 Lincoln Hwy, Plymouth, 574-529-0528

Viki Brown was present to discuss the request. She reviewed a map showing where they would like to the run to take place. She has coordinated with Marshall County and the

sheriff's department to have reserve officers on site to help with closing down a lane of Lincoln Highway to protect the participants.

Houin asked if the run will be requiring the shutdown of the city streets. Brown said no, it would be more traffic control rather than the shutting down of roads. Walters asked if they will need assistance from any city police officers or not. Brown said the county will cover the entire race.

Members Culp and Walters moved and seconded to approve the request as presented. The motion carried.

Members Houin and Milner moved and seconded to allow the payroll for December 31, 2019 and the claims for December 23, 2019 as entered in Claim Register #2019. The motion carried.

Board Members Houin and Milner moved and seconded to approve the following communications:

- November 2019 Wastewater Dept Report
- November 2019 Water Dept Report

There being no further business to discuss, Board Members Houin and Walters moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Senter declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Jeanine M. Xaver, IAMC, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

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Mark Senter, Mayor