

The Board of Public Works and Safety of Plymouth, Indiana, met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on November 12, 2024. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, on the second floor of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana.

President Pro-Tempore Don Ecker Jr. called the meeting to order. Ecker presided for Board Members Duane Culp, Shiloh Milner, and Dave Morrow, who were physically present. Mayor Robert Listenberger was absent. City Attorney Jeff Houin and Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Gorski were also present. The public was able to see and hear the meeting through Microsoft Teams.

Board members Culp and Morrow moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of October 28, 2024, as presented. The motion carried.

City Engineer Dan Sellers and City Attorney Jeff Houin made a last call for bids before opening bids as follows.

<b>CITY OF PLYMOUTH, INDIANA</b> <b>PW-24-033 2024 SIDEWALK PROJECTS</b> <b>BID TABULATION</b> <b>BIDS RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 12, 2024</b> <b>BIDS TABULATED:</b>				
	E&B PAVING 310 Blacketer Dr Rochester, IN 46975	Phend & Brown, Inc. 367 E 1250 N Millford, IN 46542	MILESTONE 24358 S.R. 23 South Bend, IN 46614	PLYMOUTH ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE
PW24-018 Sidewalk: Michigan (Dollar General to Family Express)	\$ 52,566.20	\$ 44,073.00	\$ 52,513.00	\$ 36,200
PW24-019 Sidewalk: Michigan (Jackson To Lemler)	\$ 71,036.68	\$ 61,436.00	\$ 73,526.65	\$ 53,900
PW24-020 Sidewalk: LEMLER(S. Michigan to Bayless)	\$ 98,265.77	\$ 81,049.00	\$ 97,223.45	\$ 71,600
PW24-020 Sidewalk: Washington St. (Park Jefferson to Beerenbrook)	\$ 84,061.00	\$ 73,054.00	\$ 89,216.00	\$ 64,700
PW24-021 Sidewalk: Washington (Beerenbrook to Fifth)	\$ 84,760.25	\$ 71,249.00	\$ 88,636.25	\$ 65,100
<b>TOTAL FOR STREETS</b>	<b>\$ 390,689.90</b>	<b>\$ 330,861.00</b>	<b>\$ 401,115.35</b>	<b>\$ 291,500</b>

Board members Morrow and Milner moved and seconded to take the bids under advisement and authorized Sellers to award these bids to the lowest responsible bidder after review. The motion carried.

Sellers stated that last week Plymouth was awarded the Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG) for \$647,181.98 and those are for 2025 Street Projects. He listed the streets below.

2025 CCMG Projects - Local Maintenance Projects

Local Maintenance Projects

- Lincolnway East - Jefferson St. to City limits
- S. Michigan St. - Oakhill Ave. to Yellow River Bridge
- Lake St. - S. Michigan St. to Gideon St.
- Laporte St. - Fifth St. to Ben Lane (Dead End)
- Seventh St. - Lake Ave. To Laporte St.
- Garro St. - Third St. to Fifth St.
- Nursery St. - Rose St. to S. Michigan St.
- Marlou Place - Dead End to Pennsylvania Ave.
- Roy St. - Gibson St. to Lincolnway East
- Gideon St. - Pennsylvania Ave. to Dead End

He also explained that he started the stormwater outflows from the stormwater system to the river. He stated the plan was to do 30 of the 130 outflows to the river as they try to complete that on a four-year cycle.

Morrow asked if they still had money budgeted for next year's paving projects.

Sellers replied in agreement and stated that the CCMG would be a 50% match of an estimate, and hopefully those bids are under that estimate. He stated they would still need to produce the remaining \$650,000 to match those funds.

Morrow asked if the projection would be over \$1 million. Sellers agreed.

Culp asked about the Harrison Street Trail Project.

Houin replied that the tentative plan was to apply for CCMG funds in the 2025-2 round, which would be the July application in 2025. He stated these projects were applied for in the 2024-2 round to be completed in 2025. He stated there are two Community Crossing application windows each year with one being in January and the other in July. He stated they are not planning to apply for any CCMG's in January but instead plan to apply for both the Harrison Street Trail and the 2026 Street Paving Projects in the July round next year.

Culp stated that he thought the project was ready.

Houin replied that the engineering work was not complete yet. He explained that USI Consultants was still completing right-of-way work and railroad coordination, so they do not have the final engineering work complete to be ready to apply yet.

Morrow asked what the \$400,000+ from the ARPA money was being utilized for.

Houin replied that the ARPA money was going to the sidewalk projects and the CCMG funds would be going to the regular 2025 Street Paving Projects, which would allow them to double the amount of paving they could do with the regular budget.

Ecker stated that Mayor Listenberger wished to pass his thanks along to Dan Sellers, Street Superintendent Jim Marquardt, GIS Coordinator Chris Marshall, and Jeff Houin for all the extra work they did to apply for the grant and receive it.

Police Chief John Weir introduced a Sponsorship Decal Agreement and provided a copy for them to review that night.

Morrow stated that it was a good idea.

Culp stated that it had come to his attention that some people are grumbling about this while others were not. He asked if he had received any complaints about that project.

Weir replied that he had heard no complaints directed at him. He stated that there were three different Facebook comments against it and one of them he respected his opinion, so he tried to contact them that day as he wished to explain the reasoning. He stated the others were just some of the negative comments that they often get for various decisions.

Culp stated what he heard was that putting business logos on cop cars was bad business, but he did not agree with that. He stated he liked the idea.

Ecker stated that he was nervous about the idea as he just heard about this that night, so they did not have a lot of time to give it thought or investigate it. He stated he was concerned and was unsure if they were in the advertising business with police vehicles.

Weir stated he was not sure it was advertising as their squad cars have been advertising for years. He listed Oliver Ford, Auto Park, etc. He stated they have been advertising and that was normal. He stated the decals they are wanting to put on are about an 8 inch one on the back window and then one on each front fender, if they would want them that are 4 inches each. He stated it would not take away from their department, but he did believe it would be a plus for our community to show off support for the Police Department.

Culp commented that it would also save money on the budget.

Weir agreed that the money could be put towards other equipment.

Board members Morrow and Milner moved and seconded to approve the Sponsorship Decals Agreement for Plymouth Police Department Squads as presented. The motion carried with Ecker opposed.

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Street Superintendent Jim Marquardt stated for the Gibson & LaPorte Street Project, they have started removing sod along Gibson Street and they have some more on E. LaPorte Street. He stated there were some areas that severely sunk and E&B Paving agreed to that. He stated they conducted another walkthrough that morning and they were working on removing the sod, adding more topsoil, and their side company would come replace sod in those areas. He stated with it being later in the year, the sod company would not be watering as it could freeze. He explained there was still a warranty for a year to be sure the sod stays so if it did not take, they would have to fix the sod again in the Spring.

Morrow asked if this was being done without a change order.

Marquardt replied in agreement that this would be on their dime. He stated their goal was to be in town until it was done and estimated up to 2-3 days of work. He stated they are working to close the project but there would still be a warranty for the sod work for up to a year.

Morrow asked if it made sense to wait until next year to lay that sod.

Marquardt replied that they spoke to them about that, and they were fine with doing that now and the sod company believed it would work.

Board members Milner and Morrow moved and seconded to allow the payroll for October 31, 2024, and the claims for November 12, 2024, as entered in Claim Register #2024-21. The motion carried.

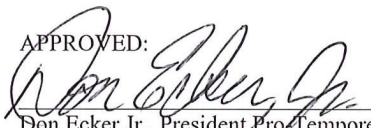
Board members Culp and Milner moved and seconded to accept the following communications:

- November 12, 2024 Docket
- Code Enforcement Activity Report – October 2024
- Building Department Activity Report – October 2024

The motion carried.

There being no further business, Board members Milner and Morrow moved and seconded to adjourn. Ecker declared the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Don Ecker Jr., President Pro Tempore

  
Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer



**BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

**Code Enforcement**

**Activity Report Summary 2024**

Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>Tall Grass</b>					23	8	8	4	3	0			46
Owner Complied					18	6	7	2	1	0			34
City Action (Mowed)					5	2	1	2	2	0			12
Action Pending													
<b>Abandoned or Junk Vehicles</b>													
Owner Complied													
City Action (Towed)													
Action Pending													
<b>Debris/Junk on Property</b>	4	5	4	8	2	1	4	6	4	3			41
Owner Complied	4	3	3	6	2	0	4	5	3	2			37
City Action (Cleaned)						1			2	1			4
Action Pending		2	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0			0
<b>Fowl/Livestock</b>							3						3
Owner Complied													
City Action													
Action Pending							3						3
<b>Signs in Public Right of Way (Removed)</b>				1	2	0	0	0	0	1			4