

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MUNCIE, INDIANA**

1. Time & Place
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Members Present
4. Approval of the Minutes for September 13, 2023
5. Register of Claims
6. Street Closure Application, Minnetrista Museum & Gardens Boo-levard Bash (10/11/2023)
7. Public Comments – Zane Bishop
8. Adjournment

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CITY OF MUNCIE, STATE OF INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MINUTES**

1. **Board of Public Works and safety, City of Muncie, State of Indiana, met in City Hall Auditorium, at 9:00 A.M.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call Members Present:** Ted Baker – Lola Mauer – Linda Gregory
4. **Approval of the Minutes for September 13, 2023:** President Ted Baker entertained a motion to approve. Lola Mauer moved to approve minutes from the September 13, 2023 meeting as printed. Linda Gregory provided a second. Motion passed by voice vote.
5. **Register of Claims:** Craig Wright, City Controller, wished to bring attention to a few claims:
 - ✓ Page 13 \$14,462.50 Delaware-Muncie Metro Planning Commission
LR&S pavement inventory and management project 20% match.
 - ✓ Page 13 \$33,258.06 American Structurepoint LR&S MPPC design manual.
 - ✓ Page 14 \$16,954.76 Best Way Disposal CDBG demolition dumpsters.
 - ✓ Page 14 \$21,675.28 A Better Way Services CDBG June through August expenses.
 - ✓ Page 14 \$25,000 Home Savers of Delaware County Home Savers funding (4 properties).
 - ✓ EFTS \$54,109.94 Delta Dental.
 - ✓ EFT \$146,561.22 UMR.

President Baker asked for questions or comments. Linda Gregory refers to the legal claims for negotiations. Wright confirms and mentions a follow up on the old invoices from last week, which have been addressed. Employees were informed to follow up on anything that old. Gregory asks about the system having a tickler. Wright explains it is an invoice that has been issued before will be flagged. President Baker entertained a motion. Linda Gregory made a motion to approve register of claims **254 Records** for a total amount of **\$489,167.65** as presented. Lola Mauer provided the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. **Street Closure Application, Minnetrista Museum & Gardens Boo-levard Bash (10/11/2023):** Steve Scott, Associate Director at Minnetrista Museum & Gardens, states this is a new event scheduled for October 11, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM so the time for the closure being requested is from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. President Baker confirms all documents are in place. Linda Gregory requests Mr. Scott tell them a little more about the event. Scott explains it will be the same day is Family Day so there will be activities all across the campus all day. This trick-or-treating part was added up and down the boulevard and admits he does not know a whole lot about it as it is still in the planning and they have never done it before. He believes each of the houses are going to have the front porch decorated for the kids. Gregory adds kids wearing their costumes and other scary stuff. Scott answers yes and believes that the date of October 11th was probably chosen because the already scheduled Family Day; kids are off school and there will be activities all throughout the day. Lola Mauer comments it will be a good and safe event. Scott agrees. President Baker thanks him for bringing things like this to the community. Lola Mauer moved to approve the street closure application. Linda Gregory provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
7. **Public Comments:** Zane Bishop, 1301 N. Jefferson, hasn't heard anything back from the City or MCS on the Walnut Street sidewalk closure or bike lane closure. President Baker knows that

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some things are in process with communication going on to figure all that out. Hopefully they will be seeing some action there soon. He mentions he saw Bishop's email to the Mayor as well and they are following up on that. Bishop thanks him and encourages if they have not yet to walk the detour and observe it before and after school, especially later in the afternoon when buses are no longer detoured toward Central they really should. There is one crosswalk along that stretch of Walnut but no crosswalks along Wysor and the one that is there is at Columbus. You have to essentially beg to cross by waiting a whole signal to push the button. Once you arrive at the Central side, there is no ADA accessible curb ramps. The City would never design a detour for a road like this where you have to hop over curbs in a vehicle or next to a trench where there is a ton of debris on the ground or go over fencing with frequent narrowing and widening where you cannot pass someone else or have two people side by side. President Baker assures they acknowledge all of that and he has taken the time to drive past there. The concerns are heard and they are trying to get through it. Bishop would lastly note the City made an effort to move parking for employees closer so they would not have to walk two (2) blocks to work but there has been no official action to approve this detour. Students have to walk out of the way across a busy thoroughfare where people are not driving the school speed limits or waiting for people to cross so they can walk half a mile to the bus station. We would never do this for vehicles so he does not understand why we are doing this to our students.

8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business President Baker adjourned meeting at 9:08 a.m.

We will meet next Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Board of Public Works and Safety



Ted Baker, President



Lola Mauer, Vice-President



Linda Gregory, Secretary



Lacey Jones, Recording Secretary