

August 18, 2026

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN, INDIANA**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of New Haven Indiana met in the City Hall Community Room on the August 18, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 AM in a Regular session in accordance with the rules of the Council.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Steve McMichael, who presided.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Steve McMichael asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

On the call of the roll, the members of the Board of Public Works & Safety were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Steve McMichael, Bob Byrd, and Ivan Almodovar

Absent: None

C. Pay Claims and Register

The claim registers for payroll and vendor checks written since the last regularly scheduled meeting were presented to the board and signed by the Board. Vendor checks will be mailed out on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

D. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

Ivan Almodovar made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Bob Byrd seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor-City Hall

A. Approval of Nup Media Agreement in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the build and launch of an advocacy website in support of Railroad Petition Campaign

Under new business item A, was the approval of Nup Media Agreement in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the build and launch of an advocacy website in support of the Railroad Petition Campaign. Bob Byrd made a motion to approve the Nup Media Agreement in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the build and launch of an advocacy website in support of the Railroad Petition

Campaign. Ivan Almodovar seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

- B. Approval of Nup Media invoice #397 in the amount of \$7,000.00 for Website and Development for the Move the Train Campaign

Under new business item B, was the approval of Nup Media invoice #397 in the amount of \$7,000.00 for Website and Development for the Move the Train Campaign. Ivan Almodovar made a motion to approve the Nup Media invoice #397 in the amount of \$7,000.00 for Website and Development for the Move the Train Campaign. Bob Byrd seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

- C. Approval of Pape Enterprises Proposed City Support & Equipment Budget not to exceed \$9,800.00 for assistance with the NHTracks app and software

Under new business item C, was the approval of Pape Enterprises' Proposed City Support & Equipment Budget not to exceed \$9,800.00 for assistance with the NHTracks app and software. Bob Byrd made a motion to approve Pape Enterprises' Proposed City Support & Equipment Budget not to exceed \$9,800.00 for assistance with the NHTracks app and software. Ivan Almodovar seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

- D. Approval of Koorsen Fire and Security Agreement #442730 in the amount of \$2,108.10 for City Hall sprinkler system inspections

Under new business item D, was the approval of Koorsen Fire and Security Agreement #442730 in the amount of \$2,108.10 for City Hall sprinkler system inspections. Ivan Almodovar made a motion to approve Koorsen Fire and Security Agreement #442730 in the amount of \$2,108.10 for City Hall sprinkler system inspections. Bob Byrd seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

- E. Approval of stipend increase for Community Development Director Zach Washler in the amount of \$76.92 bi-weekly with the total being \$2,000.00 annually for CDBG Certification Stipend

Under new business item E, was the approval of a stipend increase for Community Development Director Zach Washler in the amount of \$76.92 bi-weekly, with the total being \$2,000.00 annually for the CDBG Certification Stipend. Bob Byrd made a motion to approve a stipend increase for Community Development Director Zach Washler in the amount of \$76.92 bi-weekly with the total being \$2,000.00 annually for CDBG Certification Stipend. Ivan Almodovar seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Clerk-Treasurer

- F. Approval of new hire Marissa Almodovar as a part-time Utility Billing Clerk with a pay rate of \$15.06 an hour effective 08/12/2026

Under new business item F, was the approval of new hire Marissa Almodovar as a part-time Utility Billing Clerk with a pay rate of \$15.06 an hour effective 08/12/2026. Ivan Almodovar removed himself from the vote, because Marissa is his daughter. Bob Byrd made a motion to approve new hire Marissa Almodovar as a part-time Utility Billing Clerk with a pay rate of

\$15.06 an hour effective 08/12/2026. Steve McMichael seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

- G. Approval of a 90-day pay increase for Deputy Clerk Amy McCracken from \$25.65 hourly to \$27.26 hourly effective 8/10/2026

Under new business item G, was the approval of a 90-day pay increase for Deputy Clerk Amy McCracken from \$25.65 hourly to \$27.26 hourly effective 8/10/2026. Ivan Almodovar made a motion to approve a 90-day pay increase for Deputy Clerk Amy McCracken from \$25.65 hourly to \$27.26 hourly effective 8/10/2026. Bob Byrd seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

- H. Approval of salary increase for HR Director Laney Barrow from \$2,959.20 to \$3,077.57 bi-weekly effective 8/24/2026

Under new business item H, was the approval of a salary increase for HR Director Laney Barrow from \$2,959.20 to \$3,077.57 bi-weekly effective 8/24/2026. Bob Byrd made a motion to approve salary increase for HR Director Laney Barrow from \$2,959.20 to \$3,077.57 bi-weekly effective 8/24/2026. Ivan Almodovar seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Engineering Department

- I. Approval of DLZ invoice #610851 in the amount of \$562.50 for On-Call Plan Review

Under new business item I, was the approval of DLZ invoice #610851 in the amount of \$562.50 for On-Call Plan Review. Ivan Almodovar made a motion to approve DLZ invoice #610851 in the amount of \$562.50 for On-Call Plan Review. Bob Byrd seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

- J. Approval of DLZ Invoice #610853 in the amount of \$91,808.09 for the South Maplecrest Road improvements

Under new business item J, was the approval of DLZ Invoice #610853 in the amount of \$91,808.09 for the South Maplecrest Road improvements. Bob Byrd made a motion to approve DLZ Invoice #610853 in the amount of \$91,808.09 for the South Maplecrest Road improvements. Ivan Almodovar seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Planning

- K. Approval of salary increase for Assistant Planner Samantha Oyler from \$24.10 hourly to \$26.75 hourly effective 8/24/2026

Under new business item K, was the approval of a 90-day salary increase for Assistant Planner Samantha Oyler from \$24.10 hourly to \$26.75 hourly, effective 8/24/2026. Ivan Almodovar made a motion to approve a 90-day salary increase for Assistant Planner Samantha Oyler from \$24.10 hourly to \$26.75 hourly, effective 8/24/2026. Bob Byrd seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Economic & Community Development

L. Approval of Special Event Permit EV-26-12 for the New Haven High School Homecoming Parade

Under new business item L, was the approval of Special Event Permit EV-26-12 for the New Haven High School Homecoming Parade. Bob Byrd made a motion to approve Special Event Permit EV-26-12 for the New Haven High School Homecoming Parade. Ivan Almodovar seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

M. Approval of Special Event Form EV-26-13 for First Wednesday Historic Broadway

Under new business item M, was the approval of Special Event Form EV-26-13 for First Wednesday Historic Broadway. Ivan Almodovar made a motion to approve Special Event Form EV-26-13 for First Wednesday Historic Broadway. Bob Byrd seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

N. Approval of salary increase for Community Health Coordinator Caylee Steward from \$28.85 hourly to \$29.85 hourly effective 8/10/2026

Under new business item N, was the approval of a 90-day salary increase for Community Health Coordinator Caylee Steward from \$28.85 hourly to \$29.85 hourly, effective 8/10/2026. Bob Byrd made a motion to approve a 90-day salary increase for Community Health Coordinator Caylee Steward from \$28.85 hourly to \$29.85 hourly effective 8/10/2026. Ivan Almodovar seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Police

O. Approval of First Due Communications Quote 26102 in the amount of \$12,804.72 for upfit of the 2026 Tahoe

Under new business item O, was the approval of First Due Communications Quote 26102 in the amount of \$12,804.72 for upfit of the 2026 Tahoe. Ivan Almodovar made a motion to approve the First Due Communications Quote 26102 in the amount of \$12,804.72 for upfit of the 2026 Tahoe. Bob Byrd seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

P. Approval of MNJ Technologies Quote S001825963 in the amount of \$11,164.35 for computers

Under new business item P, was the approval of MNJ Technologies Quote S001825963 in the amount of \$11,164.35 for computers. Ivan Almodovar made a motion to approve MNJ Technologies Quote S001825963 in the amount of \$11,164.35 for computers. Bob Byrd seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Public Works/Utility

Q. Approval of Koorsen Fire and Security Agreement #442747 in the amount of \$1,469.46 for Public Works building sprinkler inspections

Under new business item Q, was the approval of Koorsen Fire and Security Agreement #442747 in the amount of \$1,469.46 for Public Works building sprinkler inspections. Bob Byrd made a

motion to approve Koorsen Fire and Security Agreement #442747 in the amount of \$1,469.46 for Public Works building sprinkler inspections. Ivan Almodovar seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

- R. Approval of new hire Joe King as a Full-Time Public Works employee with a pay rate of \$27.10 an hour effective 8/17/2026

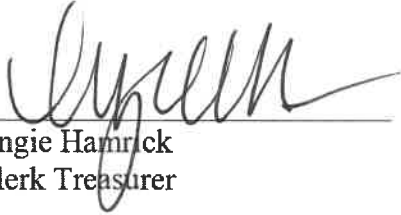
Under new business item R, was the approval of new hire Joe King as a Full-Time Public Works employee with a pay rate of \$27.10 an hour effective 8/17/2026. Ivan Almodovar made a motion to approve new hire Joe King as a Full-Time Public Works employee with a pay rate of \$27.10 an hour effective 8/17/2026. Bob Byrd seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MIGHT COME BEFORE THE BOARD

V. ADJOURNMENT

Bob Byrd made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ivan Almodovar seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.



Steve McMichael
Presiding Officer

Angie Hamrick
Clerk Treasurer