

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
AUGUST 18, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of Public Works and Safety met on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall, located at 301 S. Branson St., Marion, IN 46952.

1. ROLL CALL

Members present: Alex Huskey, Fred Cohlhepp, Mario Speed, Vickie Nevels, Virginia Drake

Also present: Economic Development Director Joe Murphy, Superintendent Randy Hiatt, Street Department Foreman Jeremiah Horvath, Deputy Chief Mark Stefanatos, record keeper Whitney Gilbert

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Approval of August 4, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 4, 2025.

Motion: Vickie Nevels Seconded: Mario Speed Motion Carried

3. CITY OF MARION – PROPERTY SALE – 3715 S. BOOTS ST.

Economic Development Director Joe Murphy explained that the City of Marion has been in negotiations with Jeremy Sosh regarding the sale of City-owned property located at 3715 S. Boots Street, which adjoins Mr. Sosh's residence. Mr. Murphy noted that the property is proposed to be conveyed to Mr. Sosh for the purchase price of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to approve the sale of 3715 S. Boots St.

Motion: Fred Cohlhepp Seconded: Vickie Nevels Motion Carried

4. STREET DEPARTMENT – SURPLUS VEHICLE SALE BID RECOMMENDATION

Randy Hiatt and Jeremiah from the Street Department recommended accepting Shrout's Repair's bid of \$14,725.00. Randy Hiatt noted that Shrout's Repair had the highest bid and the quickest turnaround time.

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to accept the Street Department's recommendation.

Motion: Vickie Nevels Seconded: Mario Speed Motion Carried

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT – VEHICLE PURCHASE

Mark Stefanatos explained that the Marion Police Department is preparing to purchase a truck from Mike Anderson Dodge in Marion, Indiana. The invoice for the Truck is attached to this request. We are planning to trade in a Dodge Ram Pro Master that was purchased by the previous administration. The vehicle is only used once a week, and the used truck will be used as a patrol, recruiting, and special event unit. The Pro Master trade-in value is \$17,500, and the 2022 Ram 1500 is \$41,617, with a total cost \$24,117. Mark also explained that they also have the last five of the 2025 Dodge Durangos arriving at Mike Anderson, totaling \$39,399.00. Mark explained that the Marion Police Department would like to have these purchases approved for the City Controller to process checks for the above-listed amounts.

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to approve the purchase of the Dodge truck

Motion: Vickie Nevels Seconded: Virginia Drake Motion Carried

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to allow Deputy Chief Stefanatos to explore additional trade-in values.

Motion: Vickie Nevels Seconded: Mario Speed Motion Carried

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to complete the purchase of the five 2025 Durangos.

Motion: Vickie Nevels Seconded: Mario Speed Motion Carried

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Huskey asked Keenan Davis to introduce himself. Keenan Davis explained that he is the new Chief of Operations working under Mayor Morrell.

Alex Huskey requested that Economic Development Director Joe Murphy review the status of the City-owned property located at 14th Street and Nebraska Street, for which a sale process was initiated in 2024. Mr. Murphy obtained contact information for the applicant and neighboring property owner, Lois Taylor, who has maintained the parcel for more than thirty years.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mario Speed

Seconded: Fred Cohlhepp

Motion Carried