

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

February 17, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 8:30 A.M. Mayor Furgeson called the meeting to order. All members were present.

Mayor Furgeson entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Reaves made that motion, and Mr. Meyerholtz seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

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There was no old business to discuss.

Under new business, First Christian Church, through Beaty Construction, has requested partial temporary road closures on Washington Street and Tompkins Street for steeple installation. The closures are scheduled from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 19th. The installation will utilize cranes, and certified flaggers will be present to manage and divert traffic. A temporary closure on Tompkins Street is specifically requested for a brief period to ensure safety while the steeple is being lifted overhead. With that being said, Mr. Reaves made a motion to approve the request as presented, and Mr. Meyerholtz seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

Next under new business, Code Enforcement Officer Troy Merrick requested orders to abate two properties. The first property on 131 East Mechanic Street and the second property on 330 Franklin Street.

The property on Mechanic Street has been vacant for several years. Officer Merrick reported that no response was received to the letters sent out, and noted that the City has been responsible for mowing and maintaining the property for an extended period. Due to the recent accumulation of furniture and other debris, abatement of the property became necessary. Mr. Meyerholtz moved to approve the abatement request as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Reaves. The motion carried 3-0.

The property on Franklin Street has been vacant since the owner's death a few years ago. A relative initially attempted to take possession but ultimately decided against it and relocated to Indianapolis. Officer Merrick also sent letters for this property and requested an order to abate the accumulated debris. Mayor Furgeson entertained a motion to abate the property as requested. Mr. Meyerholtz made that motion and Mr. Reaves seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Reaves inquired whether the Franklin Street property was occupied. Officer Merrick clarified that it was not occupied, but abandoned dogs were found on the property and removed by animal control. This incident led to Shelby County Animal Shelter Director William Leffler contacting the relative and confirming their move to Indianapolis.

Next under new business, was an interlocal agreement regarding the allocation of revenue from public safety local income tax among Shelby County, City of Shelbyville, Town of St. Paul, Town of Edinburgh, Town of Morristown, and Town of Fairland. This agreement detailed the allocation of local option income tax (LOIT) funds collected for public safety to fire departments in Shelby County, Indiana that provide fire protection or emergency medical services within Shelby County. The agreement would have to be passed through City Council, County Council, County Commissioners, Town Boards and the Board of Public Works and Safety.

Regarding the new agreement, Mr. Meyerholtz asked if it had been executed the previous year, if the funds were derived from tax revenue, and how the listed amounts would be allocated. Mayor Furgeson verified that this was a new agreement and that the funds were sourced from local option income tax revenue. Clerk-Treasurer Scott Asher directed attention to the second page of the agreement, which specified the service providers that would receive the funds. Mr. Meyerholtz pointed out the differences in the listed amounts: \$380,823.17 for the City of Shelbyville and \$308,332.67 for Shelby County. Clerk-Treasurer Scott Asher explained that the funds designated for the city would be deposited into the public

safety LOIT, which covers various items within the budget. He could not speak to the County's intended use for their portion of the funds, but it was suggested they might use it to cover their share of EMS services.

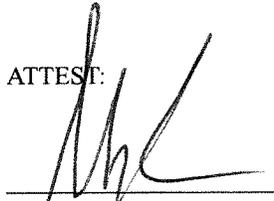
Shelbyville Fire Chief Doug Lutes acknowledged he was unclear on this year's fund distribution. However, he stressed that he had advocated for the city to receive a share of the funds last year, citing the high volume of calls the city handles within the county. While he was informed that the city already receives a Local Income Tax (LIT) from the county and understood the listed departments' need for the money, he ultimately believed the city should eventually receive a portion because the city fire department assists and provides services to the county fire departments.

The agreement was tabled until next week. Chief Lutes recommended that City Attorney Jenny Meltzer investigate the Indiana Code to determine the proper allocation of the funds, specifically whether the city is eligible to receive a portion based on the number of runs each department makes. Mr. Meyerholtz concurred. Clerk-Treasurer Scott Asher also advised board members to compile questions to clarify how the funds should be distributed.

Lastly under new business, Treasurer Asher requested that the Board of Works members, acting as the city's fiscal body for the fire truck loan, sign the encumbrance certificate. This matter was previously discussed last year, when Chief Lutes expressed a desire to purchase a stock engine truck to expedite delivery. The new truck is anticipated to arrive by April. Treasurer Asher is currently arranging the loan, with funds to be held in an escrow account. This will ensure the city is ready to pay for the truck immediately upon its delivery. Mayor Furgeson entertained a motion to approve the encumbrance certificate as presented, and Mr. Reaves made that motion. Mr. Meyerholtz seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Furgeson entertained a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Meyerholtz moved to adjourn the Board of Public Works.

ATTEST:



Scott Asher  
Clerk-Treasurer

  
Scott Furgeson  
Mayor