



CITY OF GOSHEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 REGULAR MEETING
Convened in the Goshen Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson St., Goshen, Indiana

Present: Mayor Gina Leichty, Mike Landis, Mary Nichols, Orv Myers and Barb Swartley

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Leichty called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Leichty presented the minutes of the August 28, 2025 Regular Meeting as prepared by Clerk-Treasurer Aguirre. Board member Barb Swartley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Orv Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA: Mayor Leichty presented the agenda as prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer. Board member Swartley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Board member Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

1) Sonia Carmona request: Approve a gravel parking area at 715 Middlebury Street

Through a translator, Sonia Carmona Regalado of 715 Middlebury St. asked the Board for permission to install a gravel parking area on the side and back of her house to accommodate her many vehicles.

Carmona indicated that nine of the ten houses on her street, near her residence, have gravel driveways.

City Engineering Project Manager Andrew Lund indicated that although the City Engineering Department is not in favor of additional gravel driveways, due to the resulting accumulation of debris in gutters, City staff would agree that there is cause for relief from the hard surface standards because the majority of adjacent parcels have a concrete approaches and gravel driveways or parking areas.

However, Lund said it appears that a gravel parking area was installed recently that is within the front yard setback. After a discussion with City Planning & Zoning Administrator Rhonda Yoder on Thursday morning, Lund proposed that any gravel within the 35-foot front yard setback should be removed and the area restored to grass. Lund provided an aerial image from 2025 with setback and estimated (proposed) drive dimensions.

Clerk-Treasurer Aguirre said Carmona indicated she would remove the gravel in the front yard and just needed to know how much to remove. Lund said the gravel in the front yard setback should be removed.

Board member Landis asked for a clarification of the request and whether staff was requesting the removal of gravel in the front yard in exchange for permission for gravel in back of the house.

City Director of Public Works & Utilities Dustin Sailor said, "We feel this is a compromise that they want to put additional gravel on the property. This other gravel space parking was not approved ... so, it's kind of like, you know, now they're asking for additional gravel, but the first gravel was never approved."

Board member Landis asked whether the residents would be able to navigate to the back parking area with reduced gravel in the front. Lund said the residents should have a 14-foot wide driving aisle.

Board members discussed how to reconcile the homeowner's request and the City staff recommendation.

Swartley/Myers then made a motion to approve the installation of a gravel parking area at 715 Middlebury Street, beginning 35 feet back from the right of way and extending to the building in the back yard along with asking the owners to remove gravel from the front and plant grass. The motion passed 5-0.



2) Interra Credit Union request: Approve the closure and use of the City's Powerhouse parking lot for the annual "Shred-It Days" event, October 17 & 18, 2025

Ellen Meihof, the Marketing & Community Engagement Associate for Interra Credit Union, asked the Board to allow the use of the Powerhouse Parking lot, on West Washington Street, for Interra's annual Shred-It Days. The event will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17 and 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Meihof asked the Board to allow use of the parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 and 7:30 a.m. to noon on Oct. 18. She also requested the use of four barricades from the City Street Department.

In her written request to the Board, Meihof wrote that Shred-It days has become a popular annual event. She also provided these details about it:

- To encourage ID theft prevention and recycling, Interra brings in Mountain High Shredding with its mobile truck/shredder.
- Because it is a popular event, several cars are often in line to drop off their shredding materials.
- Interra staff members are present and involved – unloading, weighing, etc.
- Interra pays for the first 50 pounds, with a nominal fee charged thereafter.
- There will be directional signage to ensure the orderly entrance into and exit from the parking lot.
- As an example of its popularity, the total in 2024 was almost 26,000 pounds collected.

Swartley/Myers made a motion to allow use of the Powerhouse parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17 and 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 18 as well as the use of four barricades from the City Street Department. Motion passed 4-0.

3) Derstine Painting Plus request: Approve the closure of the sidewalk in front of GoDance Building, 113 East Lincoln Ave., and the adjacent alley, Sept. 29-Oct 1, 2025, for use of a hydraulic lift to replace windows

Darin Derstine of Derstine Painting Plus+ requested the temporarily closure of the sidewalk in front of GoDance Studio, 113 East Lincoln Ave., from Sept. 29 to Oct 1, 2025. In addition, for one of these days, he requested the alley be closed at Lincoln as two of the windows are on the alley side of the building.

Derstine said this closure is necessary to use a 26-foot high hydraulic lift to ensure the safety of workers and the public during removal of six old aluminum storm windows on the second story of the building in preparation to install replacement windows from the inside of the building.

In his written request, Derstine indicated that the lift is 48"x 126" with extensions out, which will still leave 4 feet of the sidewalk to be open for pedestrians. He said he would provide appropriate signage, cones, and caution tape and ensure continued access for emergency services and any affected residents, tenants and customers of GoDance, as needed. All required safety and compliance measures would be followed.

In an email to Derstine, City Engineering Project Manager Andrew Lund said the entire sidewalk in front of GoDance would need to be closed, as the remainder of the sidewalk left outside of the lift footprint would not be ADA compliant. Also, Lund said there may be a slight void under the sidewalk, but it appears that this is closer to the building (under the awning). Lund also informed Derstine that a Type 2 barricade that would be detectable by pedestrians with low vision would need to be used to block the sidewalk.

Swartley/Myers made a motion to approve the closure of the sidewalk in front of the GoDance building, 113 E Lincoln Ave., and the adjacent alley from Sept. 29 through Oct. 1, 2025, for use of a hydraulic lift to replace windows. The motion passed 5-0.



4) Legal Department request: Approve and authorize Mayor Leichty to execute the AmeriCorps at MACOG Service Site Organization Agreement with MACOG providing five (5) AmeriCorps Member Service Years for the 2025-2026 Service Year in the amount of \$60,000, half of which will be paid by grant funding

Before the meeting, Mayor Leichty provided Board members with a two-page memorandum, dated Sept. 4, 2025, explaining the proposed AmeriCorps Program for 2025-2026. It included a program overview, a funding summary and funding sources and the proposed placements and scope of work. (EXHIBIT #1). Mayor Leichty said:

"As we have in years past, the City of Goshen, has been a placement for AmeriCorps members. The City pays for a portion of their membership fee, and the rest is subsidized through federal grants. And as you may remember, last year those grants funds were suspended and the City kicked in an additional amount to help those AmeriCorps members continue their service projects to completion.

"So, they were about nine months through their 12 months of service and they would have lost the last three. They did lose their health insurance coverage, which they had through the program, but they at least got paid for their time that they committed to the City. The weird thing about that grant termination last year is that there was a budget to continue the program this year, so they truncated the program last year, but then they had funds and they have continued the program for this year.

Mayor Leichty continued, "It definitely required some careful contemplating and I have talked to the various Department heads that are eager to host another AmeriCorps member, and they would very much like for us to proceed again because it's been such a valuable resource for the City.

"I provided you with a brief a document that talked about the service placement opportunities that these young professionals would have in the City and that includes everything from aiding with our GIS and our Engineering Department to assisting with Land Management and operational efficiency with the Parks Department, aiding the Environmental Resilience Department with our tree management program as well as other operational efficiencies with the Stormwater Department."

Mayor Leichty said the Stormwater Department project "is important and aligns with some of the requirements that the City would be doing – an assessment of our stormwater basin and making sure that we're keeping on top of that data management that we are required to turn into the State.

"So, this would be a total of five members and typically the cost for each member to the City would be \$15,000 each. This year, because we have the forestry grant, two of those members would be covered by the forestry grant and then MACOG has been so impressed with the work that's happened through our Engineering and GIS program that they have offered to kick in the \$15,000 for that member.

"So, that leaves the City's direct cost out of our General Fund at \$30,000. So, for less than what we would pay for an entry level person, we were getting five for almost a year. So, while we recognize there's a lot of concerns about being as careful as we can, we feel like this is one way that we can" benefit.

The Mayor concluded, "We're not making long-term commitments to the employees. This is a short-term service assignment for roughly a year. They would start in October and then they would conclude their term around the end of August of next year. And then beyond that, we have no additional obligations that the program would be concluded. So, I hope that the Board will consider approving the request to move forward with that agreement."

Board member Landis asked when the federal government might decide whether to continue or end the program. Mayor Leichty said it was unclear at this time. However, she said the AmeriCorps members are aware of the risk.

Mayor Leichty said, "They know that and it's also something that I've communicated with each of the department heads that, given the constraints on the City's budget, that should that happen again this year, it would be necessary to conclude those terms. We wouldn't be able to pull additional funds out to cover those."



Mayor Leichty added that the AmeriCorps members "are entering this with the understanding that if it gets interrupted, then we're just unfortunately done."

Board member Landis asked if the work of the service members would be wasted if the program were abruptly shut down. Mayor Leichty said, "Well it would be wasted ... I mean, they're making major investments in doing these research projects and if you get 9/10ths of the way through it and don't get to write your analysis at the end, having data isn't very useful if you don't have an opportunity to analyze it and provide recommendations. So, I mean, there's some risk involved but we feel like the benefit of having those young professionals working with the City outweighs the risks. But it's a legitimate question."

Board member Swartley said she wondered whether five young people would be willing to take the risk of applying for the program with this amount of uncertainty about the future. Mayor Leichty said she understood young people were still signing up for the program.

Aaron Sawatsky Kingsley, Director of the City Department of Environmental Resilience, said post-college students have been contacting the City and are interested in this opportunity. He said, "If they're not already aware, they will certainly be aware what happened six months ago and that there is there is an unknown risk."

Board member Swartley said applicants should be advised about the risk they were taking. Sawatsky agreed. Swartley/Myers made a motion to approve and authorize Mayor Leichty to execute the AmeriCorps at MACOG Service Site Organization Agreement with MACOG, providing five (5) AmeriCorps Member Service Years for the 2025-2026 Service Year in the amount of \$60,000, half of which will be paid by grant funding. The motion passed 5-0.

5) Legal Department request: Approve the agreement with Lexipol, LLC for the comprehensive review of City of Goshen's Policy Manual, the implementation of revisions to such, and annual maintenance

City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann said City of Goshen staff members want to perform a comprehensive review of its Policy Manual and implement revisions to such. Therefore, the City seeks to contract with Lexipol to perform such tasks.

Stegelmann said work on the project would commence on or about Oct. 1, 2025, with an implementation fee of \$14,317 and an annual maintenance fee of \$8,439.20.

Stegelmann said the Police and Fire departments have contracted with Lexipol to revise and update their policies and that has kept them compliant with state laws and court decisions. He said the agreement will also allow the City to put the City's policy manual online.

Mayor Leichty said, "One of the things that I appreciate, as Bodie mentioned, is just as there are legislative changes happening, there is that annual review process and then of course any of those changes would come back to staff as part of our update process and before this body. So, there would be additional opportunities for review and feedback as there are changes."

Swartley/Myers made a motion to approve the agreement with Lexipol, LLC for the comprehensive review of City of Goshen's Policy Manual, the implementation of revisions to such, and annual maintenance. The motion passed 5-0.

6) Engineering Department request: Approve the Kercher Road single direction full road closure in two phases from Sept. 13 through Sept. 20, 2025

City Director of Public Works & Utilities Dustin Sailor said Phend & Brown is requesting a two-phase full lane closure on Kercher Road east of the railroad tracks to enable workers to safely and efficiently remove and replace two storm structures.



Sallor said Phase one will close eastbound traffic Saturday, Sept. 13 to Wednesday, Sept. 17. Phase two will close the westbound traffic Wednesday, Sept. 17 to Saturday, Sept. 20.

The Maintenance of Traffic detour plan for the eastbound and westbound single lane road closure was attached to the agenda packet.

Swartley/Myers made a motion to the Kercher Road single direction full road closure in two phases from Sept. 13 through Sept. 20, 2025. The motion passed 5-0.

7) Engineering Department request: Approve the Goshen Department of Stormwater Management working with the Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership to enter into a three-year contract with Ecopia to generate a digital map of all land cover types for an amount not to exceed \$11,000 in the first year and \$9,000 in the second and third years of the contract

BACKGROUND:

The City of Goshen Common Council adopted an annual stormwater user fee on Aug. 24, 2006, and the Board of the Goshen Department of Stormwater Management adopted it on Aug. 28, 2006 (Resolution 2006-1).

The stormwater user fee is based on a rate of \$15 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), which is equal to the assumed average amount of impervious surface area of a single-family residential parcel of real estate or 3,600 square feet. The user fee is assessed on all residential and non-residential parcels containing impervious surface areas, i.e., gravel, brick, concrete, asphalt, rooftops, and pools.

The storm water user fee is assessed via a charge on each parcel's property tax bill issued by the Elkhart County Treasurer. "This charge is deemed to be reasonable and necessary to pay for the regulation, planning, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and improvement of the existing and future City of Goshen [stormwater] system." (Section 1.0 of Ordinance 4624)

Previously, a parcel's impervious surface area was based on the data contained within the Elkhart County Assessor's computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system (Ord. 4624). Then, in 2012, the process to calculate impervious surface areas was updated to include the use of geographic information systems (GIS), which allowed staff to hand-digitize a parcel's impervious surface area based on the most recent aerial image (Resolution 2012-N). Now, the Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership, of which the City of Goshen is one of four entities, is looking to switch to a machine learning system called Ecopia AI, which will produce a product identifying all surface types, including impervious surfaces.

The members of the Stormwater Partnership, in an advisory role, met in March of this year to discuss this process and agreed that moving forward with Ecopia would be beneficial. Through the interlocal agreement the City has with Elkhart County, Elkhart County provided leadership on negotiating the contract with Ecopia on behalf of the Stormwater Partnership Entities and is ready to move forward once each Partnership Entity has indicated its willingness to proceed.

Proposed is a three-year contract for 2025, 2026, and 2027, and will produce a high-definition digital map of all surface types from grass and tree canopy to roadways and rooftops. This will be the first time the City has had access to a digital version of all surface types and it is expected to be very helpful.

One example of this is that the City Stormwater Department will finally have a true accounting of the total amount of impervious surface area within the City limits, as residential impervious surface areas were not fully digitized due to being charged a flat fee of \$15.

The total cost of the three-year contract with Ecopia is \$130,300.00 and will be divided each year as follows:



- Year 1 = \$54,300.00
- Year 2 = \$38,000.00
- Year 3 = \$38,000.00

The Stormwater Partnership Entities will share the costs of the contract based on their current percentage of the total ERU value. For the City of Goshen, that is 19.2% in the first year (\$10,712.33), 18.7% in the second year (\$7,106), and approximately the same in year three. If Ecopia has to provide the aerial imagery, then there will be a 25% upcharge for that year, which would increase the City's responsibility to \$8,882.50.

The digital map created by Ecopia AI will allow the City's Stormwater staff to be more efficient and save an estimated 40 hours of work each year when preparing the impervious surface area calculations. Additionally, the digital map will be incorporated into the city's existing GIS for utilization by other City departments.

More information on Ecopia can be found on their website: <https://www.ecopiatech.com/>, while the Scope of Work (Task Order) is included with this Memo.

The last step in this process will be to update the language in Section 3(b)(iii) of Ordinance 4712 to allow for different technology to be used to calculate a parcel's impervious surface area. The Department of Stormwater Management will work with the Legal Department on this matter.

At the Sept. 4 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting, City Director of Public Works & Utilities Dustin Sailor provided an overview of the request. Sailor said:

"The next (request) is service contract and this is part of our Stormwater Department and part of our Elkhart County Stormwater partnership ... In general, what is going on with this service agreement is that we currently digitize; we take aeriels and trace the hard surface areas on each parcel, primarily focusing on the commercial properties. Residential properties are just evaluated based on a flat equivalent Res Unit.

"So, we don't actually map out the hard surface areas on residential property. With this software, Ecopia, what they do is they have artificial intelligence that will evaluate each parcel and so this will be the first complete composite of hard surface area across the entire Elkhart County.

"So, it's anticipated to reduce staff time as far as evaluating it and then also give a larger picture of what that hard surface area is and it's not just for assessing the stormwater fee, but it also helps evaluate what our environmental impacts are for runoff. More hard surface equals more run off.

"It's a three-year contract total of \$130,300. It's broken up there and the way we worked with the Elkhart County Partnership is that we pay a per rata share based upon our percentage of ERU's assessed for our area. So, in the first year – \$10,000 the first year and then the second year \$7,000. And then third year, roughly that amount as well."

Clerk-Treasurer Aguirre pointed out that in the past members of the Elkhart County Partnership have not always agreed about funding decision and he asked if the contract with Ecopia would go forward if the parties did not provide funding. **Sailor** said it would not go forward if not all parties agree to proceed.

In response to a question from **Board member Landis**, **Sailor** said the other parties are Bristol, Elkhart and Elkhart County. He said Nappanee, Middlebury and Millersburg are not part of the partnership.

Still, **City Stormwater Coordinator Jason Kauffman** said Ecopia's work "will give us a full accounting for Elkhart County, (including) the incorporated areas, but fees are not assessed in those areas."

Swartley/Myers made a motion to approve the Goshen Department of Stormwater Management working with the Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership to enter into a three-year contract with Ecopia to generate a digital map of all land cover types for an amount not to exceed \$11,000 in the first year and \$9,000 in the second and third years of the contract. The motion passed 5-0.



Privilege of the Floor (opportunity for public comment for matters not on the agenda):

Mayor Leichty opened Privilege of the Floor at 4:31 p.m. There were no comments.

The Mayor then opened hearing on an order from the Building Commissioner.

REVIEW/COMPLIANCE HEARING ON BUILDING COMMISSIONER ORDER:

4:00 p.m., September 4, 2025

Goshen Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, Indiana

Members: Mayor Leichty, Mike Landis, Orv Myers, Mary Nichols and Barb Swartley

8) Receive/Review Final Report for 214 E. Clinton Street (Alvarez Restoration, LLC, property owner). No action was required.

Mayor Leichty opened a hearing to receive and review a Final Report for 214 E. Clinton Street (Alvarez Restoration, LLC, property owner).

BACKGROUND:

In a May 22, 2025 memorandum to the Board, Assistant City Attorney Don Shuler wrote that the unsafe building matter concerning 214 E. Clinton Street has now been fully resolved.

Shuler wrote, "Following several years of enforcement efforts and a recent sale of the property, the current property owner (Alvarez Restoration, LLC) has completed all repairs and required renovations. All inspections have been passed, and the Building Commissioner issued an Order of Rescission, as directed by the Board's Order of May 22, 2025."

Shuler concluded, "The property had remained vacant and fire-damaged since 2021 under prior ownership and is now restored to a safe and habitable condition. No further action by the Board is required. A final staff report with before-and-after photographs will be submitted."

SEPT. 4, 2025 DISCUSSION AND FINAL HEARING FOR THE PROPERTY AT 214 E. CLINTON STREET:

Assistant City Attorney Don Shuler said the prolonged unsafe building action concerning 214 E. Clinton Street has now been fully resolved. He provided a summary of the matter by using a seven-page PowerPoint presentation, dated Sept. 4, 2025, titled "Unsafe Building Resolution – Staff Update Report." (EXHIBIT #2). Shuler said

- The property was found unsafe in 2021 due to fire; a demolition order was affirmed by the Board of Works in January 2022
- Multiple legal challenges and appeals eventually resulted in the order being upheld by the Indiana Court of Appeals in November 2024.
- There was a new Owner in the Fall of 2024 – Alvarez Renovation, LLC.
- The property has now been fully rehabilitated. And an Order of Rescission was issued by the City Building Commissioner, per this Board's May 22, 2025 order.

Shuler displayed a series of photographs taken after the fire that showed significant damage. He said the property remained in that condition for a long time because of a series of appeals.

Shuler then showed the Board photographs of the property after renovations into a single-family home. He said the property is no longer unsafe, has passed all building inspections and is ready for occupancy.

Shuler said he could bring similar updates on other properties if the Board would like.



In response, **Mayor Leichty** said, "This report really highlights the important work of our Building Department and our Legal Department to work tenaciously at blight remediation in our community. It's one of the things that I get asked about most frequently as it's been a concern for many locations throughout the City of what's happening to these blighted properties.

"And seeing the progress and being able to report back to our constituents is certainly beneficial to me and just really highlights the very hard work. It's years, literally years and years' worth of work to bring these projects into an improved state."

Board member Myers responded, "I agree with the Mayor on this; that it is good to see this instead of the 'before' pictures, the way that building has been for all these years. I know it took time to do this, but still figure how long I'd sit there a burned out shell and now it can be fully occupied. Good job. Thank you."

Shuler said, "It's mainly the Building Department." **Board member Myers** said, "It's a good team. I'm proud of them."

Board member Landis said that as with other unsafe properties, the Board sometimes convenes many hearings on properties and doesn't always know the outcome of years of efforts to seek compliance. He said, "Since this has been reported multiple times, it's good to have a conclusion."

Board member Swartley said, "As I recall, there had been a new Habitat for Humanity House (built) right next door to this just before the fire happened and I'm sure those neighbors are very appreciative. And it looks like a cute little house."

Clerk Treasurer Aguirre said, "This was one of the first properties I learned about when I became Clerk-Treasurer, and my education began about how the City attempted to deal with unsafe properties. It has been such a long journey to get to this point."

Aguirre continued, "I remember (City Attorney) Bodie (Stegelmann) telling me that the history of this building went back more than 20 years and that when they were doing some cleaning up and sorting through files for the Legal Department, there was like a 30- or 40-year history of this property."

"This property was also along my regular walking path, so I walked by it regularly and saw the condition that the neighbors had to put up with this home. This is a home that had multiple fires, that had people camping in it. It was in unsecured, so it was also a property police had to deal with."

"And I vividly remember when (property owner) Ron Davidhizar came (to the Board) and talked about this property, it was hard not to laugh because when he saw pictures showing holes in the roof and the walls were charred, Davidhizar said all that was needed was to scrape that off."

Aguirre concluded, "It was a long ordeal and it's really to the credit of the Building Department, the Legal Department, the Mayor and this Board that it's gotten to this point. I don't get a chance to say anything very often during these hearings, but I just want to reflect on that because the contrast that you see 'before' and 'after,' is amazing and there was a point where it looked like that house was just going to go down."

Mayor Leichty concluded the hearing by stating, "Thank you for your report. Appreciate your good work."

APPROVAL OF CIVIL & UTILITY CLAIMS

Mayor Leichty made a motion to approve Civil City claims and adjourn the meeting. **Board member Swartley** seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Leichty adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.



EXHIBIT #1: *A two-page memorandum, dated Sept. 4, 2025, by Mayor Leichty explaining Goshen's proposed AmeriCorps Program for 2025-2026. It included a program overview, a funding summary and funding sources and the proposed placements and scope of work. The memo was distributed to Board members before the meeting.*

EXHIBIT #2: *A seven-page PowerPoint presentation, dated Sept. 4, 2025, and titled "Unsafe Building Resolution – Staff Update Report" prepared and presented by Assistant City Attorney Don Shuler during a final hearing on the property.*

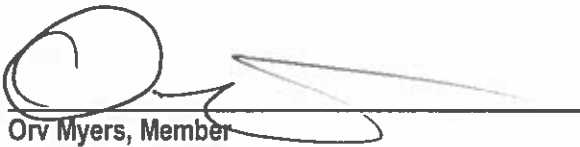
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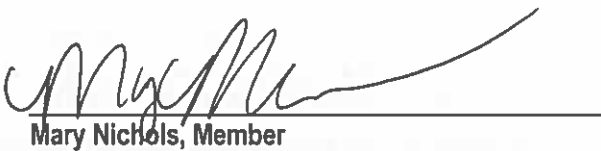
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ATTEST:


Richard R. Aguirre, City of Goshen Clerk-Treasurer



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Exhibit #1

City of Goshen – AmeriCorps Program 2025–2026

TO: Board of Public Works and Safety | September 4, 2025

FROM: Mayor Gina Leichty

RE: AmeriCorps Program 2025-2026

Program Overview

- **Five AmeriCorps Members** serving October 2025 – August 2026
- **32 hours per week per member** (1,700 hours per year)
- Equivalent to **five full-time staff positions** at a fraction of the cost
- Work focused on **efficiency, operations, and cost savings**

Funding Summary

- **Total Program Value:** \$75,000
- **City Direct Cost:** \$30,000
- **Outside Funding Leveraged:** \$45,000

Funding Sources

- USDA Forestry Grant: \$30,000
- MACOG (Engineering/Technology placement): \$15,000
- Environmental Resilience Department: \$10,000
- Parks Department: \$5,000
- Stormwater Department: \$15,000

Placements and Scope of Work

Technology/Engineering (GIS Specialist Assistant - 1)

The AmeriCorps Member in Engineering will apply GIS mapping and analysis to strengthen infrastructure management. By updating and analyzing asset data, the member will help the City make smarter, data-driven decisions that extend the life of utilities and streets. Building on past AmeriCorps work, the member will also identify new energy savings in streetlights and other

Exhibit #2

Unsafe Building Resolution – Staff Update Report

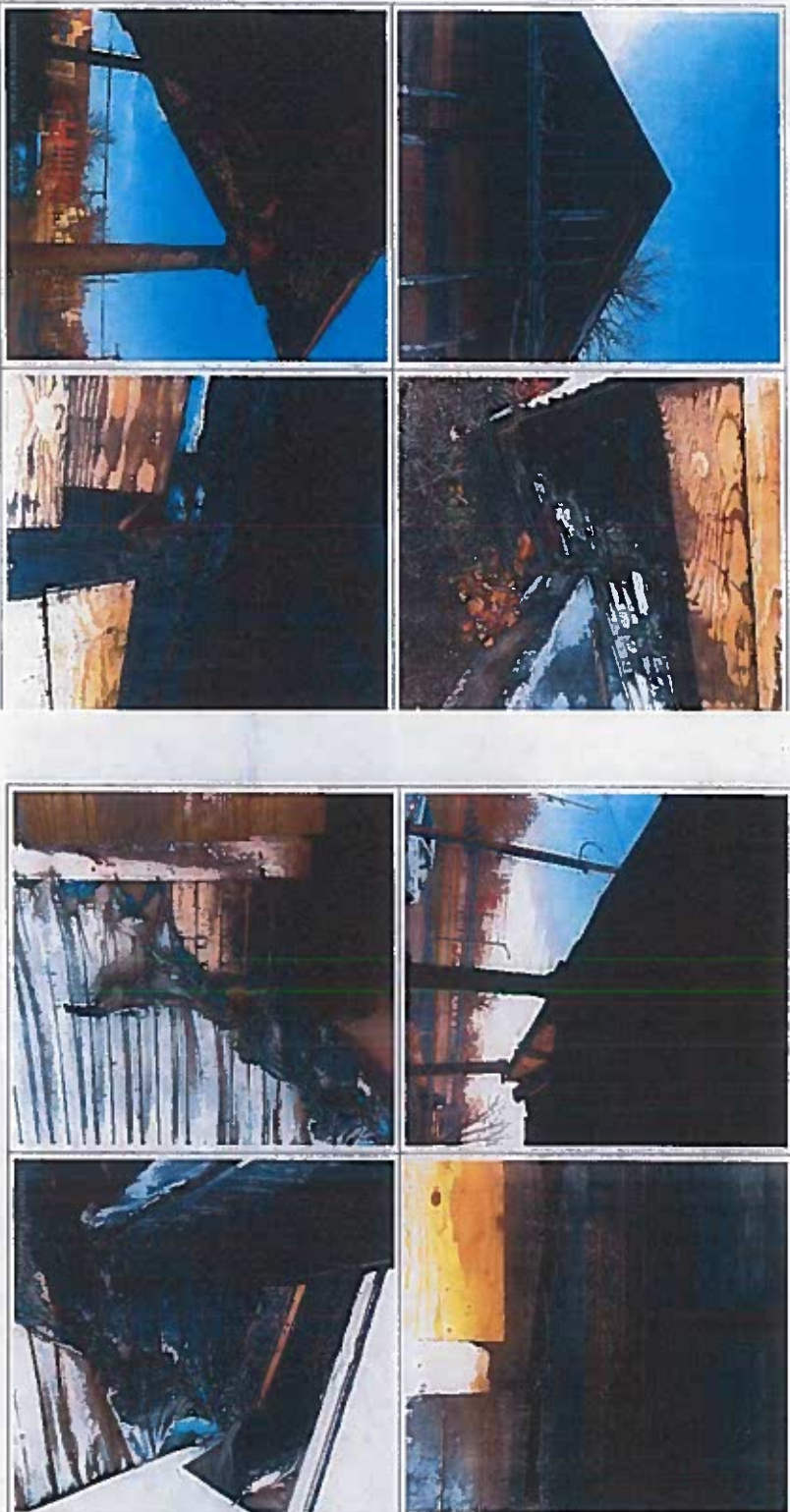
214 Clinton, Goshen

September 4, 2025

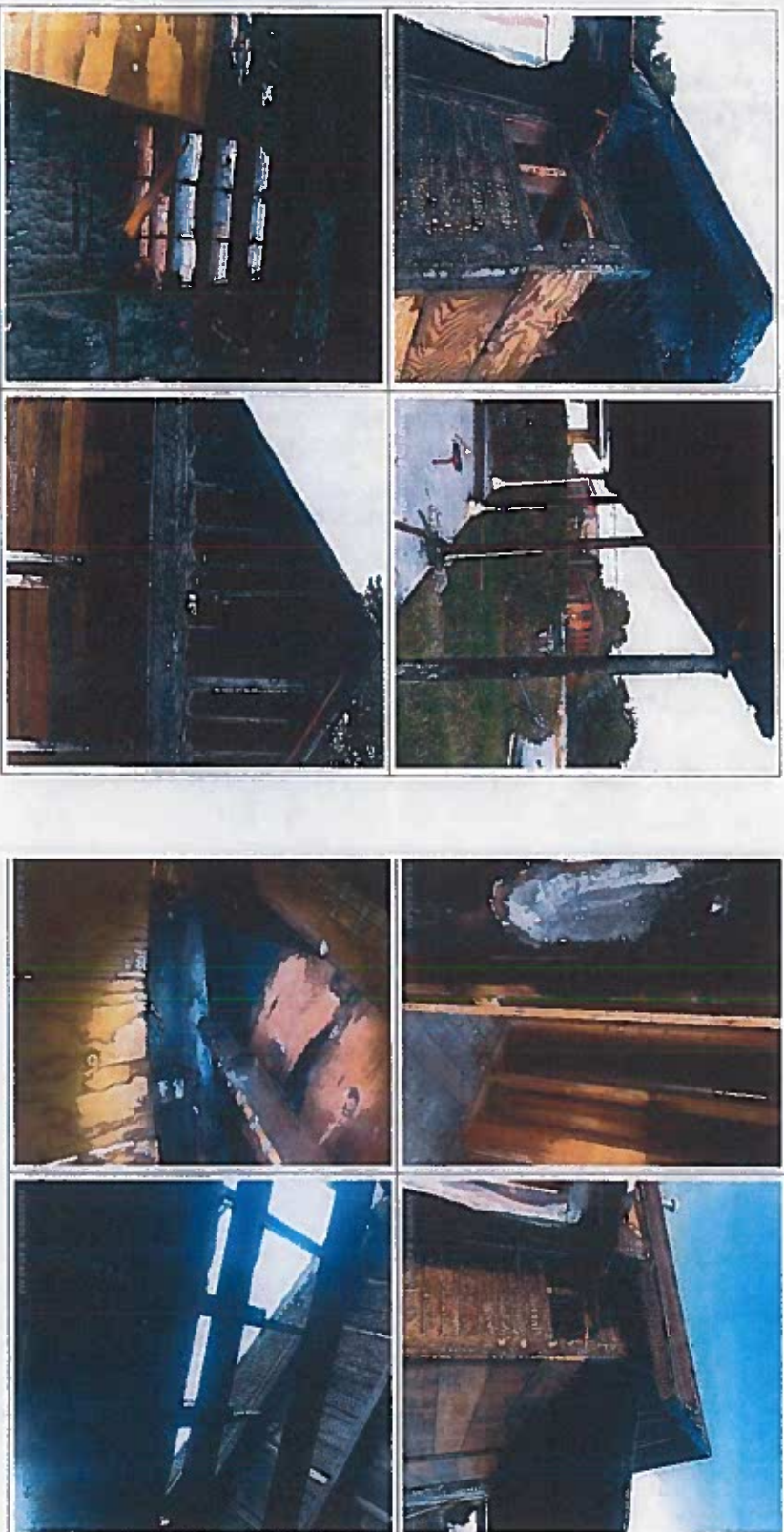
Summary

- Found Unsafe in 2021 due to fire; demolition order affirmed by the Board of Works in January 2022
- Multiple legal challenges and appeals, eventually resulting in the order being upheld by the Indiana Court of Appeals in November 2024.
- New Owner in Fall 2024 – Alvarez Renovation, LLC
- Property has been fully rehabilitated. Order of Rescission issued by Building Commissioner, per this Board's May 22, 2025 Order

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Conclusion

- The remediation process for this property took several years due to repeated appeals by the former property owner. However, the matter has now been fully resolved with a full rehabilitation of the subject property and will be an occupied single-family home.