

Board of Works approves Resolution 2.2020

By Sean Douglas

Two weeks ago, Marion lawyer Michael D. Conner proposed Resolution 2.2020 to the Board of Works, in an effort to garner approval to begin the process of acquiring a potential utility property on behalf of the Marion Utility Board.

On Monday morning, the resolution passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote, moving the resolution to its next stage.

The resolution called for the Board of Works to receive the title and the tax deed of a property located in the area of Home Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard, near the old Palmer’s Meat Market and due south of the railroad. The property, which breaks down into seven smaller parcels, has turned hands through many tax sales and has sat in a state of disuse for a long period of time.

The overall goal of the resolution was to get the property’s tax deed and the title in the name of the City of Marion, and then have Mayor Jess Alumbaugh sign the deed over to the Marion Utility Board. The Utility Board plans to use the property for several projects in order to stay in compliance with the Combined Sewer Overflow, or CSO, Long-Term Control Plan, in which the EPA requires that satary

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sewage and wastewater sewage eventually be separated within the next five years.

Essentially, the Marion Utility Board will be building several different facilities, complete with new storage tanks, in order to help decrease water waste and overflow, save money, and keep water costs low for Marion residents.

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Additionally, these new

projects will allow the city to align with the EPA’s guidelines, as set forth in the CSO Long-Term Control Plan.

“What we are proposing there is going to be combined store overflow storage, basically,” Marion Utility Board spokesperson Pat Pinkerton said. “Right now, there is an overflow going right at Lincoln and Home, so when it rains and there is too much water for their system, it flows directly into the river. That is a health hazard. What we are trying to do is reduce or eliminate those overflows, and in order to do that, we need a storage tank so the overflow can go into that tank.”

At this time, there is about 55 million gallons of overflow per year. Over the next five years, when all of these new facilities are built and operational, overflow will decrease to less than one million gallons, in compliance with the Long-Term Control Plan.

“As long as we get these projects done and we get down to...less than a million gallons per year, there won’t be any enforcement or anything like that,” Pinkerton said.

According to Pinkerton, the projects will begin in about one year’s time once all of the proper procedures have been followed.



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Lashia Dezmonigh McLain, 22, was served a warrant in the 900 block of East 27th Street, Marion.

Michael Jackson, 33, was preliminarily charged with home detention violation in the 200 block of South East Street, Marion.

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in the 300 block of East Walnut Street, Marion.

Anthony Lawrence Hall, 40, was preliminarily charged with operating

while intoxicated in the 2500 block of South Galatin Street, Marion.

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Martin Leroy Frieszell, 38, was preliminarily charged with resisting law enforcement and resisting law enforcement by using a vehicle or a deadly weapon during a traffic stop at 22nd and Boots streets, Marion.

Samantah Lee Jones, 25, was preliminarily charged with operator never licensed during a traffic stop at 34th and Selby, Marion.

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