

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JULY 25, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:00 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Lendi –present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Smith, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2013; Mr. Lendi concurred.

Bid opening – 3rd District Local Street project – Willard Road – Field Street to Noble Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$743,313.29
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$758,808.87
Grimmer Construction, Inc.	\$769,721.53
Hasse Construction Co., Inc.	\$789,700.00

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Res. No. 2857)

Structural Analysis Report received from Semaan Engineering Solutions, LLC for the cell tower at the Hammond Police Department. Mr. Dostatni advised that he spoke with the engineer who prepared the report and was told that Verizon would like to upgrade their equipment on the tower. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-720)

Correspondence received from BP Pipelines, Inc. requesting Hump Road be temporarily closed for repair work. Mr. Dostatni said BP has a 14 inch pipeline underneath a driveway on Hump Road which has diminished due to rain, surface water and heavy load traffic and BP wants to determine how to address this concern. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-721)

Correspondence received from Earth Exploration, Inc. requesting permission to perform geotechnical services on Hohman Avenue over the Grand Calumet River as Lake County will be replacing the culvert. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-722)

Star Foods Business License Revocation hearing. Parties fail to appear. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, requested this matter be moved to the end of the agenda.

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings for property located at 7230

McCook Avenue, 913 Murray Street and 529 – 169th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to set these matters for August 15, 2013; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-723)

Correspondence received from Ms. Michelle Brown requesting a continuance of a Notice of Violation hearing set for July 18, 2013. Ms. Brown's husband appears and stated a new date is being requested as both he and Ms. Brown were on vacation when the Notice arrived. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to August 15, 2013; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-724)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1034 Moss Street. Property owner, Ms. Mary Aaron, appears and stated a contract was signed for the sale of the two (2) unit house and then the prospective buyers vacated the house. Ms. Aaron then said that she has always paid rental registration timely until 2013 when she thought the property was under land contract. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, advised Ms. Aaron that the contract should have been recorded. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-725)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 20 Waltham Street. Property owner, Ms. Ljiljana Sparavalo appears. Ms. Sparavalo stated that she simply forgot to pay rental registration for the past two (2) or three (3) years on the Section 8 single family residence. Ms. Kantar asked if Ms. Sparavalo received a letter from Hammond Housing regarding the fee. Ms. Sparavalo stated that she did not receive a letter. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to wave the late fee for 2010 and 2011 and assess the late fee for 2012 with rental registration of \$80 for 2010, 2011 and 2012; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-726)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 516 Kenwood Street. Property owner Mr. Jose Garcia appears and stated that he forgot to pay rental registration this year on the four (4) unit and that he lives in one (1) of the units. Mr. Garcia then said that beside himself there are two (2) units rented and one (1) vacant. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-727)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6136 Lyman Avenue. Property owner Ms. Dana Dudley appeared. Ms. Dudley said that she mailed a check for the fee which the Inspections Department said they have not yet received. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-728)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6808 Huron Avenue. Property owner Ms. Lucy Sanchez Greenwalt fails to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to deny the appeal and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit and a late fee of \$500; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-729)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6931 Arizona Avenue. Property owner's son appears, stated that he and his family live in his mother's house and pay no rent. Ms. Gloria Mabry, Inspector, Inspections Department, stated a complaint was received which said that there were children sleeping in the basement of the dwelling. Mr. Kearney that the bedroom sleeping

areas be removed as the ceiling height does not meet code, there is no proper egress and the property is zoned single family. Mr. Lendi advised that no action would be taken as this is not a rental property. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-730)

Hearing on property located at 922 Summer Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested this matter be dismissed. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to dismiss; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-731)

Hearing on property located at 39 – 41 Carroll Street. The attorney for Wells Fargo appears and stated there is a pending purchase which is going through approval and he believes property will be converted to a single family home. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-732)

Hearing on property located at 4146 Towle Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the front house second floor into an apartment and the front house basement into an apartment. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-733)

Correspondence received from Mr. Kelly Kearney, Code Enforcement Commissioner, advising a court order requiring the tree be removed from 936 Highland Street will be requested from the court on July 25, 2013. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-734)

Amusement Device listing submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-735)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Port Authority requesting the Hammond Fire Department and Police and Fire Communications be notified of Venetian Night Festivities on Saturday, August 10, 2013. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-736)

Correspondence received from Hammond Community/Crime Watch Groups regarding “National Night Out”, Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at the Wolf Lake Splash Pad, 12100 Calumet Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-737)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting 837 Ames Street, 940 Ames Street, 1130 Highland Street and 1052 Moss Street be placed on the demolition list, 904 Morris Street, 1129 Morris Street, 1121 Field Street and 1020 Ames Street be inspected for the removal of debris and dead trees and 911 Bauer Street and 913 Bauer Street be placed on the demolition list. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Inspections Department; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-738)

Correspondence received from Effective Living Ministries, 6947 Hohman Avenue, requesting permission to hold a F3 (Family, Faith & Fun) Fest, Saturday, August 10, 2013. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-739)

Correspondence received from Rocio Padilla requesting permission to hold a birthday block party on the 4400 block of Henry Avenue, Sunday August 11, 2013, with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Hammond Police Department; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-740)

Correspondence received from Ismael and Rosa Alvarez, 5444 Chestnut Avenue, requesting permission to close a portion of the alley behind their home for a graduation party, Saturday, July 27, 2013. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Hammond Police Department; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-741)

Correspondence received from New Zion Temple, 926 Morris Street, requesting permission to block Tapper Avenue from the corner of Merrill Street to the corner of Morris Street, Sunday, August 25, 2013 for an Outdoor Festival at the church. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Hammond Police Department; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-742)

Correspondence received from the Forest Avenue Block Improvement Association requesting permission to hold their annual block party, Saturday, August 17, 2013, with street closure, and for the Hammond Fire Department to participate in the children's parade. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Hammond Police Department; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-743)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-744)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received an Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1531 Brown Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-745)

Mr. Dostatni also received a request from An Open Door Church & Ministries, 7105 Hohman Avenue, requesting permission to hold an annual Community Outreach weekend, Friday, August 2, 2013 through Sunday, August 4, 2013. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-746)

Correspondence was also received from the Hammond Police Department requesting permission to hold a fireworks show at the 3rd Annual Hammond Police Department Family Picnic, Saturday, August 24, 2013, at 7527 Kennedy Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-747)

Under Old Business, Star Foods Business License Revocation Hearing. Attorney Steve Alvarez appears for Star Foods and stated the business is in the process of dissolving the corporation and request additional time. Ms. Kantar stated a request for additional time was faxed last week but not received in time for the meeting and as a result this matter was scheduled for today. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to August 15, 2013; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-748)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Chris Rhodes, property owner of 1531 Brown Avenue, appeared and stated that an agreement was to be presented to the Board in regard to the property. Mr. Lendi advised Mr. Brown that it had already been approved by the Board earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to adjourn; Mr. Lendi concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

APPROVED: August 29, 2013

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary