

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
AUGUST 8, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:02 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Lendi–present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Lendi – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 27, 2013 and July 18, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for advertising dates of August 15, 2013 and August 22, 2013 with a bid opening date of September 12, 2013 for the Erie Lackawanna & Monon Pedestrian Trails Reconstruction. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 3092)

Contract with Walsh & Kelly, Inc. for the 3rd District Local Street Project – Street and Sidewalk Improvements on Willard Road. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-770)

Title sheet for the Erie Lackawanna Trail over 167th Street and Columbia Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-771)

Correspondence received from Practical Environmental Consultants, requesting permission for lane closure at Speedway, 7345 Kennedy Avenue, for groundwater sampling on September 5, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-772)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting M. Rivera, A. Hulitt, G. Nava and T. Uszakow be appointed as Probationer members of the Hammond Police Department, effective August 8, 2013, permission to hold the Hammond Holiday Parade and Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-773)

Hearing on property located at 4832 Cedar Avenue. Property owner, Mr. James Hohenberger, appears. Attorney Robert Sorge fails to appear. Mr. Hohenberger brought plans for the rehabilitation of the property and requested this matter be continued to allow time to complete the rehabilitation. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to October 3, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-774)

Hearing on property located at 4618 Oak Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Attorney Robert Sorge fails to appear. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, stated Attorney Sorge had asked for a continuance at the last meeting as he was unable to locate the

property owner. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to September 12, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-775)

Joint Motion to Reassign hearings on property located at 915 Michigan Street, 6609 Jefferson Avenue, 4839 Elm Avenue and 4841 Elm Avenue received from Attorney James Foster and Attorney Curtis Vosti. Mr. Vosti appeared and stated that he will communicate with Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar to coordinate a date. (Ins. No. 13-776)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 3134 – 165th Street. Property owner, Mr. Rogelio Rivera, fails to appear. Ms. Gloria Mabry, Inspector, Inspection Department, requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the second floor apartment. Ms. Mabry stated the owners have agreed to remove the apartment. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-777)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6833 Colorado Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Christine Migwan appears. Mr. Kearney advised there are bedrooms in the basement that are a safety hazard to the occupants of the bedrooms as well as emergency responders. Mr. Kearney also said that the Lake County Health Department was called to this house also. Ms. Migwan said the basement bedrooms are in the process of being taken out. (Ins. No. 13-778)

Order to Rescind Order to Repair on property located at 7449 Parrish Avenue as the property owner is on Active Duty with the United States Navy. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-779)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Street Commissioner, advising the request for “Residential Parking Only” at 118th Street and Calumet Avenue will be installed and advising that Columbia Avenue from Old Columbia Avenue to the Munster Bridge will be closed beginning August 9, 2013 through January of 2014. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the “Residential Parking” sign and acknowledge the closure; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-780)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs allocating \$25,000 of gaming money for the removal of tree stumps and sidewalk repair in the 3rd District. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-781)

Correspondence received from Gorety Oceguela requesting the alley behind 1468 Truman Street be closed on August 18, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-782)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews requesting a continuance of a Notice of Violation hearing for his client, Mr. John Heldak, property owner of 1916 Calumet Avenue, set for August 15, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to October 10, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-783)

Request received from BP Pipelines to modify the parkway on the west side of Hump Road. Mr. Dostatni said he has been in contact with BP regarding the plan to modify which does not conform with the design of Hump Road. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to deny the request; seconded by Mr. Smith; AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-784)

Garage Sale permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-785)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, a gentleman appeared before the Board to request a demo inspection. Mr. Lendi directed him to speak with someone in the Building Department.

Mr. Lendi thanked Councilwoman at Large Janet Venecz for attending the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Lendi to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

APPROVED: August 29, 2013

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary