

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**APRIL 23, 2015**

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. Krusa – present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Request for advertising dates of April 30, 2015 and May 7, 2015 with a bid opening date of May 21, 2015 for the Oxbow Landing Access Road Project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4024)

Indiana Department of Transportation Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance submitted for approval for the 169<sup>th</sup> Street – Southeastern Avenue to Harrison Avenue project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-301)

Change Order No. 019 – 169<sup>th</sup> Street project replacing a previously approved Change Order No. 19 that had an error that did not change the final amount of the project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-302)

Agreement with Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad for reimbursement for improvements to the Hump Road Storm Sewer project submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-303)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith recommending approval of the promotion of Captain Roy Perez to the rank of Senior Captain, effective April 14, 2015; and Private Michael Ellis promoted to the rank of Engineer, effective April 13, 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-304)

Correspondence received from Lt. Patrick Vicari requesting approval for the request from Purdue University Calumet for temporary suspension of the “No Parking” signs located at 175<sup>th</sup> Street from Alabama Avenue east to Colorado Avenue due to the ongoing construction of the sports complex. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-305)

Correspondence received from Police Chief John Doughty requesting approval of Department General Order 15-02 regarding body-worn cameras. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-306)

Correspondence received from Police Chief John Doughty submitting the approval of the request for street closure of 136<sup>th</sup> Street from Assistant Scoutmaster Art Peschke on April 25, 2015 from 8:30 until noon for the Boy Scout Clean Up and correspondence received from the Hammond Mohawks requesting street closure for the North Hammond Memorial Day Parade for May 25, 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-307)

Correspondence received from Comcast requesting permission to install CATV cable at 179<sup>th</sup> Street and Nevada Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-308)

Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-308)

Correspondence received from SEI Coatings requesting approval of Hoffman Street being closed under the Indiana Road during cleaning and painting of the overpass beginning April 20, 2015 and continuing for two (2) weeks. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-309)

Correspondence received from N.I. Spanos Painting Inc. requesting lane closures for 149<sup>th</sup> and 150<sup>th</sup> Street for sandblast cleaning and painting of the Indiana Toll Road. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve subject to not beginning work until Hoffman Avenue is reopened; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-310)

Hearing on properties located at 40 Warren St., 222 Hanover Street, 4930 Cedar Ave., 4319-41 Sheffield Ave., 701 Kane St., 705 Kane St. and 1204 Lakeview Street. Mr. Smith noted these addresses are set for hearing on April 30, 2015. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 15-311)

Hearing on property located at 228 Conkey Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Michael Cole, Inspector, Code Enforcement, requested this matter be continued for sixty (60) days. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to June 25, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-312)

Hearing on property located at 734 – 169<sup>th</sup> Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Code Enforcement, requested this matter be dismissed as all rehabilitation work has been completed. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-313)

Rental registration hearing on properties located at 4401 Sheffield Avenue, 4407 Sheffield Avenue and 4409 Sheffield Avenue. No action taken as this matter had been heard at a prior meeting. (Ins. No. 15-314)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6850-52 Delaware Avenue. Property owner present and said the prior property manager did not pay the rental registration fee and as a result was terminated. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-315)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2313-15 – 169<sup>th</sup> Street. Property owner appears and said the tenants that cause the police calls have been evicted, that his brother did live in 2315 169<sup>th</sup> Street in 2013 and rental registration has been paid for 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-316)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 7732 Walnut submitted for approval. Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar said this property had been on the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-317)

Correspondence received from Melissa Benavidez requesting her rental registration hearing previously scheduled for April 30, 2015 be continued due to a scheduled surgery. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to May 28, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-318)

Correspondence received from Mada Properties requesting a 30 day postponement the demolition of 737 Spruce Street and 6712 Jackson Avenue Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar requested this matter be tabled. (Ins. No. 15-319)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing on June 25, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-320)

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Correspondence received from Ms. Deborah Washington thanking the Board for the decision on property located at 437 Florence Street. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 15-321)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-322)

Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-323)

Change Order No. 1 for the 171<sup>st</sup> Street Reconstruction Project milling and paving submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-324)

Amusement Devices submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-325)

Under Matters from Board members, Mr. Dostatni acknowledged receipt of the revised subdivision plat for the U-Haul Addition to the City of Hammond. (Ins. No. 15-326)

Mr. Krusa asked if individual who represented the buyer of the Lane Funeral Home property had contacted anyone in the Inspection Department or Building Department. Mr. Kurt Koch, Building Department Commissioner, said the he received a similar phone call which may have been the same individual.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Dostatni to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Smith. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED: June 18, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary