

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JANUARY 10, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:03 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. O'Connor –present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Lendi – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 20, 2012 and January 3, 2013; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Change Order No. 2 for the Monon Bike Trail Project, Change Order No. 2 for the 163rd Place Project, and Change Order No. 1 for the Heartland Homes Paving Project submitted by Nies Engineering, Inc. Mr. Dostatni advised the Heartland Homes Paving Project is a reduction cost of \$15,141.40, the Monon Bike Trail Project change order is a reduction in cost of \$500.10 and the 163rd Place change order is a reduction in cost of \$38,248.03. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-016)

Change Order No. 2 for the 120th Street from Calumet Avenue to Warwick Avenue and Benjamin Place from Warwick Avenue to Roosevelt Drive submitted by RW Armstrong. Mr. Dostatni advised this change order is an increase in cost of \$23,260.98 for water system changes. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-017)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting approval of Officer S. Garrison's relinquishment of Chauffer Warden Specialty pay, Department General Order 13-01, the transfer of Sergeant A. Llanes to the Uniform Division and the transfer of Sergeant R. Frey to CID. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-018)

Hearing on property located at 711 Kane Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Code Enforcement, appears. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-019)

Hearing on property located at 851 Indiana Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the basement and second floor apartment. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-020)

Hearing on property located at 5731 Northcote Avenue. Attorney Jonathan Petersen, representing property owner, Mr. Woodrow Cruse, appears. Mr. Petersen requested a thirty (30) day continuance. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-021)

Hearing on property located at 5413 Molesberger Place. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested this matter be continued for ninety (90) days. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 11, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-022)

Hearing on property located at 824 State Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the second floor apartment. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-023)

Hearing on property located at 2723 – 164th Place. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the bedroom and bathroom in the basement. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-024)

Hearing on property located at 4730 Cedar Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested this matter be continued for thirty (30) days. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-025)

Hearing on property located at 4720 Cameron Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Dennis Schafrik, appears. Mr. Saliga requested the second floor apartment and basement apartment be removed. Mr. Schafrik stated that there is no apartment in the basement just a sleeping room. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, that there are rooms in the basement that could be occupied. Mr. Saliga requested a thirty (30) day continuance. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-026)

Hearing on property located at 4736 Cedar Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Daniel Alcantar, appears. Mr. Saliga requested the second floor apartment and basement apartment be removed. Mr. Alcantar stated the apartments existed when he bought the building and requested more time to make repairs. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continued to February 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-027)

Status hearing on property located at 243 Wildwood Road. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be continued to January 17, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to January 17, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-028)

Rental registration hearing on property owned by Ms. Kimberly Kendrick. Mr. Kearny advised this property has been sold to another individual and requested this matter be dismissed. Motion by Mr. Lendi to dismiss this matter; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-029)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 845 – 169th Place. Property owner, Mr.

Eric Korngoot, fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Lendi to deny the appeal; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-030)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2145 Superior Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Frank L. Kocsis, appears. Mr. Kocsis stated that he lives in the front building and the other is vacant. Mr. Kocsis then said that he was not aware of the fee for rental registration. Motion by Mr. Lendi to dismiss this matter; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-031)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6633 Parrish Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Claudia Almanza, appears. Ms. Almanza stated that a friend was to buy the house but did not and she currently lives at this address. Mr. Kearney advised there have been two (2) different names on the water bill in 2012. Ms. Almanza said that she rented the property to two (2) different people for one (1) month each but they are no longer tenants there, as she lives there and the water is now in her name. Motion by Mr. Lendi to dismiss this matter; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-032)

Hearing on property located at 1333 – 150th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested this matter be reset to February 7, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 7, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-033)

Hearing on property located at 959 Pearl Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, appears. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-034)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Lendi to set these matters for hearing on February 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-035)

License Agreements with Speedway SuperAmerica, LLC, 6845 Calumet Avenue and 7345 Kennedy Avenue for environmental monitoring submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-036)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Street Commissioner, regarding the request for speed limit signs and stop sign placement on 114th Street. Mr. Gleason stated the speed limit signs will be placed and the speed vehicle travel needs to be addressed to the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the speed limit sign request and the refer the speed issue to the Hammond Police Department; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-037)

Correspondence received from Mr. Joseph Boguszewicz, 2006 Benjamin Place, requesting a “No Parking from Here to Corner” sign be placed on Calumet Avenue, north of 120th Street. Motion

by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-038)

Agreement to Restrict Use of Property submitted for approval by Attorney Curtis Vosti. Mr. Lendi advised this agreement has been reviewed by Ms. Kantar. Motion by Mr. Lendi to approve; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-039)

Hearing regarding Mr. Thomas Markovich. Mr. O'Connor advised the hearing will take place at the end of the meeting. Mr. O'Connor then recused himself from the meeting.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Councilman at Large Robert Markovich appeared and stated that he was almost hit again at Clark School and requested something be done about this issue. Mr. Markovich also said that he agreed with the citizen who requested a "No Parking from Here to Corner" sign be placed on Calumet Avenue.

Mr. Jesus Villcana, property owner of 851 Indiana Street, appeared. Mr. Villcana requested the matter regarding the property, set for earlier in the meeting, be heard. Mr. Kearney stated a contractor had pulled a permit to remove the second apartment but instead installed fire separation between units. Mr. Villcana then said he believes this building should be grandfathered instead of having to meet current code. Mr. Villcana produced architectural drawings and gave them to Mr. Kearney. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be continued. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to rescind the order entered earlier in the meeting regarding this property and to continue this matter to February 14, 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Mr. Lendi stated that a short recess would be taken prior to the start of the Hearing regarding Thomas Markovich.

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 9:28 a.m.

APPROVED: January 17, 2013

By: _____
William J. O'Connor, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary