

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
APRIL 4, 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. O'Connor – present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Lendi – present.

Motion by Mr. Lendi to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2013 and March 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Franklin Elementary School requesting permission to reverse the direction of the one (1) way alley that is the sole access to the school to improve safety. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-315)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting permission for the Robertsdale Little League to hold their Opening Day Parade, Saturday, May 4, 2013, beginning at 12:00 noon and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-316)

Hearing on property located at 6425 Madison Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for property owner, Ms. Patricia Etherton. Mr. Matthews advised the repair work has been done, an inspection conducted and requested this matter be dismissed. Motion by Mr. Lendi to dismiss this matter; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. (13-317)

Correspondence received from Attorney Justin Murphy requesting a continuance of the hearing on property located at 232 – 34 Ogden Street. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to May 2, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-318)

Hearing on property located at 5965 Hyslop Place. Property owner, Ms. Silvia Becerra, appears. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears. Mr. Saliga stated the ceiling height does not meet code, no egress and the work to convert the basement into an apartment was done without any permits. Mr. Saliga then requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-319)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1337 – 170th Place. Property owner, Mr. Larry Strombert, appears. Mr. Stromberg stated he retained ownership in 2012 due to the death of his mother. Mr. Stromberg then said he did not pay rental registration in 2012 as his mother's estate had not been finalized. Mr. Lendi asked Mr. Stromberg if he received any rent during this time to which Mr. Stromberg answered he did, but not consistently. Motion by Mr. Lendi to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion

carried. (Ins. No. 13-320)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4212 Henry Avenue. Property owner, Delia Menchaca, husband appears. Mr. Menchaca stated his nephews live at the address and no rent is received as his nephews pay the utilities. Motion by Mr. Lendi to have Mr. Menchaca complete an affidavit stating his nephews live at the property; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-321)

Correspondence received from Mr. Leon Rusinek, property owner of 4904 – 06 Ash Avenue, requesting the hearing set for May 4, 2013 be continued. Motion by Mr. Lendi to deny the request for a continuance as this matter is set for April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-322)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing for property located at 3527 – 164th Street and 2522 White Oak Avenue. Motion by Mr. Lendi to set these matters for May 2, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-323)

Hearing on business license denial for Exit 1 Tobacco d/b/a Tobacco Superstore. City Attorney Kristina Kantar advised the Board this matter has been continued to April 18, 2013 by agreement of the parties. Motion by Mr. Lendi to reset this matter to April 18, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-324)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Street Commissioner, advising of the placement of “No Parking” signs on 149th Street from Calumet Avenue to Cedar Street for a ninety (90) day trial period. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-325)

Correspondence received from the World of Pentecost Ministries, 4807 Oak Avenue, requesting permission to hold a block party on Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with street closure. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-326)

Correspondence received from Ms. April Nelson, 3108 – 171st Street, requesting permission to hold a Graduation Open House, Saturday, June 8, 2013, from 5:00 pm. to 10:00 p.m., with street closure. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-327)

Correspondence received from the East Side Community Council requesting permission to hold the Maywood Community Baseball League Opening Day Parade, Saturday, May 25, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-328)

Garage Sale permits for 7412 Oakdale Avenue and 7317 Grand Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-329)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs appeared with owner of Columbia Gyros who stated parking blocks have been placed across the entrance to parking for to his restaurant by, he believes, by the owner of Legends. The business owner of Columbia Gyros stated that he has talked to the owner of Legends regarding removing the parking blocks and ended in an argument. Motion by Mr. Lendi for the Board to send a letter to Legends stating the parking blocks are barriers to ingress and egress to the property and must be removed immediately; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Higgs then requested additional lighting in the alley of the 1000 block of Morris Street due to the increased number of burglaries. Mr. Dostatni said he will have Mr. Frank Sarang, Street Lighting, inspect the area to determine if more lighting can be placed there.

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 9:18 a.m.

APPROVED: May 2, 2013

By: _____
Stanley Dostatni, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary