

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MAY 2, 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 – present.

Motion by Mr. Lendi to defer approval of the minutes of April 4, 2013, April 11, 2013 and April 18, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Dostatni then opened the floor for the nomination of the President of the Board of Public Works & Safety. Mr. Smith then nominated Mr. Lendi to the position. Mr. Dostatni asked if there were any other nominations and received none

Change Order No. 2 for Columbia Avenue Reconstruction – Michigan Street to Chicago Street – submitted by First Group Engineering, Inc. Mr. Dostatni advised this change order represents an increase of \$4,551.90, since the project is 80% federally funded, the City of Hammond’s share will be \$910.90. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-391)

Anticipated Task Summary Sheet – Task 18 – for Interior Drainage Investigation for Northcote Neighborhood and Hammond Levee Inspection Assistance – submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni stated this is being done to aid in the removal of 250 homes in the flood plain. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-392)

Legal Notice of Public Information Meeting – Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. held at Hammond City Hall and 6:00 p.m. at Washington Irving Middle School, 4727 Pine Avenue – for a presentation of the development of a federal aid project to reconstruct and widen Chicago Street. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-393)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting permission for the Hammond Hermits Athletic Association to hold their annual Opening Day Parade, Saturday, May 4, 2013, with route and to lift the “Resident Parking Only” restriction on the block of 141st Street and Dearborn Avenue to 142nd Street on May 4, 2013 due to the combined ceremonies of the Hammond Hermits and North Hammond Babe Ruth. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins., No. 13-394)

First Amendment to the Master Services Agreement between the Hammond City Jail and Securus Technologies. Mr. Lendi advised this is an upgrade of the current agreement. Motion by Mr Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-395)

Sales Contract with Fire Service, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) E-One Pumpers for the

Hammond Fire Department at a cost \$450,000 each. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-396)

Confirmation of the Order for telephone service for the City of Hammond. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-397)

Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement submitted by Mr. Paul Thompson, Police Garage Mechanic. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-398)

Correspondence received from Attorney Walter J. Alvarez requesting a continuance of the Business License Revocation hearing for Star Foods, 1205 Chicago Avenue. Ms. Kantar stated that she has talked with Mr. Alvarez and agree to continue this matter to May 16, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to May 16, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-399)

Hearing on property located at 6609 Jefferson Avenue. Attorney Kristina Garza appears for the property owner and requests and additional 45 – 60 days. Ms. Garza stated that she has requested documents from NIPSCO which she is waiting on and that she believes what are considered violations currently should be grandfathered in to current code. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to June 6, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-400)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews requesting a continuance of the hearing on property located at 814 Hoffman Street. Mr. Matthews advised he represents the property owner who has put out a bid for the work to be done. Mr. Matthews then requested this matter be continued for sixty (60) days. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to July 11, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-401)

Correspondence received from Attorney J. Justin Murphy requesting a continuance of the hearing on property located at 232 – 34 Ogden Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to June 6, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-402)

Hearing on property located at 4904 – 06 Ash Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Leon Rusinik, fails to appear. City Attorney Kristina Kantar advised this property has the demolition order affirmed, that this property has been fire damaged and the owner had stated he would put no more money into repair. (Ins. No. 13-403)

Notice of Violation on property located at 6724 Calumet Avenue. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspection Department, appears and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the 2nd floor illegally installed apartment. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-404)

Notice of Violation on property located at 6810 Kennedy Avenue. Mr. Matt Saliga appears and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the illegal rear apartment. Motion

by Mr. Dostatni to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-405)

Notice of Violation on property located at 836 – 838 Mulberry Street. Mr. Saliga appears. Property owner, Ms. Raynesia Williams, appeared and stated she would like to bring the property up to code. Ms. Williams then said she has been renting the property for six (6) years and would like to bring the basement apartment to code. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Inspections, advised that it is a cellar not a basement. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to affirm the Findings and Order to remove the illegally installed apartments; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-406)

Notice of Violation on property located at 508 Spruce Street. Mr. Saliga appeared and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the illegally installed basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-407)

Notice of Violation on property located at 4732 Hickory Avenue. Mr. Saliga appeared and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the illegally installed basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-408)

Notice of Violation on property located at 911 – 150th Street. Mr. Saliga appeared and said the repairs have been done with permits. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-409)

Agreements to Rehabilitate Property Located at 443 Conkey Street, 1233 Sherman Street and 4149 Sheffield Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-410)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7208 Chestnut Avenue and 3527 – 164th Street. Property manager, Mr. Randy Ralls, appears and stated he never received any correspondence regarding rental registration. Mr. Ralls was then asked if he received the water bills and he replied that they are sent to the business address. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to deny the appeal; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-411)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2522 White Oak Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Harry Weede, and his son appear. Mr. Weede stated that his son lives at this property and pays no rent. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to dismiss this action upon the completion of a related living affidavit; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-412)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 237 Ogden Street, 534 Waltham Street, 7137 Tapper Avenue, 7435 Howard Avenue, 6647 Missouri Avenue, 1804 Indianapolis Boulevard, 7222 Osborne Avenue, 1323 Sherman Street, 840 Merrill Street, 6330 Hohman Avenue, 1023 Chicago Street and 1704 Indianapolis Boulevard. Motion by

Mr. Dostatni to set these matters for May 30, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-413)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Street Commissioner, advising a time study done at Mulberry Street and Harrison Avenue does not warrant a stop sign. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-414)

Correspondence received from Ms. Susan Elliott requesting signage be placed in her neighborhood to alert driver's there is a blind child in the area. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-415)

Correspondence received from the School City of Hammond requesting permission to place dumpsters along the north side of 120th Street, Clark Middle/High School, from Friday, June 7, 2013 to Friday, June 14, 2013 and the School City also requested barricades from the Street Department. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-416)

Correspondence received from Ms. Nicole Ausmus requesting permission to hold a block party, July 27, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., with street closure of 177th Street between Walnut Avenue and Birch Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-417)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-418)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni stated the Board received correspondence from Ms. Ruth Mamouzelos who requested a special hearing as she cannot attend on Thursday mornings. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to have the Law Department send a letter advising the Board meets for regular meetings on Thursdays only and if she cannot attend she can have an attorney represent her; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-419)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, the property owner of 238 Vine Street appeared and stated she was told to come to this meeting as she has requested Building Department record and has yet to receive them. Mr. Kearney said he will provide the requested records. Mr. Lendi asked the property owner if she had been cited by the Inspections Department and she stated she had been. Mr. Lendi then asked the Inspections Department if they were ready to proceed on the citation. Mr. Kearney said they were not. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to dismiss the pending citation; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Walker, Auto Zone, requested permission to close the sidewalk by the business on Calumet Avenue for two (2) weeks, May 6, 2013 through May 20, 2013. Mr. Walker then said Auto Zone would take care of safety issues during this time. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 9:39 a.m.

APPROVED: May 30, 2013

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary