

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JUNE 6, 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. Dostatni to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 30, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Lendi called Attorney James Foster, representing Mr. Jose Andrade, property owner of 6609 Jefferson Avenue, letter “T” on the agenda. Mr. Foster informed the Board that Attorney Kristina Garza, who had represented Mr. Andrade previously, has withdrawn her appearance and Mr. presented the Board with paperwork entering his appearance in this case. Mr. Foster then requested this matter be continued to August 8, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this mater to August 8, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-515(a))

Request for advertising dates of June 20, 2013 and June 27, 2013 with a bid opening date of July 11, 2013 for the demolition of 4904 – 06 Ash Avenue, 1136 Highland Street, 631 Kane Street, 7513 Marshall Avenue, 923 Michigan Street, 4845 – 47 Oak Avenue, 6742 Olcott Avenue, 1013 Reese Street, 7 Rimbach Street, 4221 Sheffield Avenue, 207 Southmoor Road, 816 State street, 920 State Street, 943 Summer Street, 4703 Torrence Avenue (garage only), 831 Truman Street, 23 – 25 Webb Street and 954 Wilcox Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 3090)

Change Order No. 4 submitted by First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Columbia Avenue – Michigan Street to Chicago Street – project. Mr. Dostatni stated the change order is needed to fill an abandoned 24” brick sewer and the cost to the City will be \$1,702.00. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-515)

Bid recommendation for the Hohman Alley Drainage Issue submitted by Nies Engineering, Inc. to low bidder, Reichelt Plumbing at \$28,147.96. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-516)

Bid recommendation for the reconstruction of Roosevelt alley to correct a drainage issue submitted by Nies Engineering, Inc. to low bidder, Reichelt Plumbing at \$44,772.21. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-517)

Correspondence received from Practical Environmental Consultants, Inc. requesting permission for lane closure on June 27, 2013 at Speedway, 7345 Kennedy Avenue and June 28, 2013 at Speedway, 6845 Calumet Avenue both for groundwater sampling. Motion by Mr. Dostatni;

seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-518)

Correspondence received from Sweeney Electric requesting permission to bore conduits under McCook Avenue to Centier Bank. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve subject to Sweeney Electric recording an easement; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins.No. 13-519)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller advising of the resignation of Radio Dispatch Ashley Prusinski, effective May 28, 2013, and submitting Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-520)

Contract with ClickFix for software services submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-521)

Correspondence received from Attorney Joseph Banasiak requesting the hearing on property located at 1010 Hoffman Street be continued to July 11, 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 11, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-522)

Correspondence received from Ms. Nancy Kinsella requesting the hearing on property located at 4610 – 12 Pine Avenue be continued to July 18, 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 18, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-523)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews, for Ms. Sharon Stolarz, requesting a hearing on property located at 3847 – 49 Sheffield Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to August 8, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-524)

Correspondence received from Attorney Justin Murphy requesting the hearing on property located at 232 – 34 Ogden Street be continued to June 20, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to June 20, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-525)

Hearing on property located at 7141 McCook Avenue. Attorney James Driscoll appeared for property owner, Janice Evans, a submitted an executed Restriction on Use of Property. Mr. Driscoll stated the he would record the Restriction with Lake County. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-526)

Correspondence received from Mr. Michael Mortimer requesting the hearing on property located at 264 – 66 Florence Street be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 11, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-527)

Hearing on property located at 912 Summer Street. Attorney James Driscoll requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 11, 2013; seconded by

Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-528)

Hearing on property located at 12 Lawndale and 268 – 169th Street. Mr. Driscoll requested these matters be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue these matters to July 11, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-529)

Status hearing on property located at 714 Sibley Street. Mr. Driscoll requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 11, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-530)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 40 Warren Street. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for property owner, Ms. Helen Jaakkola. Mr. Matthews requested this matter be continued as he has requested a meeting with the Building Department regarding the violation assessed. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to August 15, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-531)

Correspondence received from Attorney Robert Sorge requesting the Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4832 Cedar Avenue be continued to June 27, 2013. Attorney Sorge fails to appear. Property owner, Mr. James Hohenberger, appears. Mr. Hohenberger stated that he would like to make repairs on the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to August 8, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to August 8, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-532)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6609 Jefferson Avenue. Mr. Lendi advised this matter has been continued to August 8, 2013 at a previous meeting.

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1113 Sibley Street. Property owner, Mr. Julian Quiroga, fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department appeared and requested the Board sign the Findings and Order to remove the illegal second floor apartment. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-533)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7135 Arkansas Avenue and 6312 Madison Avenue. Attorney Robert Plantz appears for the property owner, Mr. Reginald Green, who also appeared. Mr. Plantz said Mr. Green came in one (1) week late to pay as he was out of town on the due date. Mr. Plantz then stated the Arkansas Avenue address is one (1) unit and the Madison Avenue address is three (3) units and there have been no violations on either address. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Inspections Department, stated rental registration has always been paid timely in the past but requested the late fee be applied to the four (4) units. 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. 13-534)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7133 Schneider Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Maria Hernandez, appeared and said that she came to pay the rental registration but the door to gain entrance to City Hall was locked so she came the next day to pay. Ms. Hernandez said that she

lives at this property and pays rent to her sister. Mr. Kearney advised Ms. Hernandez that she can complete an affidavit stating an immediate family member lives at this property. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to waive the late fee, assess rental registration at \$80 per unit and have Ms. Hernandez complete an affidavit in the Inspections Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-535)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1835 Calumet Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Cristina Meza, fails to appear. Due to lack of a motion the appeal is denied. Property owner is assessed a \$500 late fee and assessed rental registration at \$80 per unit. (Ins. No. 13-536)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7042 Van Buren Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Maria Avalos, appears. Ms. Avalos stated that she was not aware that the property had to be registered and has since paid for 2013 since she was made aware. Mr. Kearney advised Ms. Avalos has not paid rental registration since 2009. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to waive late fees for 2009, 2010, 2011 but assess a \$500 late fee for 2012; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-537)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6941 Alexander Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Joseph V. Darragh, appears. Mr. Darragh stated that he was not aware that rental registration had to be paid yearly. Mr. Darragh then said that he paid rental registration on this two (2) unit property as soon as he was made aware it was a yearly fee. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2011 and 2012 and \$80 for 2010; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-538)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1254 – 150th Street, 4927 Linden Avenue and 4921 Linden Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Jean Iliff, appeared. Ms. Iliff stated that 4927 is vacant, and that 1254 – 150th Street is occupied by her brother-in-law and 4921 Linden Avenue is occupied by her daughter. Ms. Iliff stated that she receives rent from both her daughter and brother-in-law. Mr. Lendi advised that the property that is currently vacant will need to be registered within thirty(30) days of it becoming occupied. 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. 13-539)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2728 – 161st Street. Property owner, Ms. Maria Renteria, fails to appear. There being no motion, the appeal is denied and the late fee stands. (Ins. No. 13-540)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1328 – 170th Street. Property Manager, Ms. Dawn Roman, appears and stated the company she works for has numerous properties in the City which are all registered with the exception 1328 – 170th Street. Ms. Roman said the property was bought on April 24, 2012. There being no motion, the appeal is denied and the late fee of \$500 stands with rental registration at \$80 per unit. (Ins. No. 13-541)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6643 Arkansas Avenue and 6711 Arkansas

Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Virginian Heflin, appears and stated she came to pay one (1) day late on these properties which are rented by her daughter and granddaughter who both pay rent. 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. 13-542)

Correspondence received from Ms. Ruth Mamouzelos requesting a continuance of the rental registration hearing, for property located at 6542 Rhode Island, be continued to June 13, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to June 13, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-543)

Correspondence received from Mr. Jason Mikolanis requesting a continuance of the rental registration hearing, for property located at 937 Drackert Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to July 11, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-544)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 6136 Lyman Avenue, 7411 Howard Avenue and 1615 Davis Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to set these matters for hearing on July 11, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-545)

Correspondence received from Mr. Robert Perry, 1324 Sherman Street, requesting permission to hold a block party on July 20, 2013 with street closure and requesting the grass by the railroad tracks be cut prior to the block party. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-546)

Correspondence received from Ms. Carmen Gonzalez, 521 Vine Street, requesting permission to hold a birthday party on June 23, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with street closure. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-547)

Correspondence received from Ms. Vicki Dillon requesting "Slow – Children at Play" signage on Caroline Avenue, Burton Court and Blossom Row. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-548)

Correspondence received from Owens Ruzich Funeral Home requesting permission to place a dumpster in a parking spot on 119th Street and Calumet Avenue from Friday, June 14, 2013 through Monday, June 17, 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-549)

Garage Sale permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-550)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting

drain/sewer or any other street repair be made on Rhode Avenue, between Bauer Street and Carroll Street and the sidewalks on the 6300 – 6400 blocks of State Line Avenue be replaced. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-551)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Lendi received a disciplinary matter from the Hammond Fire Department. Mr. Smith abstained from the vote. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-552)

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 9:53 a.m.

APPROVED: June 13, 2013

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary