

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JUNE 20, 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 the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2012; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for bid dates of June 28, 2013 and July 5, 2013 with a bid opening date of July 18, 2013 for the Hammond/Purdue Calumet Outdoor Athletics Complex at Dowling Park. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 3091)

Proposal opening for Alley Drainage Issues. Proposals received from the following:

Hasse Construction Co, Inc.	Post Office Box 300 Calumet City, Illinois
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	7500 West 5 th Avenue, Gary, Indiana
Grimmer Construction, Inc.	2619 Main Street, Highland, Indiana

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer the proposals to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. ****)

Final Change Order No. 3 received from Nies Engineering for the Monon Bike Trail Project. Mr. Dostatni advised this change order is an increase in cost of \$4,226.88 for finalizing project quantities and closing out the project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-584)

Change Order No. 1 received from United Consulting for River Drive Reconstruction. Mr. Dostatni stated the additional cost of \$11,986.00 is for a hot tap of the existing 12” water main. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-585)

Change Order No. 1 received from Garcia Consulting Engineers for the Superior Avenue Improvement Project. Mr. Dostatni advised this change order is a decrease in cost of \$15,975.93 due to quantity reconciliation. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-586)

Change Order No. 2 received from Garcia Consulting Engineers for the New Jersey Avenue Reconstruction Project. Mr. Dostatni stated this is a decrease in cost of \$54,192.55 for quantity reconciliation. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-587)

Correspondence received from Fairfield Inn & Suites requesting “No Tractor Trailers” signage be installed at the entrance of Corinne Drive as semi-trucks are turning onto Corinne Drive and being unable to turn around which has cause a NIPSCO transformer to be dragged several feet. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-588)

Correspondence received from Mr. Perry Palmer, Principal, Franklin School, regarding the reversal of the direction of traffic in the alley by the school. Mr. Dostatni advised the school has contacted residents surrounding the school and has received no opposition. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department to install signage; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-589)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting approval of the resignation of Radio Dispatcher, L. Rich, the transfer of Officer R. Pruzin to the Traffic Section, with AI Specialty Pay, the promotion of Officer R. Howard to the rank of Sergeant and relinquishment of Chauffer Warden Specialty Pay, the promotion of Officer P. Merritt to the rank of Sergeant and relinquishment of Chauffer Warden Specialty Pay and receipt of EVO Specialty Pay to Sergeant M. Jones and Officer S. Jajowka. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-590)

Hearing on property located at 833 State Street. Property owner, Ms. Gladys Brown, appears. Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections, advised the basement apartment was marked “Uninhabitable” in October of 2012. Ms. Brown stated that the basement apartment is no longer rented and that she has a signed land contract with the current tenants which she did not bring. Ms. Brown requested this matter be continued to allow her time to show the Board the executed land contract. Mr. Lendi advised Ms. Brown that her grandson has appeared for her numerous times in the past and was told to bring the recorded land contract and to date has not. Mr. Lendi then said that the rental registration matter was already adjudicated and no further action will be taken.

Correspondence received from Attorney Justin Murphy regarding the hearing on property located at 232 – 34 Ogden Street requesting it be continued to July 11, 2013, to allow property to be inspected. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-592)

Correspondence received from Mr. John Heldak, property owner of 1916 Calumet Avenue, requesting a continuance of the hearing set for today. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 18, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-593)

Correspondence received from Attorney Marco Molina requesting the Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 832 Truman Street be continued for one (1) week. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to June 27, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-594)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 50 Webb Street. Property owner, D&M

Investors, fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the four (4) basement apartments. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-594)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4842 Hickory Avenue. Property owner appears and asked if a firewall could be put in to avoid having to remove the apartments. Mr. Lendi suggested that he talk with Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, after the meeting. Mr. Saliga then requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove two (2) apartments. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins No. 13-595)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 510 Chicago Street. Property owner, Ezaul Ruiz, fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-596)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4849 Pine Avenue. Property owner, Mirna Carlos, fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to requiring the removal of the basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-597)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1031 – 170th Place. Property owner, Ms. Jannette Gottschalk, appears and stated that she will have the basement and second floor apartments removed. Mr. Saliga then requested the Board sign the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the illegal apartments. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-598)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6652 Howard Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Maria Pylypczak's son appears and stated that he believed it was zoned a three (3) flat and the only work done on the house was to install an inside door to separate units. Mr. Kearney stated there was a permit obtained to install a dormer, not convert area into an apartment. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to September 5, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-599)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4710 Johnson Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Marylu Arredondo, fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the basement apartment. Mr. Saliga then advised the removal is complete. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-600)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 36 – 38 Detroit Street. Property owner, Mr. Robert Jansma, appears. Mr. Saliga requested this matter 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. 13-601)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6314 Monroe Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga stated the owner is cooperating. Mr. Saliga then requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-602)

Correspondence received from Mr. Robert Brown, property owner of 6739 Ontario Avenue, requesting a hearing regarding the demolition of the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for hearing on July 11, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-603)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 6808 Huron Avenue, 4248 Grover Avenue, 1008 Cherry Street, 5657 Walter Avenue and 6131 Harrison Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing on July 11, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-604)

Correspondence received from Mr. Richard Martinez requesting permission to hold a block party in the 800 block of Truman Street, Saturday, July 6, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with street closure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-605)

Correspondence received from Ms. Andrea Castor requesting permission to hold a block party in the 900 block of Kane Street, Thursday, July 4, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with street closure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-606)

Correspondence received from Mr. LeAnne Munoz, Committee Member, Cal Ripken World Series, requesting the Columbia Avenue Bridge be closed at various times Friday, August 9, 2013 through Tuesday, August 14, 2013, for the Cal Ripken World Series. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-607)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni stated the permit for 4633 Sheffield Avenue will be denied as this is a fourth request for a sale. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve with the exception of 4633 Sheffield Avenue; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-608)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from the Hammond Port Authority requesting temporary street closure of Sheffield Avenue on various dates for public safety. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-609)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, the property owner of 50 Webb Street, letter "N" on the agenda appeared. Mr. Lendi advised the Findings and Order have been affirmed. Mr. Kearney stated there has been work done which does not meet code and will need to be removed.

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 9:44 a.m.

APPROVED: July 11, 2013

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary