

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
AUGUST 15, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:02 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 the approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2013 and July 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Demolition of 2500 New York Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Gary Material Supply	\$764,000
Brandenburg Industrial Supply Company	\$639,270
American Demolition Corporation	\$933,800
Heneghan Wrecking Co.	\$394,500
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$694,800
Actin/TRI, LLC	\$594,450

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer the bids to the Building Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 3093)

Correspondence received from Robinson Engineering requesting permission for Geocon Professional Services, LLC to have access to Calumet Avenue right of way to perform two (2) soil borings. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to deny the request as there are large water mains in this area; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-786)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Sibley Street and Hohman Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-787)

Correspondence received from Grimmer Construction, Inc. requesting permission to close 169th Street from Calumet Avenue to Harrison Avenue from August 14, 2013 to November 1, 2013 for the installation of a water main. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-788)

Correspondence received from BP Pipelines requesting permission limit access to Hump Road. Mr. Dostatni advised that BP will place barricades to block entrance to a driveway on Hump Road that was installed without permits. Mr. Dostatni then said that BP's pipelines are under the entrance and this is being done to avoid damage to the lines. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-789)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting approval of the promotion of Officers E. Gonzalez and D. Young to the rank of Sergeant with pay adjustment effective August 15, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-790)

Hearing on the denial of a business license to Estrella's Sports Bar. Ms. Melissa Estrella appears with her attorney, Mr. Marco Molina, Ms. Estrella stated that she did not complete the application for the permit and did not understand why her name was being brought into the application process. Ms. Estrella then said the Hammond Police Department called her to ask for her date of birth and she thought it was because her ex-husband had filled out the application. Mr. Lendi then asked Ms. Estrella if she filled out or signed the application. Ms. Estrella said that she did not. Mr. Lendi then showed Ms. Estrella and her attorney the permit which shows Ms. Estrella listing herself as a property owner and showing her signature as the applicant. Mr. Molina then stated that property paperwork will be submitted for Mr. Merced Estrella. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to deny the application for a business license; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-791)

Hearing on the denial of a business license to Real T. Tattoos. Ms. Araceli Gutierrez stated that she listed her fiancée, Mr. Darnell Jones, who has criminal felony convictions, on the application and will reapply in her name only. Motion to deny the business license by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-792)

Star Foods Business License Revocation Hearing. Attorney Steven Alvarez appears with the owners of Star Foods. Mr. Alvarez stated that he wanted the lab results of the synthetic marijuana that was found at Star Foods as that was originally what the license was revoked for. Mr. Alvarez then said the corporation is being dissolved. Mr. Lendi advised that no license exists and the store should be closed until it is relicensed. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-793)

Hearing on property located at 3847 – 49 Sheffield Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for the property owner. Mr. Matthews said he has requested an inspection and requested additional time to have the inspection completed. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to September 12, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-794)

Hearing on property located at 40 Warren Street. Mr. Matthews appears for the property owner. Mr. Mathews stated that he has requested a meeting the Building Department and Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar and requested additional time. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to October 10, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-795)

Hearing on property located at 4834 Ash Avenue. Mr. Matthews appears for the property owner and stated the second floor is vacated, as is the main floor as a water main broke. Mr. Matthews then said the owner has asked the bank if they would accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, asked for a status date in this matter. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for status on October 10, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES

ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-796)

Hearing on property located at 6519 Jackson Avenue and 38 Detroit Street. Attorney Dan Zajac appears for the property owner. Mr. Farrell said the owner is complying and requested this matter be set for status. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for status on October 24, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-797)

Hearing on property located at 584 Sibley Street. Property owner, Mr. Brown, appears. Mr. Brown stated that he does not know what is required of him to bring the property into compliance. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Inspections Department, said a Finding and Order requiring the removal of two (2) of the four (4) units has been affirmed by the Board. Mr. Lendi suggested that Mr. Brown get records from the Inspections Department. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to November 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-798)

Hearing on property located at 1930 Wespark Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell stated the property owner has removed the basement apartment and another inspection will need to be done. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to September 19, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-799)

Hearing on property located at 4229 Dearborn Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm a deed restriction on the property which stated the second floor cannot be used for sleeping quarters or occupancy. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the deed restriction; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-800)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1020 Becker Street. Attorney Amanda Hires appears for the property owner. Mr. Farrell stated that an inspection will be done next Tuesday. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to October 3, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-801)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 931 Wilcox Street. Property owner, Mr. Esteban Barraza, appears. Mr. Barraza stated that he was unaware that rental registration was due and payable yearly. Mr. Kearney advised that this property has never been registered and an inspection be done. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to September 12, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-802)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 529 – 169th Street. Property owner, Mr. Scott Bernicky, appears and stated that he lives in the front house and the back house is occupied by a tenant. Mr. Bernicky then said that he was unaware rental registration was due and that he purchased the house from his parents. 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. 13-803)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7230 McCook Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Melissa Gonzalez Benavides, appears and stated that she mailed a check to the Inspections

Department, then called Inspections to ensure the check was received, was told it was not. . Ms. Benavides then said when she came to City Hall to pay it was after the deadline passed. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-804)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4717 Ash Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Enrique Nunez, appears and stated that he lived at this address until November of 2012 and rented it in January of 2013. Mr. Nunez said this is the first time he has rented property and was unaware of the fee for rental registration. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-805)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 913 Murray Street. Property owner, Mr. Rod Ensley, appears. Mr. Kearney advised that this property has never been registered. Mr. Ensley said that he has owned the property since the early 2000's and forgot to pay. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess a late fee of \$500 and rental registration for the year 2013 at \$890; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-806)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 818 – 167th Street, 904 Fields Street and 3520 – 170th Court. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing on September 12, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-807)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1020 Highland Street and 631 Kane Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried (Ins. No. 13-808)

Petition for Issuance of an Order of Compliance submitted for approval by property owner, Mr. Thomas V. Ouseph, on property located at 1043 – 45 Becker Street submitted for approval by property owner, Mr. Thomas v. Ouseph. Mr. Smith advised a letter from Building Inspector, Mr. Bob Vale, states the property has been converted back to a legal two (2) unit is included with the petition. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-809)

Correspondence received from Hammond Community Service Lab, LLC requesting a handicap parking space in front of the business at 813 Sibley Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-810)

Correspondence received from Ms. Priscilla Vargas, 7041 Osborn Avenue, requesting “Residential Parking”. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-811)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Port Authority requesting Sheffield Avenue from 129th Street to Calumet Avenue be closed, September 1, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., signage from the MVH, EMA personnel and equipment. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr.

Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-812)

Correspondence received from the Whiting Lions Club requesting street closure on the 1900 block of Atchison Avenue on Thursday, August 22, 2013, for the 3rd Annual Battle of 119th Street BBQ. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-813)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting the status of the request for demolition of 935 and 937 Ames Street and requesting the demolition of 1315 and 1325 Field Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Building Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-814)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 6824 Montana Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-815)

License Agreement with CKNP Oil Co., Inc. for environmental monitoring. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-816)

Garage Sale permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-817)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Lendi advised that due to lack of quorum there will be no Board of Public Works & Safety meeting on August 22, 2013.

Mr. Lendi then requested the hearing with Attorney David Saks for property located at 4815 Pine Avenue originally set for August 22, 2013 be continued to September 12, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-818)

Mr. Lendi then thanked Councilwoman at Large Janet Venecz for attending today's hearing.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, the owner of a beauty shop and an apartment manager whose office is on Calumet Avenue came to protest the placement of "Residential Only" parking signs the 118th Street side of Calumet Avenue. The beauty shop owner stated that she has elderly clients patronizing her business and now cannot park on 118th Street. The apartment manager stated there is parking for two (2) cars behind the building for residents. Mr. Lendi stated the signs will be removed by the Street Department.

Mr. Alvin Cheeks appeared before the Board to thank the Hammond Fire Department in their efforts to save his mother but unfortunately she did not survive.

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 10:07 a.m.

APPROVED: August 29, 2013

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary