

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 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 approve the minutes of the meeting of September 5, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid recommendation received from Beam Longest and Neff, LLC for the Erie Lackawanna & Monon Pedestrian Trails Reconstruction Project to low bidder at \$3,332,661.05, Superior Construction Co., Inc. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-903)

Correspondence received from NIPSCO requesting permission to replace a regulator station at White Oak Avenue and Summer Street with work lasting two (2) weeks. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-904)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the promotion of Engineer W. Cook to the rank of Captain and the promotion of Private J. Williams to the rank of Engineer and permission to transfer vehicles to Emergency Management. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-905)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews requesting a sixty (60) day continuance of hearings on property located at 951 Sibley Street, 222 Hanover Street, 4922 Cedar Avenue and 4930 Cedar Avenue, property owner, Mr. Tommy Culver. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue these matters to November 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-906)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4604 Johnson Avenue. Property owner, , Mr. Refugio Santana, fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the basement apartment. Mr. Saliga stated the owner is cooperating in the removal. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-907)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 5724 Calumet Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Miguel Marquez, appears with Attorney Marco Molina. Mr. Molina requested additional time. Mr. Saliga requested the removal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to November 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-908)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 627 Kane Street. Attorney Cordell Funk appears for property owner, Mr. Leonardo Ventura. Mr. Funk requested additional time. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to November 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-909)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4413 State Line Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Alina Doroschko, appears. Ms. Doroschko stated that she was unaware that rental property had to be registered. Ms. Doroschko then said she bought this property in 2008 and lived there until approximately two (2) years ago which is when she began renting the single family unit. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-910)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5713 Erie Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Gregorio Hernandez, appears and stated that his brother lives at this property and pays the mortgage. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, advised Mr. Hernandez that he will need to complete an affidavit stating that his brother lives at this address. Mr. Hernandez stated that he has already completed the affidavit in the Inspections Department. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-911)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6503 Rhode Island Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Debra Gordon, appears. Ms. Gordon stated that she began renting the property in July of 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-912)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7030 Tapper Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Lisa Hernandez, appears. Ms. Hernandez stated that it was an oversight on her part regarding the non-payment of rental registration. Ms. Hernandez then said that it is a single family home and her only rental property. 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. 13-913)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1943 Superior Avenue. Property owner's son appears, stated that his father is ill, one (1) unit is vacant and the other occupied by his father. Mr. Kearney stated the property has not been registered in 2010, 2011, 2012 or 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 with the late fee waived; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-914)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7609 Alexander Avenue. Property owner's son appears for Mr. William Bohleber. Mr. Bohleber stated that his father has paid timely in the past but came late to pay for 2013. 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. 13-915)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6413 Monroe Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Gilbert Vales, appears. Mr. Vales stated that he bought the property in April of 2013 and did not have tenants until June of 2013. Mr. Vales said that he does own other rentals in Hammond but

this is the only property not current with rental registration. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-916)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 937 Logan Street. Property owner, Mr. Ruben Plata, appears. Mr. Plata said that he was unaware of the fee for rental registration and that his aunt lives in one (1) unit of the two (2) unit building. Mr. Saliga advised that he will be asking that one (1) unit be removed. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for the years 2012 and 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-917)

Hearing on property located at 43 Warren Street. Property owner, Mr. David Barrera, fails to appear. Mr. Saliga advised that the property owner is cooperating and requested this matter be set for status. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for status on November 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-918)

Hearing on property located at 1930 Wespark Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Andrew Straka, Jr., fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, advised this property is vacant and currently for sale. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the basement apartment be removed. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-919)

Hearing on property located at 4618 Oak Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Marco Tamayo, appears. There being no interpreter, Mr. Lendi asks that this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to October 3, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-920)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 1608 Myrtle Avenue, 4710 Henry Avenue and 7850 Bertram Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for October 10, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-921)

Resolution of the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety for the Transfer of Property at 4 – 172<sup>nd</sup> Place to the Little Calumet River Basin Commission for use as flood protection and to assist in the construction of a levee structure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-922) (Res. No. 3097)

Resolution to Vacate Certain Alleys and Street Segments with the East Hammond Urban Renewal Area. Mr. Dostatni advised that there was a discrepancy in the original Resolution which vacated streets that should not have been shown as vacated. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-923) (Res. No. 3098)

License Agreement with Do All Village, Inc., 837 Hoffman Street, for environmental monitoring. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins.

No. 13-924)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Street Commissioner, requesting permission to install "Residential Parking Only" signs on the 4800 and 4900 block of Cedar Avenue due to businesses on 149<sup>th</sup> Street and Calumet Avenue patrons and employees parking there. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-925)

Correspondence received from Mr. Hector Rosario requesting stop signs be placed on Waltham Street at the intersection of Lyman Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-926)

Correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting closure of the route for the Hammond Academy of Science and Technology/HAST RAD 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to noon and "No Parking" on Waltham Street between Hohman Avenue and Lyman Street on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-927)

Correspondence received from Karr Tuckpointing requesting permission to close the sidewalk and parking area on the west side of Hohman Avenue in front of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church on September 23, 2013 through September 27, 2013 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. with the closure of the outside lane of southbound traffic. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-928)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-929)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting approval of receipt of ET Specialty Pay to Officer J. Munoz, effective September 13, 2013, the relinquishment of Patrol Sergeant Specialty Pay to Sergeant T. LaPosa and a disciplinary matter. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AEYS ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-930)

Under Matters from Department Heads, Building Commissioner, Mr. Kurt Koch, advised that the property owners of 851 Indiana Avenue have requested a rehearing on the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to hear this matter on October 3, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Smith to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:35a.m.

APPROVED: October 3, 2013

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Lendi, President

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary