

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
NOVEMBER 7, 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 approve the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2013 and October 17, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Change Order for the Grand Calumet River Trail submitted by First Group Engineering, Inc. Mr. Dostatni advised this cost represents moving two (2) decorative light poles with a net increase of \$8,741.54, 80% of the total cost will be paid with federal money leaving the cost to the City of \$1,748.31. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1084)

Correspondence to Burling Builders, Inc. in response to their bid protest. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1085)

Correspondence received from Practical Environmental Consultants, Inc. requesting permission for lane closure at Speedway, 7345 Kennedy Avenue, for environmental monitoring. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1086)

Hearing – Estrella’s Sports Bar. Mr. Lendi advised that he has received correspondence from Attorney John Cantrell entering his appearance and requesting additional time. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to January 9, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1087)

Agreed Order and Covenant of Use Restriction on property located at 4834 Ash Avenue submitted by Attorney Gary Matthews. Mr. Matthews said that he and the City have come to an agreement which has been reviewed and signed by Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1088)

Hearing on property located at 3747 – 49 Sheffield Avenue. Mr. Matthews stated the work has been completed on this property and the owner, Ms. Sharon Stolarz, is waiting on a final inspection. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1089)

Mr. Matthews then said he represents the property owners of 4627 Towle Avenue, 40 Warren Street, 1916 Calumet Avenue and 814 Hoffman Street and requested additional time on these properties as he is waiting on the Building Department to schedule a meeting with him. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue these matters to January 9, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL.

Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1090)

Hearing on property located at 1020 Becker Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested additional time as the owner is cooperating with the rehabilitation. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to March 13, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1091)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2841 Cleveland Street. Ms. Gloria Mabry, Inspector, Inspections Department, appeared and requested addition to ensure process was served. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to November 21, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1092)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6844 Arizona Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Mabry advised that the property owner has completed the work and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1093)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 918 Sibley Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jesse Escamilla, Inspector, Inspections Department, appeared and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the second floor apartment and the first floor rear apartment. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1094)

Hearing on property located at 531 Spruce Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears. Mr. Saliga said the owner is cooperating and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order on this property. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of first floor apartment; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1095)

Hearing on property located at 522 Spruce Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the illegally installed rear apartment. Mr. Saliga then said the owners are cooperating. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1096)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 929 Lyons Street. Property owner, Mr. Fredric Lampton, appears. Mr. Lampton said he is trying to keep the property as he was given ownership through his divorce recently and that he is currently in bankruptcy. Mr. Lampton then said he has also received a collection letter from Smith Sersic. 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. 13-1097)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3320 – 175th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess rental registration at \$80 per unit with a late fee of \$500 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1098)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6742 Olcott Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1099)

Correspondence received from Attorney Christian Bartholomew advising that he does not represent Ms. Martha Lopez, property owner of 6033 Erie Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-1100)

Correspondence received from Ms. Martha Lopez requesting the rental registration hearing set for November 21, 2013 on property located at 6033 Erie Avenue be rescheduled to November 14, 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith to reset this matter for November 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1101)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 423 Lewis Street, 6715 Ontario Avenue, 6404 Missouri Court, Crane Place, 3038 – 163rd Place, 7214 – 16 Olcott Avenue, 429 Vine Street, 7622 Montana Avenue, 3455 Orchard Drive and 7205 California Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for December 5, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1102)

Correspondence received from Hammond Parks and Recreation requesting a vehicle title be released. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1103)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Willard Avenue and Field Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1104)

Quit Claim deed from the City of Hammond Board of Public Works & Safety to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Ms. Kantar advised this deed was previously signed last week but an original has been resubmitted to correct the grantees name to The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1105)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, the resident of 7143 Hohman Avenue requested permission to place a dumpster on his private property. 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 9:13 a.m.

APPROVED: November 21, 2013

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary