

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
NOVEMBER 14, 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 October 24, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Contract with Gough, Inc. for the Hammond/Purdue Calumet Outdoor Athletics Complex at Dowling Park. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1106)

Extension of existing Yearly Asphalt Paving Contract from 2013 through 2014 with Walsh & Kelly, Inc. Mr. Dostatni advised Walsh & Kelly, Inc. will extend their current pricing for work through 2014. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1107)

Correspondence received from NIPSCO requesting permission to dig a trench at the Sheffield Substation for fiber installation. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1108)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1109)

Auto Dealer's License denial hearing – Royce Auto Sales, Inc. – Mr. Leroy Newsome. Mr. Newsom fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to deny the appeal as Mr. Newsome failed to appear and also has robbery and drug charge cases in Illinois; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1110)

Hearing on property located at 951 Sibley Street, 222 Hanover Street, 4922 Cedar Avenue and 4930 Cedar Avenue. Property owner appears by Attorney Gary Matthews. Mr. Matthews requested additional time. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to January 9, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1111)

Hearing on property located at 627 Kane Street. A representative of Attorney Cordell Funk appears and stated Mr. Funk has been in contact with Chief of Inspections, Mr. James Callahan, and Mr. Funk has requested additional time. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to January 9, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1112)

Hearing on property located at 12 Lawndale Street, 268 – 169th Street and 714 Sibley Street.

Mr. Smith advised Attorney James Driscoll sent correspondence stating that he has spoken with Mr. Kurt Koch, Building Commissioner, who has agreed this matter be continued to December 5, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to December 5, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1113)

Hearing on property located at 584 Sibley Street. Property owner's husband appears. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Code Enforcement Commissioner, advised the Board affirmed in July of this year to convert the property to a two (2) unit. Mr. Kearney then said the property has been marked "Uninhabitable" and a "Stop Work Order" placed there. The property owner's husband said that he lives at this property, has not received a copy of the violations needing repair and he is currently doing rehab work there. Mr. Lendi asked if the property owner's husband could confirm identification of the photographs of the bathroom as being at this property as there was live electric in the shower to which he answered it was at this property. Mr. Lendi then requested this property be re-inspected. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to December 12, 2013 and have the property owner, Ms. Michelle Brown, appear; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1114)

Hearing on property located at 6652 Howard Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears and requested this matter be dismissed as the work has been completed in restoring the property back to a single family dwelling. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1115)

Hearing on property located at 43 Warren Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested this matter be dismissed as the property has been converted back to a single family dwelling. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1116)

Hearing on property located at 4604 Johnson Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested this matter be dismissed as the property has been converted back to a single family dwelling. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1117)

Hearing on property located at 5724 Calumet Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the 2nd floor illegally installed apartment. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1118)

Hearing on property located at 6033 Erie Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Martha A. Lopez, appears. Mr. Saliga said the Building Department will give Ms. Lopez a letter which states Ms. Lopez will assume, at her own risk, use of the second floor bedrooms and requested no further action be taken. (Ins. No. 13-1119)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4410 Towle Avenue. Property owner fails

to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said the owner is complying and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the 2nd floor apartment. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1120)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 3844 Torrence Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell stated the owner is complying and 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. 13-1121)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 721 – 173rd Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga 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. 13-1122)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3320 – 175th Street. Property owner, Mr. Daniel Hansen, appears. Mr. Hansen stated that he has rented the property for approximately 1 ½ years and was not aware that he should have registered this property as a rental with the City. 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. 13-1123)

Correspondence received from Mr. Luis Igartua, Sr. requesting a hearing regarding rental registration on property located at 7207 Kentucky Avenue set for November 21, 2013 be rescheduled. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to December 19, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1124)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 7601 Linden Avenue, 7129 Kentucky Avenue and 7329 Jackson Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing on December 19, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1125)

Correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting Rimbach Street, Fayette Street, the alley behind the Towle Theater and the alley behind the Manta Building be closed from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 23, 2013 for the 6th Annual Holiday Kickoff Celebration: A Tribute to Jean Shepherd author of A Christmas Story and Hammond's Hometown Hero. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1126)

Correspondence received from Mr. Mike Gauthier requesting permission to film in the old jail of City Hall, Friday, November 15, 2013 for a Digital Cinematography class at Columbia College in Chicago. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1127)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1128)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni requested advertising dates of November 21, 2013 and November 28, 2013 with a bid opening date of December 12, 2013 for the 3rd District Local Street Lighting Project – Maywood Avenue from Carroll Street to May Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2857)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Kurt Koch, Building Commissioner, requested permission to leave the foundation under an old City sidewalk, as removing it may allow the sidewalk to fail. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, a representative of Family Dollar requested permission to close the alley for one (1) day to install a water tap at the site of a new store. Mr. Dostatni asked how and where the tap would be located, as the same work done by Family Dollar at a different store in Hammond was done very poorly. Mr. Dostatni advised approval is based on the work being done with a City crew at the location when the work is being done to ensure the work is being done correctly. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Lendi thanked Councilwoman Janet Venecz for attending the meeting.

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 9:31 a.m.

APPROVED: December 5, 2013

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary