MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JANUARY 9, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:01 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Lendi –present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Smith, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 2, 2014; Mr. Lendi concurred.

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 5664 Walter Avenue. Attorney Natasha Burkett appears for the property owner and stated that she had faxed a request for this matter to be continued as she has not received all documents that she requested from the City. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, said that every document the Inspections Department has been given to Ms. Burkett. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to January 16, 2014; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 14-011)

Hearing on property located at 951 Sibley Street, 222 Hanover Street, 4922 Cedar Avenue, 4930 Cedar Avenue, 4627 Towle Avenue, 40 Warren Street, 1916 Calumet Avenue and 814 Hoffman Street. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for the property owner and requests additional time to allow him to examine the permit books in the Building Department and waiting for his clients to get bids on repairs to be done. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to continue these matters to February 20, 2014; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 14-012)

Hearing on property located at 627 Kane Street. Attorney R. Cordell Funk and property owners fail to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to January 16+, 2014 due to weather conditions; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 14-013)

Hearing – Estrella's Sports Bar. Attorney John Cantrell and business owner fail to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to January 16, 2014; seconded by Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 14-014)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting approval of the retirement of Sergeant Bret Plemons, effective May 13, 2014, the resignation of Officer Anthony Valera, effective January 8, 2014, the appointment of T. Schultz, J. Kerr, B. Hasse and B. O'Neill as Probationer members of the Hammond Police Department, pending approval from PERF and Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 14-015)

License Agreements with Speedway, SuperAmerica, LLC, 6845 Calumet Avenue and 7345

Kennedy Avenue and Porter's Apparel, Inc. 4510, 4524, 4532 and 4536 Hohman Avenue submitted for groundwater testing. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 14-016)

Request for Release received from Westchester Fire Insurance Company for bond K0734367A to WideOpenWest Illinois, LLC. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 14-017)

Mylar for the Taco Bell Indianapolis Boulevard Addition to the City of Hammond submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni advised this is a modification to the subdivision plat which will include an easement for Petro's Restaurant to exit from their building. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 14-018)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a bid recommendation From Robinson Engineering for the 3rd District Lighting project – Maywood Avenue – Carroll Street to May Street – to low bidder Midwestern Electric, Inc., at $39,243.65. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 14-019)

Mr. Dostatni also received correspondence from the Hammond Police Department regarding a disciplinary matter. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 14-020)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Dale Parrish, addressed the Board regarding 918 – 22 Highland Street, the former Bethany Child Care Center. Mr. Parrish said he was never notified the building was unsafe and now he has received notification the building is set to be demolished. Mr. Parrish then said an inspection was done in the spring of 2013 and at that time it was not declared unsafe and he is now in the process of trying to sell this property.

Mr. Carlotta Blake King then appeared and said she is the realtor for this property and that she saw the notice the property was to be demolished when she was showing the property. Ms. Blake-King said no notice was ever given that this property was unsafe. Ms. Blake-King also said she was at the inspection that was done in the spring of 2013 and there was no mention the building was unsafe.

Ms. Kantar advised the notice regarding demolition was placed on the door of the property, the notice was also published in the newspaper and sent to the owner. Ms. Kantar then said this property is scheduled next week in the demolition bids to be opened.

Ms. Blake –King said that is not a moral notice as she is no stranger to individuals in City Hall and neither is Dale Parrish or Tera Weems. Ms. Blake-King then requested this matter go through proper channels and start over. Ms. Blake-King then submitted correspondence to the Board.

Ms. Kantar advised Ms. Blake-King the only way to avoid demolition of the property is to contact the Building Department, have an inspection done, sign an Agreement to Rehabilitate which

does contain time limits for the work to be completed.

Mr. Parrish then asked if he would be able to receive all paperwork the City has in regard to the property.

Ms. Kantar stated she will obtain the paperwork to give to Mr. Parrish ash she does not have the file today. (Ins. No. 14-021)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to adjourn; Mr. Lendi concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

APPROVED: January 16, 2014

By:_____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary