

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**JANUARY 23, 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 – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to defer the minutes of the January 16, 2014 meeting; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Road Transfer Memorandum of Agreement Between the Indiana Department of Transportation and the City of Hammond Concerning the Transfer of a Section of US 41 at Sheffield Avenue in Lake County. Mr. Dostatni stated INDOT is transferring a portion of US 41 to the City. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-038)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-039)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6232 Madison Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Hildegard Merrill, fails to appear. Mr. Dostatni stated Ms. Merrill phoned this morning to request another continuance as she just received notification of today's hearing yesterday. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to February 20, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-040)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7617 Jackson Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Paul Daum, appears and stated he was not aware of the fee for rental registration and the property was just rented in September 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. 14-041)

Correspondence received from Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections, regarding properties set for hearing on January 30, 2014. Mr. Lendi advised Mr. Callahan as requested several properties be removed from the demolition list and others be continued to April 17, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-042)

Correspondence received from Bethany Childcare & Development Center requesting the Order to Demolish 918 Highland Street be rescinded. Motion by Mr. Smith to acknowledge the correspondence; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-043)

Correspondence to Bethany Childcare Development, 918 Highland Street, regarding the request to have the Order to Demolish rescinded. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-044)

Restriction on Use of Property located at 4751 Elm Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-045)

Amusement Device Listing submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-046)

Correspondence received regarding Leon's Triathlon. Motion by Mr. Smith to acknowledge receipt; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-047)

Correspondence received requesting "Residential Parking Only" on the 500 and 600 blocks of 165<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-048)

Franchise Bond received from WOW! Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-049)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received bid recommendation letter from Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections. Mr. Dostatni stated the bid award was split between Actin Contracting, LLC, RSR Demolition and JM Industrial Services, Inc., low bidders on specific properties. Mr. Dostatni did not read the awards but stated the same will be available for public viewing at the Board of Public Works & Safety office. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-050)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, a representative of B&D Sewer appeared and stated they had saw cut and jack hammered in the alley and tied into a manhole when they were told to stop work as the company had no permit to do the work. The representative then said he did not think he had to have a permit as the work was being done for Purdue University Calumet and thought there was an understanding between the university and the City. Mr. Dostatni advised they do have to obtain a permit but do not have to pay the fee for the permit. Mr. Kantar then advised as Purdue is a State of Indiana University they are not required to pay the fee.

Mr. Dale Parrish also appeared before the Board and requested he be placed on the agenda for today's meeting. Mr. Lendi said that based on reports of the City, it has been determined the building needs to be demolished and there are procedures regarding the appeal process for the demolitions which are listed in the letter that was signed at this meeting. Mr. Lendi then advised Mr. Parrish would be given the letter after this meeting. Mr. Parrish then asked how long is the process of having the demolition rescinded. Mr. Lendi then explained an inspection would need to be done, and agreement signed which would have time limits. Mr. Lendi continued and said if timely repairs are made, the building would stay, if not, it would be demolished.

Ms. Carlotta Blake King then appeared and stated she has a prospective buyer and had this person contact Mr. Kelly Kearney who told her she cannot enter into an agreement until she is in title. Ms. Blake King then said the people currently in title are not financially able to make repairs

on this building.

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: February 6, 2014

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary