

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2014**

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 meetings of January 16, 2014 and January 23, 2014 meeting; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Lincoln Avenue and Pearl Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-065)

Contract with WPWX and WSRB FM for advertising in the month of February, 2014 in the amount of \$2,000. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-066)

First Amendment to the Agreement for the Sale of Water to the Civil City of Hammond by the Hammond Water Works Department submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-067)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-068)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1419 Truman Street. Property owner, Ms. Carmen Gonzalez, fails to appear. Mr. Jesse Escamilla, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears. Mr. Escamilla stated an inspection was done in November of 2013 and inadequate ceiling heights and fire separation were noted. Mr. Escamilla then requested the basement and garage apartments be removed and said the owner was cooperating in the removal. Mr. Escamilla then requesting the Board affirm the Findings and Order regarding the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the basement and attic apartments; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-069)

Hearing on property located at 584 Sibley Street. Property owner, Ms. Michelle Brown, fails to appear. Mr. Brown, Ms. Brown's husband, appears and requested additional time as Ms. Brown has had a family emergency and is unable to attend today's hearing. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said Ms. Brown was to hire a general contractor. Mr. Brown stated that a home inspector had been hired instead of a general contractor. Mr. Kearney then said a home inspector is not qualified to determine code and this property has been fire damaged. Mr. Brown said two (2) of the four (4) units are now vacant and that some work has been done. Mr. Kearney said there have been no permits pulled for work to be done. Mr. Kearney then said the

Board had affirmed the findings on this property in July of 2013 but Ms. Brown had requested a new date for hearing because she had not been in town the day the findings were entered and that this matter has been continued several times. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-070)

Restriction on Use of Property located at 4109 Hohman Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-071)

Bid recommendation for 5339 – 45 Calumet Avenue to low bidder, Gary Material Supply, submitted by Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-072)

Correspondence received from Mr. Malcolm J. Mathews requesting a hearing on the denial of a business license. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for hearing on February 27, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-073)

Correspondence received from Attorney Kevin Smith regarding providing legal services for the City of Hammond. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-074)

Amusement Device Listing for the week of February 3, 2014. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-075)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting a status update of any future business moving into the available property of the Woodmar shopping area. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this correspondence to Redevelopment; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-076)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received Findings and Order on property located at 5664 Walter Avenue/613 Walter Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-077)

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 9:13 a.m.

APPROVED: March 10, 2014

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary

