

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
FEBRUARY 20, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2014, in the 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 February 6, 2014 and February 13, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Existing Right-of Way Report for 165th Street received from Beam Longest and Neff, LLC, Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-094)

Correspondence received from Wolverine Pipe Line Company requesting permission to perform an engineering survey crossing City of Hammond property. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-095)

Correspondence received from Practical Environmental Consultants, Inc. requesting permission for lane closures at Speedway, 7345 Kennedy Avenue, for groundwater sampling. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-095a)

Assignment of Contract for Industrial Waste and Disposal Services with Waste Management. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-096)

Hammond Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 51 Police Officer Contract submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-097)

Notice of Violation on property located at 1714 Atchison Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, requests the removal of the second floor apartment and for the basement to be finished. Mr. Farrell then stated that Fannie Mae is the owner and is selling it as a single family home. Mr. Farrell then requested a Deed Restriction. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, stated that a Deed Restriction must be signed by both parties and suggested an Order to Remove be executed. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the Order to Remove; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-098)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews requesting a thirty (30) day continuance of the hearings for property located at 1916 Calumet Avenue, 814 Hoffman Street, 40 Warren Street, 4627 Towle Avenue, 222 Hanover Street 951 Sibley Street and 4922 Cedar Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue these matters to March 20, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-099)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6232 Madison Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to deny and assess the late fee; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-100)

Rental registration hearing on the property located at 6619 Madison Avenue. Property owner Ms. Beverly Collier, appears and stated she was unaware of the fee and that she has never received any information about it. Ms. Collier then said she has lived there for nine (9) years and was going to rent the three (3) bedroom house but decided not to after applying for Section 8 and not being accepted. Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar state there are police reports from August of 2013 for that property which stated Ms. Priscilla Gutierrez and Ms. Judy Jones both lived at 6619 Madison Avenue at that time. Ms. Collier stated Ms. Jones is the previous owner. Ms. Collier states no one rented the house. Ms. Collier stated Ms. Gutierrez was at the property as she was interested in renting it. Ms. Collier let her stay there at the property temporarily but she was denied Section 8 so she was unable to rent it to her. Ms. Kantar then advised the water bill has been in the tenants name from October 2012 until October 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess the \$80 rental registration for two (2) years and one (1) late fee of \$500; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-101)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on properties located at 141 – 142nd Street, 4006 Torrence Avenue, 7603 Harrison Avenue, and 7021 Colorado. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for March 20, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-102)

City of Hammond Worker's Compensation Insurance Administration Contract with Professional Claims Management, Inc. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-103)

Contact with Midwestern Electric, Inc. for the 3rd District Local Street Lighting Project on Maywood Avenue from Carroll Street to May Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-104)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Smith stated Councilman Higgs submitted correspondence requesting ornamental street lighting for the 800 through 1100 blocks of Field Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to the Engineering; Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-105)

Mr. Dostatni received Disposal Authorizations from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the Police Disposal Authorizations; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-106)

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 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED: March 13, 2014

BY: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary