

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JUNE 26, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2014, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Krusa - present; Mr. Dostatni - present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes the meetings of May 8, 2014, May 15, 2014 and May 22, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Consulting Contract for the City of Hammond Proposed Marquette Greenway Shared Use Path: Hammond Lake Front Park to Chicago Calumet Park. Mr. Dostatni said that this contract will be paid with 80% federal funding and has been approved by INDOT. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-519)

Request for Permit received from WOW! Mr. Dostatni advised the permit is to allow installation of underground cable on Oakley Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-520)

Request for advertising dates of July 3, 2014 and July 10, 2014 with a bid opening date of July 24, 2014 for the Northcote Avenue Bridge Over the Little Calumet River Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 521)

General Order #14-06 submitted for approval from Chief of Police John Doughty and receipt of approved block party requests. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-522)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6141 Marshall Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jesse Escamilla, Inspector, Inspections Department appears for the City of Hammond and stated the owner will comply in removing the basement apartment and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-523)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4825 Oak Avenue. Mr. Escamilla advised this matter has been continued to July 24, 2014. (Ins. No. 14-524)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 734 – 169th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, and requested this matter be continued to July 31, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 31, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-525)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4916 Elm Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell stated the illegal apartment has been removed and requested the Board

affirm the Findings and Order. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-526)

Correspondence received from Attorney Natasha Burkett requesting a continuance of the hearing on property located at 526 Locust Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to August 7, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-527)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 7247 Calumet Avenue and a cashier's check for \$10,000. Attorney Haddad appears for the property owner and requested the Agreement be affirmed. Mr. Smith advised the agreement was to be signed last month. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Inspections Department, advised the gas station at the site was green tagged. Mr. Haddad said the property was bought at tax sale and the property owner owns other gas stations in Gary which are successful. Mr. Haddad then said he did not represent the property owner at the time the agreement was given to him. Mr. Smith said since Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar is not present today this matter will be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 10, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-528)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 827 Morris Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-529)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-530)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, requesting approval of placing a four (4) way stop at the corner of 172nd Street and Monroe Avenue for a ninety (90) day trial period. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-531)

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting street closure at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church from noon on Friday, August 8, 2014 to Sunday, August 10, 2014 for a parish event. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-532)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting several properties be placed on the demolition list or inspected. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-533)

Correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting street closure for the 5th Annual Eat Shop & Rock event, Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-534)

Correspondence received requesting 176th Place be made one (1) way, a stop sign on the corner of Jackson Avenue and 172nd Street, a speed limit sign be placed at the entrance of Forsythe Park and a sign be placed on the corner prohibiting trucks from turning off Calumet Avenue eastbound to 174th Place. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer these matters to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-535)

Correspondence received requesting permission to hold block parties. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer these matters to Chief of Police John Doughty; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-536)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-537)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Smith received correspondence from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting sink holes on Willard Avenue and the 1200 block of Field Street be repaired. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Sewer Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-538)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Lawrence Walters, representative of the church at 700 Sibley Street requested permission to close the alley behind the church for an event there on Saturday, July 19, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 9:21 a.m.

APPROVED: August 14, 2014

BY: _____
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary