MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
DECEMBER 4, 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. Krusa - present; Mr. Dostatni –present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 2, 2014, October 9, 2014, October 16, 2014, October 23, 2014, October 30, 2014 and November 6, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Marquette Greenway Project – Phase 3 – Sheffield Avenue from 129th Street to the Toll Road. Mr. Dostatni advised this project will be 80% federally funded. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1023)

Contract with Rex Construction Co., Inc. for the Hump Road Reconstruction Project. Mr. Dostatni said an access road to Potash will be constructed during this project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1024)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 167th Street and Woodmar Avenue, Martha Street and 167th Street, Kennedy Avenue and 164th Street and 165th Street west of Kennedy Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1025)

License Agreements with ASARCO Multi State Environmental Custodial Trust to conduct environmental monitoring on the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Lakeview Avenue and with ARCADIS to conduct environmental monitoring at 7306 Calumet Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1026)

Request for Permit to install CATV cable 649 Conkey Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1027)

Amendment to Agreement Between the City of Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety and Greentree Enterprises, LLC for the Disposal and Processing of Compostable Yard Waste. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1028)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1029)

Hearing on property located at 734 – 169th Street. Property owner, Ms. Suzana Rodriguez and Attorney Mark Van Der Molen, fail to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Code Enforcement, requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to December 18,

2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1030)

Correspondence received from Attorney Alan Faulkner requesting a continuance of the hearing for property located at 243 Oakwood Street. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, stated she has no objection. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to February 12, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1031)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7436 Jackson Avenue and 1932 Calumet Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Gust Berelos, appears and said the failure to pay was an oversight on his part. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, appears and stated he has always paid timely in the past. 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. 14-1032)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 527 Cherry Street. Property owner, Mr. Paul Timm, appears and stated he was not aware that rental registration had to be paid if a family member, his son in law, lives at the property. Ms. Kantar advised Mr. Timm to complete an affidavit regarding family living at the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action upon Mr. Timm completing and affidavit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1033)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6631 – 33 Meadow Lane, 230 Conkey Street and 433 Locust Street. Property owner, Mr. Edward Lopez, appears and said this is the first year he has paid late. Ms. Kantar confirmed that he has paid timely in the past. 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. 14-1034)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1026 Cherry Street. Property owner, Ms. Tamarie Heath, appeared and stated her niece who pays no rent lives at this property. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action upon Ms. Heath completing an affidavit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1035)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1514 – 173rd Place. Property owner, Ms. Arij Dababneh, appears and stated she was not aware there was a fee for rental registration on this property she has rented since 2008. Ms. Dababneh said it was not intentional. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $10 yearly for 2008 and 2009 per unit and $80 per year per unit for 2010, 2011, 2012. 2013 and 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1036)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2625 Kenwood Street. Property owner, Ms. Laila Hassan, appears and stated that she did not receive notice it was due and not paying the fee was unintentional. Ms. Kantar advised Ms. Hassan has paid timely in the past. 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. 14-1037)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2112 Stanton Avenue. Property owner, Mr.

Robert Samano, appears. Ms. Kantar said Mr. Samano paid late in 2010 and 2013, was cited in Hammond City Court in 2009 and 2010, cited in Hammond City Court in 2011 for authorization to inspect. Mr. Samano said he forgot to pay 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess a $500 late fee and rental registration of $80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1038)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 216 Brunswick Street. Property owner, Mr. Rafael Garcia, appears and said his brother in law lives at this property and has a signed affidavit at the Water Department which he does not have a copy of. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to January 8, 2015 to allow time for Mr. Garcia to obtain the affidavit from the Water Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1039)

Correspondence received from Mr. Hugo Torres, property owner of 6237 Van Buren Avenue, requesting a rental registration hearing he missed be rescheduled. Motion by Mr. Smith to reset this matter for December 18, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1040)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for January 15, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1041)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 724 – 173rd Street. Property owner, Mr. Joel Cruz, appears. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Code Enforcement said the owner is complying and removing one (1) apartment and requested the Board affirm the Findings requiring the same. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1042)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 521 Florence Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement said the owner is complying, removing the illegal second floor apartment and requested the Board affirm the Findings requiring the same. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1043)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4233 Sheffield Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell stated the owner is complying and removing the basement apartment. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board affirm the Findings requiring the same. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1044)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6132 Harrison Avenue – First Amendment and Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6537 Madison Avenue – First Amendment submitted for approval. Ms. Kantar advised the agreements are on property formerly on the demolition list but giving additional time to make repairs. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1045)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 1013 – 169th Street, 1035 – 169th Street, 515 Detroit Street, 831 Becker Street and 7328 Columbia Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No.

14-1046)

Findings on property located at 4825 Oak Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised the burden of proof was not met by the Inspections Department the Board cannot grant the request to have the unit declared illegal and order the unit's removal. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1047)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 4522 Cedar Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1048)

Correspondence received from WOW! regarding an increase in cost of service. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 14-1049)

Change Order No. 003 for the Hammond/Purdue Calumet Outdoor Athletics Complex at Dowling Park – Phase 1. Mr. Dostatni advised this is the final change order and the entire cost of the project has come in under the bid amount. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1050)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Smith received a request from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting Kentucky Fried Chicken, in the 5800 block of Calumet Avenue, be inspected as there are rugs, television sets and wood dumped near the dumpster on the site. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to Code Enforcement; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1051)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Smith to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED: January 8, 2015

By:_____
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary