

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**DECEMBER 11, 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. Krusa –present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work. Mr. Dostatni advised this work will be done in the alley behind Marshall Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1052)

Change Order No. 4 received from DLZ Engineering for the Northcote Bridge Rehabilitation over the Little Calumet River. Mr. Dostatni said this is the final change order with a decrease in the amount of \$2,936 and the project has been finished below the estimated cost. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1053)

Request for advertising dates of January 8, 2015, January 15, 2015 with a bid opening date of January 29, 2015 for the demolition of property located at 7404 Beech Avenue, 7974 Birch Avenue, 5516 Calumet Avenue, 4319 Clark Avenue (garage only), 3150 Cleveland Street, 6430 Madison Avenue (rear house), 914 Merrill Street, 514 Mulberry Street, 6419 Nebraska Avenue, 1135 – 164th Street, 2718 – 164th Street, 722 – 165th Street, 255 – 173rd Street, 1680 – 174th Street (garage only), 1033 Spruce Street, 4307 Torrence Avenue (garage only), 7732 Walnut Avenue, 5554 Walter Avenue (house and garage), 7446 White Oak Avenue (house and garage), 814 Willow Street, 728 Willow Street and 7534 Woodlawn Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4020)

Correspondence received from Assistant Chief of Police Jeffrey Long requesting approval of Officer B. Stombaugh receiving ET Specialty Pay for completing Evidence Technician Training effective November 7, 2014 and Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1054)

Hearing on property located at 4841 Elm Avenue. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Code Enforcement, appears and requested this matter be continued to January 29, 2015 as another inspection needs to be done. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1055)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 7855 Delmar Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Bill Lewter, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said the owner is cooperating and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the rear apartment. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1056)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 7510 White Oak Avenue. Property owners, Phillip and Celeb Walma, appear. Mr. Walma said he bought the property in 2011 and it was sold to him as a two (2) unit building. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said there was a permit pulled in 1963 to add four (4) rooms but there is no record of an inspection being done to determine what was added. Mr. Kearney then said there is no fire separation between the units which is being corrected by the owners who are cooperating. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to February 26, 2015 for status; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1057)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 7944 Belmont Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1058)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters on January 8, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1059)

Correspondence received from WOW! regarding programming changes. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 14-1060)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received one (1) garage sale permit for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1061)

Mr. Dostatni also received a request to reschedule a hearing on property located at 4839 Elm Avenue from Attorney James Foster. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, advised Mr. Foster states that he did not received notification of the hearing on November 13, 2014 at which time an order was entered requiring his client to remove an apartment. Ms. Kantar then said this case has been before the Board for the past two (2) years. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for hearing on February 26, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1062)

Ms. Kantar said she is waiting for a bid award letter from the Hammond Police Department for police ordered tows.

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 9:17 a.m.

APPROVED: December 18, 2014

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary