MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
DECEMBER 18, 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 approve the minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2014 and November 20, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Assistant Chief of Police Jeffrey Long with a recommendation for the award of Police Ordered Towing, requesting approval for Officer K. Howard to receive AI Specialty Pay and a recommendation for Christopher Zelnis, Lindsey Fritz, Robert Gajewski, Crystal Taylor, Andrew Webb, Matthew Zembala, Enrique Cook, Charlie Mixon II and James DeRolf, Jr. to be appointed as Probationer members of the Hammond Police Department, effective January 2, 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1063)

Contract for Professional Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. for the demolition of property located at 537 Hoffman Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1064)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary K. Matthews requesting the hearing on property located at 701 and 705 Kane Street be continued. Mr. Smith said the continuance is being requested as the property owner, Ms. Alba Pineda, mother, who is 96 years old, fell and broke her hip. Mr. Matthews stated the Ms. Pineda's mother lives in Honduras and also that the property poses no safety risk. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to February 19, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1065)

Hearing on property located at 40 Warren Street, 222 Hanover Street and 4930 Cedar Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears and requested these hearings be continued as he has not met with Code Enforcement or the Building Department. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue these matters to January 29, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1066)

Agreed Order on property located at 1916 Calumet Avenue submitted for approval. Mr. Kurt Koch, Commissioner, Building Department, said he agrees to the repairs that have to be done but does not agree the completion date of November 30, 2015 which is stated in the order. Mr. Matthews said he will resubmit the Agreed Order with a different completion date. Motion by Mr. Smith to defer this matter to January 8, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1067)

Correspondence received from Attorney Curtis Vosti requesting a continuance of the hearing

on property located at 915 Michigan Street. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, said the property owner is complying and has no objection to the continuance. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to February 19, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1068)

Correspondence received from Attorney Mark Van Der Molen requesting the hearing on property located at 734 – 169th Street be continued. Ms. Kantar said the property owner is complying and she has no objection to the continuance. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to February 19, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1069)

Correspondence received from Attorney Lonnie Randolph requesting the rental registration hearing on property located at 1138 Morris Street be continued. Ms. Kantar said this property is contained in an estate and the actual owner has not been named. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to April 9, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1070)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6237 Van Buren Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess a $500 late fee and rental registration at $80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1071)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7314 – 16 Hohman Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Marcella Gerhardt, son appears. Ms. Kantar requested the late fee be waived. 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. 14-1072)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7937 White Oak Lane. Property owner, Ms. Rebecca Craig, appears and said her mother lived there until she entered a nursing home. Ms. Craig said at friends live there now and also that she was unaware of the fee for rental registration. 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. 14-1073)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing on January 29, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1074)

Correspondence received from Attorney Scott King requesting a continuance of the hearing set for the Business License Revocation of Grand Food Mart. Ms. Kantar had no objection. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this mater to January 29, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1075)

Request received for "No Trucks" signs on Sheffield Avenue. Mr. Dostatni advised the signs have been installed on Sheffield Avenue from Calumet Avenue to 129th Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1076)

License Agreement with Porter's Apparel, Inc. 4510, 4524, 4532 and 4536 Hohman Avenue for environmental testing. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1077)

Comcast Enterprises Services Master Services Agreement (MSA) submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni advised this agreement to provide internet service throughout the City. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1078)

Correspondence received from the Hammond City Council regarding the condition of the playground at Harrison Park. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to the Park Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-1080)

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: January 8, 2015

By:_____
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary