

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**JANUARY 8, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:02 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 December 11, 2014 and December 18, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Change Orders No. 4 and 5 received from First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Wolf Lake and Forsyth Trail project. Mr. Dostatni advised Change Order No. 4 is a decrease in cost of \$73,396.35 for the reduction in the amount of piling used and Change Order No. 5 is an increase in the amount of \$8,739. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-001)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the promotions of Officers D. Stabolito, J. Orozco, K. Howard and D. Arrigo, to the rank of Sergeant, with pay adjustments effective December 23, 2014 and the appointment of Glenn Mayes and Kevin Campbell as Probationer members of the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-002)

Towing Contracts for Police Ordered Tows – 2015 with Herrera’s Towing, D.C. Towing, Woodmar Auto Care & Towing and State Auto Body, Inc. submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-003)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the demotion of EMT-2 Ronald Johnson to the rank of Private, the promotion of Private Michael Maynard to the rank of EMT-2, the demotion of EMT-2 Gleason to the rank of Private, the promotion of Probationary Sam Mijares to the rank of EMT-2, the demotion of EMT-1 Daniel Smitka to the rank of Private, the promotion of Probationary-P Matthew Matz to the rank of EMT-1P, the demotion of EMT-2 Edward Klingberg to the rank of Private, the promotion of Probationary –P Tristen Petry to the rank of EMT-2, the demotion of EMT-2 Bryan Bean to the rank of Private, the promotion of Probationary-P Matthew Oldenburg to the rank of EMT-2P, the demotion of EMT-2P Casey McClusky to the rank of Private-P, the promotion of Probationary-P Garrett White to the rank of EMT-2P, the demotion of EMT-2P Nathan Bognar to the rank of Private-P and the promotion of Probationary-P Mark Ramoska to the rank of EMT-2P, the retirement of Battalion Chief Gerald Hargrove with service of 29 ½ years, the retirement of Captain Inspector Diane L. Brzycki with service of 23 years, the promotion of Probationary Firefighters Matthew Matz, Sam Mijares, Matthew Oldenburg, Tristen Petry, Mark Ramoska and Garrett White to the rank of Private Firefighters, the promotion of Engineer Steven Brezinski to the rank of Battalion Chief and the promotion of Private Greg Janicki to the rank of Engineer. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-004)

License Agreements with Speedway America, LLC located at 6845 Calumet Avenue and 7345 Kennedy Avenue for environmental monitoring. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-005)

Hearing on property located at 1916 Calumet Avenue. Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar advised the property owner's attorney, Mr. Gary Matthews, has submitted an Agreed Order for repairs to be completed by June 30, 2015 which is agreeable with the City and Building Commissioner Mr. Kurt Koch. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the Agreed Order; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-006)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1543 Myrtle Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said the owners will comply and remove the basement and attic apartments. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board affirm the Findings regarding the property. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-007)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1043 and 1045 Becker Street. Property owner, Mr. Thomas Ouseph, by Mr. Willie Jones appears and stated Mr. Ouseph bought the property approximately one (1) ago and believed the fee for rental registration was paid. 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. 15-008)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7637 Woodmar Avenue. Mr. Joe Gutierrez appears for property owner Mr. James Adam. Mr. Gutierrez said Mr. Adam broke his back and he is taking care of the property for him. 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. 14-009)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6120 – 22 Noble Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Valarie Harris, appears and stated she lives in one (1) unit and the other is vacant. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss the action for 2014 rental registration and have the property owner complete an affidavit for 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-010)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1224 Cherry Street. Property owner, Ms. Elizabeth Sharp, appears and stated the property was never rented, her son lived there until he died in December of 2014. Ms. Sharp said the property is vacant. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-011)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7546 Jackson Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Christine Mikula, fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess the late fee and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-012)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4842 Linden Avenue. Property owner,

Mr. Scott Campbell, appears, said he has a sales contract with the tenant and was not aware of the fee for rental registration. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$10 for 2009, \$80 for 2010, \$80 for 2011 and \$80 for 2012; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-013)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7016 Ridgeland Avenue. Ms. Connie Page-Stojakovich appears for her grandmother and property owner Ms. Helen Shook. Ms. Page Stojakovich stated she is the tenant at the property. Ms. Stojakovich said her grandmother has problems with her memory and did not remember receiving any kind of notice. 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. 15-014)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3233 – 176th Street. Property owner, Mr. Jerry Slaven, appears and stated that he bought the property in October of 2013 and rented it in November of 2013. 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. 15-015)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4519 Henry Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Martin Pimentel, appears with an interpreter and stated that he lives in one (1) unit and a family member, who pays rent, lives in the other. 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. 15-016)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7120 Maryland Avenue. Property manager, Ms. Melissa Flores, appears, stated that she manages five (5) properties in Hammond and it was an error that this one (1) property was not registered. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee for 2012, 2013 and 2014 and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2012, 2013 and 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-017)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 710 Willow Court. Property owner, Mr. Seth Jones, fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-018)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5369 – 71 Kent Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Jose Rosales and son, appears and said they bought the property in February of 2014 and as the property had tenants living there they assumed it was already registered. 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. 15-019)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6805 Waveland Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Dave Dugger, appears and stated his son lives there and pays no rent. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action upon Mr. Dugger completing an affidavit in Code Enforcement indicating the same; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-020)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 216 Brunswick Street. Property owner,

Mr. Rafael Garcia, appears and stated his brother in law lives at the property and pays no rent. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action upon Mr. Garcia completing an affidavit in Code Enforcement indicating the same; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-021)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2728 – 162nd Street. Property owner, Ms. Karen Lubas, appears and said not paying was an oversight. 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. 15-022)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for February 26, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-023)

Orders to Rescind Order to Demolish on property located at 1531 Brown Avenue, 1107 Wilcox Street and 1011 – 177th Place. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the Orders; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-024)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 4938 Hickory Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised there is a new owner who became the owner by Tax Deed on December 15, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-025)

Consent for the installation, operation and maintenance of Comcast Cable at 601 Conkey Street, 5925 Calumet Avenue, 5825 Sohl Avenue, 509 Douglas Street and 6110 Calumet Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-026)

Amusement Device listing for the week of January 5, 2015. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-027)

Purchasing Agent listing for the Human Relations/Human Resources Department. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 15-028)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dave Bergin, Woodmar Deli, 2247 – 169th Street, requesting a “30 Minute Business Parking” sign and removal of the “30 Minute Loading/Unloading Zone” sign currently at this location. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-029)

Mylar for 169th Street and Kennedy Avenue – Luke Subdivision – submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-030)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Steve Skirmont, 5502 Alice Avenue, appears and inquires about the status of his property. Ms. Kantar advised Mr. Skirmont to speak with the Building Department.

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 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED: January 29, 2015

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary