MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JANUARY 22, 2015

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 defer approval of the meeting of January 8, 2015; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Change Order No. 22 and 23 received from American Structurepoint, Inc. for the 169th Street Reconstruction Project. Mr. Dostatni advised Change Order No. 22 is an increase of $2,079 for a change in the quantity of materials and Change Order No. 23 in the amount of $4,438.39 for modification of striping in the project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-048)

Correspondence received from Superior Environmental Corp. requesting approval to close the parking lane of eastbound Hoffman Street west of White Oak Avenue for Wolverine Pipeline Co. to perform excavation at the site. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-050)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting Stephen Otten, Jr. be appointed as a Probationer member of the Hammond Police Department, effective February 3, 2015, correspondence from Lieutenant Richard Hoyda requesting Sergeant Steven Kellogg and 1st Class Andrew Laurinec receive Specialty Pay effective July 25, 2014 and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve Chief Doughty's requests; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-050)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2637 – 163rd Place. Property owner, Ms. Rosalie Holguin, appears and stated the last tenant she had was in 2013, the property was not rented in 2014 and will not be rented in 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action on the property; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-051)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 428 – 165th Street. Property owner, Ms. Ana Jeon, appears and stated she was unaware there was a fee for rental registration. Ms. Jeon said the property was rented for the first time in July of 2014 and there was no tenant prior to that time. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration in the amount of $80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-052)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4415 – 4417 Hickory Avenue. Property owner, Mr. James Sutton, fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to deny the appeal and assess the late fee and rental registration at $80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-053)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7417 Park Place. Property owner, Ms. Linda Pote, said she attempted to pay rental registration for this property as she just began renting it in September of 2014 but was told by Code Enforcement that she had missed the deadline of thirty (30) days to register after initially renting the property and had to have this hearing held. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $80 per

deadline of thirty (30) days to register after initially renting the property and had to have this hearing held. 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. 15-054)

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. 15-055)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 7601 Magnolia Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Edgar Martinez, appears. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said there are two (2) illegal apartments, the basement and garage apartment, which need to be removed. Mr. Saliga said the owner has been cooperating and then requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order regarding the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-056)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 7543 Tapper Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga stated HUD is the current owner and has been notified. Mr. Saliga then requested Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the basement apartment and return the property to a single family dwelling. Motion by Mr. Smith to sign the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the basement apartment; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-057)

Agreements to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6419 Nebraska Avenue and 914 Merrill Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the agreements; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-058)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Pubic Works, requesting approval of "No Parking this Side of Street" signs be placed from 6823 to 6835 Grand Avenue for a 90 day trial period and changing the signage located at 169th Street and Huron Avenue to "30 Minute Business Parking". Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the requests; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-059)

Amusement Device Listing for the week of January 19, 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-060)

Mr. Krusa thanks Councilwoman at Large Janet Venecz for attending the meeting.

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-061)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni advised he received a letter from Smith Sersic regarding contracting with the firm for legal services. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 15-062)

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 9:23 a.m.

APPROVED: February 12, 2015

By:_____
Edward Krusa, President

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary