

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
FEBRUARY 5, 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 of January 15, 2015; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Fortune Wireless, Inc. for Verizon Wireless, requesting permission to bore under 142nd Street for fiber optic wire installation at 19 – 143rd Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-082)

Mylar for the 167th Street and Southeastern Avenue Addition to the City of Hammond submitted for approval and signature. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-083)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-084)

Correspondence received from Deputy Chief Kevin Margraf of the Hammond Fire Department requesting approval of the demotion of EMT-1P Matthew Matz to the rank of EMT-2P and the promotion of EMT-2P Danny Misiak to the rank of EMT-1P both effective February 2, 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-085)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews requesting the Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1204 Lakeview Avenue be continued for four (4) to six (6) weeks as he was just retained. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this hearing to March 19, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-086)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2465 Birch Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, appears. Mr. Farrell said the owner is being compliant, has had meters removed, uses the attached garage apartment for storage and is aware the garage apartment and the cellar apartment must be removed by licensed contractors. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board affirm the Findings regarding this property. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the Findings; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-087)

Listing of low bidders for the demolition bid opened on January 29, 2015 received from Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to defer this matter to February 12, 2015; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-088)

February 12, 2015; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-088)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 5415 Tell Avenue submitted for approval. Ms. Kantar advised the property had previously been on the demolition list but now has been brought to compliance. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-089)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing on March 19, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-090)

Correspondence received from property owner of 4121 Torrence Avenue requesting a rental registration hearing set for March 26, 2015 be reset. Motion by Mr. Smith to reset this matter to March 19, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-091)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 1463 Brown Avenue and 725 Mulberry Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-092)

Amusement Devices for the week of February 2, 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-093)

Engagement Letter with Barnes & Thornburg LLP. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-094)

Correspondence received from the Whiting Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce requesting approval of the Garage Mahal to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-095)

Correspondence received from Unilever requesting improved vehicle awareness of the pedestrian walkway on Calumet Avenue. Mr. Dostatni advised the City owns this part of Calumet Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-096)

Mr. Krusa acknowledged Councilwoman at Large Janet Venecz in the audience.

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Smith received correspondence from Attorney Scott King requesting the hearing on the Revocation of Business License for Grand Food Mart be continued as Mr. King will be in trial that week. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter, as a final continuance, for March 12, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-097)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, a representative of St. John the Baptist School appeared and requested permission for a horse drawn carriage to use part of Lincoln Avenue, between the church and the school, March 28, 2015 during a Daddy/Daughter dance. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to allow the horse drawn carriage; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL.. Motion carried.

The owner of at business at 4606 – 08 Hohman Avenue appeared and requested a sign limiting the time vehicles can park at that location. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Sergeant Michael Jones, Hammond High School ROTC, requested permission to hold a 5K run on April 25, 2015, which is the 99th Anniversary of the ROTC, in the City . Sergeant Jones said the run will start at Hammond High School then to Sohl Avenue to Fayette Street to Hohman Avenue and ending at Highland Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve and send notification to the Hammond Police Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-098)

Hohman Avenue and ending at Highland Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve and send notification to the Hammond Police Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-098)

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: February 19, 2015

By: _____
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary