

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MARCH 12, 2015

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 February 26, 2015; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Change Order No. 1 for the Sheffield Avenue Bike Trail from 136th Street to 129th Street received from First Group Engineering, Inc. Mr. Dostatni advised the change order represents the cost of 150 watt high pressure sodium luminaires to energy efficient LED luminaires with a cost to the City of \$14,632.64. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-159)

Agreement for design service with First Group Engineering, Inc. for 4th District Road Construction – 174th Street from Van Buren Avenue to Monroe Avenue. Mr. Dostatni said the cost of the agreement is \$21,600. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-160)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work on Michigan Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-161)

Correspondence received requesting approval of the promotion of Office G. Adkins to the rank of Sergeant, the Hammond Hermits Athletic Associate holding a parade May 2, 2015 with “Residential Parking” restriction lifted on Dearborn Avenue from 141st Street to 142nd Street and Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve all requests; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-162)

Proposed plat for the Marina District Development Addition to the City of Hammond. Mr. Dostatni said he has reviewed the proposed plat and has no objection. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-163)

Hearing on property located at 243 Oakwood Street. Mr. Dostatni said he has received a request from Attorney Alan Faulkner, advising all work is completed and the property has passed all inspections. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said the property has been converted back to single family and requested the Board close this file. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-164)

Hearing on property located at 228 Conkey Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Michael Coles, Inspector, Code Enforcement, requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to April 23, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-165)

Agreement with Grand Food Mart, 6805 Calumet Avenue. Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar said the terms of the agreement include allowing the Hammond Police Department to enter and inspect for synthetic cannabinoids at any hours of business operation

Kristina Kantar said the terms of the agreement include allowing the Hammond Police Department to enter and inspect for synthetic cannabinoids at any hours of business operation without a warrant. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-166)

Unopposed Request for Late Rental Registration received from Attorney James Foster. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve no late fee; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-167)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4436 Henry Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Brian Boyd, fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to deny the appeal and assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-168)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4927 Beech Avenue. Attorney William J. O'Connor appears for the property owner, Mr. Virgil Key. Mr. O'Connor said the Board is incorrect regarding this action and Mr. Key did try to pay the fee but his check was returned. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to April 2, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-169)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 903 Bauer Street. Property owner, Ms. Norma Herrera, fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to deny the appeal and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit with the late fee of \$500; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-170)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 840 Merrill Street. Property owners, James and Lisa Minniefield, fail 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. 15-171)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7755 Bertram Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Ronald Hansen, appears. Mr. Hansen said he did not receive a bill and both he and his wife lost their job in 2014. 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. 15-172)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for April 9, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-173)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 255 173rd Place. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-174)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from the Fire Department. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 15-175)

Mr. Dostatni also received Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 4620 Pine Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-176)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting an inspection be made regarding the condition of the sidewalk in the 6400 block of Euclid Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-177)

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 9:15 a.m.

APPROVED: March 26, 2015

By: _____
Stanley Dostatni, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary