

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MARCH 26, 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 - absent; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. Krusa, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2015 and defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2015; Mr. Smith concurred.

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with First Group Engineering, Inc. for Marquette Greenway – Hammond Phase 3 – Sheffield Avenue from 129th Street to the Toll Road. Mr. Dostatni said this agreement changes employee fee amount and has no bearing on the contract amount. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Smith concurred. (Ins. No. 15-199)

Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with First Group Engineering, Inc. for Kennedy Avenue Road Reconstruction – 174th Street to 169th Street. Mr. Dostatni said this is an employee fees which has not change in the amount of the contract. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Smith concurred. (Ins. No. 15-200)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of Department General Order #15-1. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to defer this matter to allow review by Corporation Counsel; Mr. Smith concurred. (Ins. No. 15-201)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffrey Smith requesting approval of the retirement of Senior Captain John M. Mindas with service to the City of 35 years, 10 months and 13 days. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-202)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews requesting hearings that were continued to April 23, 2015 be reset to April 30, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to reset this matter to April 30, 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-203)

Hearing on property located at 7510 White Oak Avenue. Property owners fail to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Code Enforcement, stated the property owners have requested an additional 60 days to complete repairs. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to May 28, 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-204)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 44 Glendale Park. Property owner, Mr. Gerald Mazur, appears and said not paying the fee was an oversight. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said rental registration has been paid timely in the past. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-205)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4341 Henry Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Santos Becerra, appears with his son as translator. Mr. Kearney advised rental registration was paid late in 2008 but timely until 2014. Mr. Becerra said the property was vacant in 2014 as it was for sale. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said that records obtained from

was paid late in 2008 but timely until 2014. Mr. Becerra said the property was vacant in 2014 as it was for sale. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said that records obtained from the Hammond Water Department show high usage indicating the property was occupied until September of 2014. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to deny the appeal and assess a \$500 late fee and rental registration at \$80 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-206)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7415 Monroe Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Gregory Howard, appears and said he bought the property in 1997, moved in 2013 leaving the property vacant until becoming a rental in August of 2014. Mr. Howard then said he has evicted the last tenant at the property and he will be moving back in. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-207)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 534 Chicago Street. Property owner, Mr. Ron Snoddy, appears and said he bought the property on December 13, 2013 and it was not rented until August of 2014. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-208)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 204 – 142nd Street. Property owner, Mr. Rodolfo Flores, appears and said he bought the two (2) unit property in May of 2014, rents one unit and his daughter lives in the other and pays no rent. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration on one (1) unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-209)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4401 – 03 Sheffield Avenue, 4407 Sheffield Avenue and 4409 Sheffield Avenue. Mr. Smith advised Attorney Robert H. Sorge has entered his appearance and requested a continuance. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to April 23, 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-210)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to set these matters for April 30, 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-211)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 7434 Madison Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Code Enforcement, appears and requested the Board affirm the Finding and Order requiring the basement and second floor apartments be removed. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Smith concurred. (Ins. No. 15-212)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4111 Torrence Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, appears and requested the Board affirm the Finding and Order requiring the removal of the basement apartment. Mr. Farrell then said the owner will sign a deed restriction stating the house is a single family dwelling. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. (Ins. No. 15-213)

Correspondence received requesting a second stop sign be installed on the northbound side of Forest Avenue approaching 172nd Place. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Public Works Department; Mr. Smith concurred. (Ins. No. 15-214)

Correspondence received from Ms. Felicia Hill requesting approval of the 6100 block of Ray Street holding a block party on June 20, 2015, with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Hammond Police Department for approval; Mr. Smith concurred. (Ins. No. 15-215)

Correspondence received from St. Margaret Mary Church, 1445 Hoffman Street, requesting street closures on Sunday, March 29, 2015, Friday, April 3, 2015 and Sunday, April 5, 2015 for Easter processions. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-216)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public Sergeant Michael Jones appeared requested

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Sergeant Michael Jones appeared requested approval in the change of route in a ROTC run that had been previously approved. Sergeant Jones then supplied a map showing the new route. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to approve the route change; Mr. Smith concurred. (Ins. No. 15-217)

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: April 30, 2015

By: _____
Stanley Dostatni, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary