

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 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 - absent; Mr. Dostatni –present; Mr. Smith – present.

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

Recommendation by Mr. Smith to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 7, 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Plat of the Tribologik Addition submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni said this property is located where the library was on Columbia Avenue and has been acquired by Tribologik Corporation. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-876)

Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc. for engineering services in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Street Lighting Improvement Project – 4300, 4400, 4800 and 4900 blocks of Elm Avenue, 4800 and 4900 blocks of Hickory Avenue ,4800 and 4900 blocks of Catalpa Avenue and the 4800 and 4900 blocks of Chestnut Avenue. Mr. Dostatni advised this project is for ornamental lighting. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-877)

Contract with Hawk Enterprises for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Lighting Project – Monroe Avenue from 165<sup>th</sup> Street to Conkey Street at a cost of \$190,346. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-878)

Change Order No. 2 received from Clark Dietz, Inc. for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Street Lighting Improvement Project – 4300 and 4400 blocks of Hickory Avenue, 4300 block of Ash Avenue and 149th Street from Columbia Avenue to White Oak Avenue. Mr. Dostatni said the change order is for the cost of three (3) phase meter boxes of \$1,170. . Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-879)

Bid recommendation for the Madison Avenue Lighting Project – 174<sup>th</sup> Street to 171<sup>st</sup> Street to Hawk Enterprises, low bidder. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-880)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Department of Environmental Management requesting approval of the License Agreement with Atlantic Richfield at Roosevelt Street and White Oak Avenue for environmental monitoring. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-881)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the transfer of Sergeant M. Ferry from the Narcotics Division to the C.I.D Unit effective October 5,

2015 and General Orders 15-04, 15-05 and 15-06. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-882)

Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar appears for the City of Hammond and advised all interested parties have been notified.

Taken out of order, the first hearing the hearing for the demolition of 4246 and 4248 Wabash Avenue. The property owner of 4242 Wabash Avenue appears before the Board and said both houses have broken windows, shingles and roofing that blows into her yard. Councilman Mark Kalwinski appeared, said he has received many complaints about these houses and this is a very nice neighborhood. Mr. Houston Peterson, representing the owner, an investment company, appeared and said one (1) of the houses was occupied up to the time of the property being deeded to the investment company on April 13, 2015. Ms. Kantar asked if any work has been done on the outside of the buildings while showing him the photographs. Mr. Peterson said the houses are currently for sale Street and said no work has been done on the outside or inside. Ms. Kantar requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6333 New Jersey Avenue. Property owner and Attorney Mears fail to appear. Ms. Kantar said she has talked with Mr. Mears and an Agreement to Rehabilitate the Property will be submitted for approval. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be set for status on November 12, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 250 Hanover New Jersey Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said this property was sold on tax sale and requested the Board affirm the Order for Demolition. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1014 Reese Street. Property owner appears and said he would like to repair the property. Ms. Kantar requested the Board proceed with the demolition. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 837 Ames Street. Ms. Kantar said the property has been demolished and requested it be removed from the demolition list. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4617and 4619 Ash Avenue. Property owner appears and said the property is vacant and he would like to make repairs. Ms. Kantar advised an Agreement to Rehabilitate must be signed and then requested the Board affirm the demolition but stay to November 12, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 232 Brunswick Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4763 Calumet Avenue. Property owner appears,

said he has been approved for the Façade Program, has a contractor and permits to complete the work. Ms. Kantar requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish but stay to November 12, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7009 Chestnut Avenue (garage only). Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said the garage is open to the elements and requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7431 Chestnut Avenue. Property owner appears, said the property was involved in an arson fire on April 7, 2015 and has not received any money from the insurance company yet. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish but stay to November 12, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7815 Chestnut Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar advised the roof is failing and there is no water or electric. Ms. Kantar then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. . Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5604 Claude Avenue. Property owner appears and said new doors have been installed on all outside doors. Ms. Kantar advised the property owner also needs to pay for rental registration prior to the next hearing date of November 12, 2015 during which time an Inspector will return regarding the doors. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6014 – 18 Columbia Avenue. Property owner appears and said that he is currently working on the building. Chief of Inspections, Mr. Kelly Kearney, said the building is leaning to the west and that a demolition inspection needs to be paid for and take place prior to the next hearing date. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish but stay to November 12, 2015, the next hearing date. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 916 Conkey Street. Property owner appears and said that he has no objection to the demolition. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. . Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 27 Elizabeth Street. Property owner's fiancée appears and said he has been making repairs as he and his fiancée will be moving into the house. Ms. Kantar requested the matter be set for status on November 12, 2015. . Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6342 Euclid Avenue (garage only). Property owner's daughter appears and said her mother lives at this address and the garage will be self-demolished. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 851 Gostlin Street (garage only). Ms. Kantar said

Attorney Weigle has entered his appearance for the property owner and requested this matter be continued. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to October 15, 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1241 Highland Street. Former property owner appears. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Ms. Kantar then advised properties located at 841 Hoffman Street and 845 Hoffman Street (garage only) have been demolished.

Demolition hearing on property located at 516 – 18 Kenwood Street. Property owner appears and said he would like to repair the property to avoid demolition. Ms. Kantar said the roof has fallen in and the garage structure is leaning. Ms. Kantar then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1046 Kenwood Street. Property owner appears, said that he purchased the property at tax sale but the redemption period has not yet expired. Ms. Kantar said there has been no water service at this property for over five (5) years and requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish but stay until November 12, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 927 Logan Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said this property is fire damaged and requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6326 Monroe Avenue (rear). Property owner appears, said the structure was fire damaged seven (7) years ago and agrees with the demolition. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 923 Morris Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7340 New Hampshire Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. A realtor who is trying to sell the property appeared and said the property can be sold. Ms. Kantar said there is mold in the house and animals are living in the house. The realtor objected to the demolition of the property. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish but stay to November 12, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1535 – 37 174<sup>th</sup> Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1575 River Drive. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4723 Sheffield Avenue. Property owner appears and said he would like to live at this property. Ms. Kantar asked if he was aware there was a fire there to which he answered he did know and would like to come to an agreement regarding what repairs need to be made. Ms. Kantar said an inspection would need to be done and an Agreement to Rehabilitate may be signed depending on the repairs. Ms. Kantar then requested this matter be continued to allow time for an inspection to take place. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to November 12, 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4246 Wabash Avenue and 4248 Wabash Avenue. . Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7609 Walnut Avenue. Property owner here. Attorney for the property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be continued to November 12, 2015. Motoin by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearings under (Ins. No. 15-883)

Notice of Violation hearing for property located at 4410 Clark Avenue. Property owner appears and said there are no tenants at this property and will since a deed restriction stating he will not use the illegal apartment as a rental unit. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said the deed restriction will be recorded to alert any buyer of the restriction on the use of the unit. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-884)

Notice of Violation hearing for the property located at 2329 Indianapolis Boulevard. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell said there is an illegal basement apartment, ceiling height does not meet code and there are block windows in the basement. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the basement apartment. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-885)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2334 Birch Avenue. Property owner appears and said he purchased the building as a two (2) unit. Mr. Farrell said the basement apartment has been marked "Uninhabitable" due to ceiling height, no fire separation and no permits to perform any of the work. The property owner said that he will make all repairs necessary to meet code. Mr. Farrell advised this property was built as a single family home. Mr. Kurt Koch, Building Commissioner, advised the property owner may apply to have the zoning for his house changed to allow for a two (2) unit. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order regarding the property. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-886)

Status hearing on property located at 701 1 705 Kane Street. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for the property owner and requested addition time. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to

continue this matter to October 22, 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Correspondence received from Amereco, Inc. requesting multiple street closures for the demolition of property located at 5137 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Dostatni said Hohman Avenue will be single lane in each direction and Sibley Street will be closed during this time. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-887)

Correspondence received from Ms. Mariana Roggenkamp requesting street closure on Hohman Avenue from Gostlin Street to Pulaski Park for a parade for the Northlake Patriots Football team on October 3, 2015 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-888)

Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-889)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to set these matters for October 29, 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-890)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-891)

Correspondence received from Attorney James Foster. Ms. Kantar advised Mr. Foster is appealing the decision on property located at 4839 Elm Avenue and no further action may be taken place by the Board. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 15-892)

Mr. Koch received correspondence from Jupiter Aluminum requesting permission to leave the slab of the building in place after demolition. Mr. Koch said that would be acceptable. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Smith concurred. (Ins. No. 15-893)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a request for advertising dates of September 24, 2015 and October 1, 2015 with a bid opening date of October 15, 2015 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Smith concurred. (Res. No. 2846)

Mr. Dostatni also received a request from NIPSCO to close one (1) lane of Sheffield Avenue to replace gas service on September 30, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Smith concurred. (Ins. No. 15-894)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Councilwoman at Large Janet Venecz submitted a Garage Sale Permit. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-891)

Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, submitted a request from 5<sup>th</sup> District Councilman allocating \$38,000 for overlays. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-895)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Smith to adjourn; Mr. Dostatni concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

APPROVED: November 19, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stanley Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary