

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
OCTOBER 1, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:03 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Krusa - present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – absent.

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

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meetings of May 7, 2015, May 14, 2015, May 21, 2015, May 28, 2015 and June 4, 2015; Mr. Krusa concurred.

Bid recommendation for the 4th District Van Buren Avenue Street Project, received from First Group Engineering, Inc., to low bidder Walsh & Kelly, Inc. at \$547,522. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-913)

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for supervision engineering services in the 4th District Van Buren Street Project. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-914)

Change Order No. 2 for the Sheffield Avenue Bike Trail – 136th Street to 129th Street - received from First Group Engineering, Inc., with an increase in cost of \$1,728. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-915)

Contract with Hawk Enterprises, Inc. for the 4th District Madison Avenue Lighting Project.

Bid opening for the demolition of 6817 Baring Avenue, 927 Bauer Street, 7416 Beech Avenue, 7821 Beech Avenue (house and garage), 6013 – 59 Calumet Avenue, 7345 Chestnut Avenue, 1049 Cleveland Street, 1126 Drackert Street, 6035 Erie Avenue, 6353 Forest Avenue, 7413 Harrison Avenue, 430 Highland Street, 1015 Hoffman Street, 5137 – 45 Hohman Avenue, 821 Indiana Street, 6746 Jackson Avenue, 4615 Johnson Avenue, 7545 Linden Avenue, 970 Murray Street, 6432 New Hampshire Avenue, 6105 – 11 Noble Avenue, 709 119th Street, 1333 – 1337 150th Street, 3121 165th Street, 1323 170th Street, 913 175th Place, 1606 177th Street, 737 Spruce Street, 6446 Tennessee Avenue, 1105 Truman Street and 5853 Wallace Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Actin Contracting, LLC	\$780,690 – Bid all properties
RSR Demolition	\$402,000 – Did not bid all properties
Gary Material	\$348,000 – Did not bid all properties
DR	\$197,622 – Did not bid all properties
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$307,038 – Did not bid all properties

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer the bids to the Building Department for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Res. No. ****)

Ms. Kathy Ramos Cruz, property owner of 1126 Drackert Street which is included in the demolitions, addressed the Board. Ms. Ramos Cruz said that she has paid for an inspection and has proof of ownership of the property. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said after the inspection is completed, an Agreement to Rehabilitate the Property needs to be done, if the property owner can afford the repair.

Correspondence received from Tetra Tech requesting one (1) northbound lane plus sidewalk of Hohman Avenue between Michigan Street and Hoffman Street be closed for one (1) day between October 6, 2015 and October 9, 2015 to remove debris in the Grand Calumet River. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-917)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director of Public Works, regarding the requests to have 176th Place to Tapper Avenue to Old Columbia Avenue made into a one (1) way street, be referred to Councilman Emerson, the warrant study for a stop sign to be installed in the 1600 and 1700 block of 170th Street does not warrant placement and Public Works cannot block street traffic for pedestrians walking on Kennedy Avenue during the Hessville Zombie Crawl. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-918)

Request for Termination of Agreement for environmental monitoring with Timmermans Environmental Services, Inc. for property located at 2300 Indianapolis Boulevard. As work has been completed. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-919)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6432 New Hampshire Avenue. Ms. Kantar said there will be no more time extensions on this property. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-920)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings be set. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to set these matters for November 12, 2015; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-921)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-922)

Correspondence received from WOW! advising a new cable tier option is available for businesses. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 15-923)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-924)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence that was addressed to Judge Harkin but given to the Board. Mr. Dostatni said the letter was requesting a court date to explain the reason rental registration was not paid. Mr. Dostatni said Mr. William J. Weinand, the author of the letter, had a scheduled hearing date before the Board and that Mr. Weinand failed to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer the letter to the Inspections Department; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-925)

Ms. Katie Holderby, a representative of the Indiana South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority, then requested permission to have a shuttle run from the South Shore rail station to the Indiana Welcome Center October 8 through 11, 2015 for the exhibition of the Lincoln Funeral Train. Ms. Holderby requested EMA assistance during this time due to the number of visitors expected there. Mr. Dostatni asked the weight of train to which Ms. Holderby said she was not certain and added that the train will arrive in sections to the Indiana Welcome Center. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to approve the request for the shuttle and EMA assistance; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 15-926)

Mr. Dostatni then requested an Amendment be made to the Rules and Regulations for Hammond fireman to be promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief from eleven (11) years to seven (7) years. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Krusa concurred.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to adjourn; Mr. Krusa concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

By: _____
Stanley Dostatni, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary