

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
OCTOBER 29, 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. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2015; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Contract with Midwestern Electric, Inc. for the Northcote Avenue Lighting Project - Southeastern Avenue to 169th Street Project. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-967)

Bid recommendation letter received from Clark Dietz Engineers for the 2nd District Lighting Project – Elm Avenue, Hickory Avenue, Catalpa Avenue and Chestnut Avenue to low bidder, Midwestern Electric. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-968)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Kennedy Avenue and Michigan Street. Mr. Dostatni said AT&T is installing underground cable at this location. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-969)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Police Department requesting the release of vehicle titles and Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-970)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith recommending Engineer Timothy Smith be promoted to the rank of Captain, Captain Christopher Batton be promoted to the rank of Senior Captain and Private Russell Dewes be promoted to the rank of Engineer. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-971)

Mylar of the Chase Bank Addition to the City of Hammond submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-972)

Hearing on property located at 851 Gostlin Street. Property owner fails to appear. Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar said Attorney David Weigle is representing the property owner and he appeared earlier but has since left. Ms. Kantar requested this property be bid for demolition as the garage is in an unsafe condition. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-973)

Demolition of property located at 728 118th Street. Property owner appears and said he

would like to make repairs but he did not have insurance coverage on the structure. Ms. Kantar said this is the second fire at this property. Mr. Kurt Koch, Commissioner, Building Department, said the building is not sound, the repair cost would be approximately \$80,000 and code will not allow a rebuild as it was a non-conforming of the property. The property owner said he has \$30,000 invested in the property. Mr. Dostatni told the property owner to work with the Building Department and fence the area around the property immediately. Ms. Kantar then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Order to Demolish but stay to November 12, 2015; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-974)

Rental registration hearings on property located at 6738 Parrish Avenue. Property owner appears and he first rented in September of 2013 and did not receive notification that rental registration was due. Ms. Kantar advised the water bill is sent to the renter's address. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee, assess rental registration for 2013 through 2015 and have the property owner change the address notifications are sent to with the Inspections Department; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-975)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7302 Knickerbocker Parkway. Property owner appears. Property owner said he has not received notification rental registration was due. Ms. Kantar said the water bill is sent to the renter's address. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 for 2014 per unit and \$5 for 2015 per unit; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-976)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6831 New Jersey Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to deny the appeal, assess the late fee for 2014 and 2015 and rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2014 and \$5 per unit for 2015; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-977)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 7204 Madison Avenue (Garage only) and 4246 Wabash Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-978)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director of Public Works, advising a "Speed Limit" sign will be placed on the corner of Dearborn Avenue and 143rd Street and a time study will be done at this location to determine if a stop sign is warranted. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-979)

Correspondence received from Mr. Ronald Sutton requesting the rental registration hearing date of November 5, 2015 be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to November 12, 2015; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-980)

Correspondence received from Ms. Evangeline Stanford requesting the "No Parking This Side" signs on Coolidge Street between Forest Avenue and Hohman Avenue be replaced as they are fading and "End of School Zone" signs be placed at all schools. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to Public Work; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-981)

Correspondence received from Ms. Lisa Mueller requesting street lighting be placed in the alley between Locust Street and Indi Illi Parkway between Hohman Avenue and State Line Road. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to Street Lighting; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-982)

Request for advertising dates of November 12, 2015 and November 19, 2015 with a bid opening date of December 3, 2015 for the demolition of 3306 165th Street, 1535 – 37 174th Street, 4617 Ash Avenue, 4619 Ash Avenue, 232 Brunswick Street, 4763 Calumet Avenue, 531 Cherry Street, 7815 Chestnut Avenue, 7431 Chestnut Avenue, 7009 Chestnut Avenue (Garage only), 6014 – 18 Columbia Avenue, 916 Conkey Street, 6342 Euclid Avenue (Garage Only), 1241 Highland Street (Front only), 6433 – 49 Kennedy Avenue, 1046 Kenwood Street, 516 – 18 Kenwood Street (Garage only), 927 Logan Street, 7204 Madison Avenue (Garage only), 6326 Monroe Avenue (Rear house, 923 Morris Street, 7340 New Hampshire Avenue, 1575 River Drive, 4246 Wabash Avenue, 4248 Wabash Avenue and 5658 Walter Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4032)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-984)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Milan Kruszynski, Director, Hammond Marina, requested electric outlets be installed on 119th Street from Calumet Avenue to Atchison Avenue. Mr. Dostatni asked Mr. Kruszynski speak with Street Lighting about this request. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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