

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
NOVEMBER 5, 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. Dostatni– present; Ms. Garay – absent; Mr. Smith – present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Garay, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 29, 2015; Mr. Smith concurred.

Bid opening – 6th District Local Street Project – Maryland Avenue Lighting Improvements – 169th Street to Vine Street. Bids received as follows:

TGB Unlimited d/b/a Bancroft Electric	\$163,526.08
Midwestern Electric	\$182,163.75
Hawk Enterprises	\$177,142.60

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Smith concurred. (Res. No. 2837)

Contract with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for Des. No. 1500221. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-984)

Correspondence received from Sergeant Mosier of the Hammond Police Department requesting permission to hold a vehicle auction Friday, December 11, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-985)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the relinquishment of Specialty Pay due to the resignation of Officer Thomas Diller from the K-9 Program effective November 5, 2015 and Officer Stuart Hinson being assigned to HIDTA with receipt of Detective Specialty Pay effective June 1, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-986)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, requesting approval of the 90 day trial period of the installation of “No Parking 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday” on 149th Street from Linden Avenue west to the alley per Tri State Industries request. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-987)

Agreed Temporary Order for property located at 701 and 705 Kane Street submitted for approval. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for the property owner and said the order limits the use of the property while the property owner is attempting to hire a contractor to do repair work.

Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-988)

Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 1010 Hoffman Street of the Board of Public Works and Safety and acknowledgement of receipt of the Proposed Finding of Fact and Conclusions of Law submitted by Attorney Curtis Vosti. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to approve the Finding of Fact and Decision and acknowledge receipt of the Proposed Finding of Fact and Conclusions of Law submitted by Mr. Vosti; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-989)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1167 Sibley Street. Property owner appears. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Inspections Department, said a deed restriction will be recorded regarding the property. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-990)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4245 Wabash Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said there illegal cellar and attic units and requested the Board affirm their removal. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-991)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1007 177th Place and 1336 Indiana Street. Property owner appears and said he forgot to pay after the tenants moved out in 2014. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2014 and \$5 per unit for 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-992)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4907 Hickory Avenue and 4903 Hickory Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Guzman, appears and said he lives at one of the addresses but both properties have had no tenants in 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to assess one (1) late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-993)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6739 Waveland Avenue. Property owner appears, said she began renting in 2011, was injured at work in January of 2012 and since that time has had others paying her bills. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and \$5 for 2015 and ; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-994)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3335 175th Place. Property owner fails to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to deny the appeal, assess one (1) late fee and rental registration at \$80 per unit for the 2013 and 2014 and \$5 per unit for 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-995)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7110 Kennedy Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to deny the appeal, assess one (1) late fee and rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2014 and \$5 per unit for 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-996)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 27 Elizabeth Street submitted for approval.

Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-997)

Order regarding the Abandonment of Animal Located in Hammond submitted for approval. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised the order is for the pony that was abandoned in the City. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-998)

Disposal Authorization submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-999)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-1,000)

Correspondence received from Lakewood Design, Inc. requesting permission to place a dumpster and tool trailer on the north side of Little Caesar's at Wildwood Road and Hohman Avenue beginning November 5, 2015 for approximately six (6) weeks. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-1,001)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 4248 Wabash Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-1,002)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Smith received correspondence from Councilwoman Janet Venecz requesting a left turn light be installed at 171st Street and Calumet Avenue. Mr. Dostatni said that is a State highway and a letter will need to be sent to INDOT to request a warrant study be done. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to have a letter sent to INDOT regarding the left turn light; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-1,003)

Correspondence received from the Inspections Department citing problems with the current demolition contractor awarded 4503 Hohman Avenue and requesting the award be given to the next lowest bidder. Recommendation by Mr. Smith; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-1,004)

Mr. Dostatni recognized Councilwoman Janet Venecz in the audience.

Under Meeting Ms. Melissa Benavidez, property owner of 7230 McCook Avenue, requested additional time after not being able to pay her rental registration fees assessed at a hearing before the Board. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to give an additional thirty (30) days; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 15-1,005)

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 9:32 a.m.

APPROVED:

By: _____
Stanley Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary