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

Motion by Mr. Smith to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2015; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid recommendation received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for 6th District Missouri Avenue Lighting Improvements – 169th Street to 165th Street to low bidder Hawk Enterprises, Inc. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1072)

Agreement with Nies Engineering, Inc. for construction observation in the 6th District Missouri Avenue Lighting Improvements – 169th Street to 165th Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1073)

Contract with Hawk Enterprises, Inc. for the 6th District Missouri Avenue Lighting Improvements – 169th Street to 165th Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1074)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Clark Dietz Engineers for additional lighting design in the Beech Avenue, Catalpa Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, Magnolia Avenue and 149th Street project. Mr. Dostatni advised the cost of the agreement is $4,600. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1075)

License Agreement with GEOCON Professional Services to conduct environmental groundwater monitoring at property located near Walmart at White Oak Avenue and 176th Place and Walnut Avenue, White Oak Avenue and 177th Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1076)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the promotion of Captain Christopher Trtan to the rank of Battalion Chief; Engineer John Fruth to the rank of Captain, Private James Bragiel to the rank of Engineer and EMT-P2 Mark Ramoska to the rank of EMT-1P and approve to continue using Comcast for internet connections to link the Fire Department to dispatch. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1077)

Status on property located at 7609 Walnut Avenue. Attorney Golding appears with contractor, Mr. Ray Rudolph. Mr. Golding said the property owner has requested an inspection and wants to make repairs. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, requested this matter be continued to January 14, 2016. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL.

Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1078)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6528 Meadow Lane. Property owner, Ms. Angelique Jacobsen, appears. Ms. Jacobsen said the property was rented in February of 2015 but had to evict the tenants. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said the tenants had made a complaint regarding mold in the basement that Ms. Jacobsen would not take care of. Ms. Jacobsen said that she contacted a company specializing in mold removal and was told to wipe the walls with a mixture of bleach and water which did take the mold off. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2015; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1079)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1306 121st Street. Property owner appears by Ms. Ashley Carpenter for Mr. Ciers. Ms. Carpenter said Mr. Ciers bought the property on August of 2015 and tried to pay rental registration in November of 2015 but was told he would have to pay the late fee also. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2015; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1080)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1545 Myrtle Avenue. Property owner appears and said he was not aware of the rental registration fee until he attempted to get a permit to replace the roof on the property which he and his nephew had lived in until 2015. Ms. Kantar said there have been numerous police calls to this residence. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess one (1) late fee of $500 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. 15-1081)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6411 Grand Avenue. Property owner appears and said the property became rented in October of 2015 and when he tried to pay rental registration he was told he would have to pay the late fee. Ms. Kantar advised there is a homestead exemption on the property which will need to be removed. Motion by Mr. Smtih to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2015; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1082)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2039 Davis Avenue. Property owner appears and said the property had just recently been rented. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2015; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1083)

Bid recommendation received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, for six (6) plow trucks to Lake Shore at $209,808. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1084)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason requesting approval of the placement of a "No Parking" sign between two (2) driveways at 3731 173rd Street. Mr. Gleason advised he spoke with the property owners of both addresses and due to vehicles being parked between the driveway, which does not leave enough room to enter or exit the driveway, Public Works has placed the "No Parking" sign. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins.

No. 15-1085)

Correspondence received from Mr. Scott Bernicky, 529 169th Street, requesting a parking space for his tenant. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1086)

Correspondence received from Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections, recommending the Board rescind the award to D&R Site Services bid for the demolition of 7345 Chestnut Avenue and award to the next low bidder, JM Industrial Services, Inc. Ms. Kantar said this is the second time D&R Site Services had bid on a demolition and not completed the work. Motion by Mr. Smith to award the demolition of 7345 Chestnut Avenue to next low bidder JM Industrial Services, Inc.; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1087)

Under Matters from Board members, Mr. Smith said he received a disciplinary matter from the Hammond Police Department. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 15-1088)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Smith to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Garay. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

APPROVED:

By:_____
Stanley Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary