

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2016, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay -absent; Mr. Margraf- present.

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

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work behind 3831 Hohman Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-384)

Request for Termination of Agreement for environmental remediation with Witham's SAV-A-STOP, 7452 Indianapolis Boulevard, submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-385)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting relinquishment of Evidence Technician Specialty to Master Sergeant Yon Fletcher, effective May 26, 2016, relinquishment of CBO Specialty Pay to Officers March Kruse and Joseph Munoz, effective June 1, 2016, approval of street closures and Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-386)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith submitting letters of retirement from Captain Joseph Miecznikowski and Captain Ricardo Suarez, both having served the City of Hammond for thirty (30) years. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-387)

Purchasing Agent listing from Personnel, Fire Department and the Law Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-388)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 725 169th Street – two (2) unit. Property owner appears and said she has owned the property since February of 2015, did register the property in 2015 but did not think it was a yearly renewal and that the property is now vacant. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-389)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6523 Jefferson Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said rental registration has not been paid for 2014, 2015 and 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 per year and rental registration of \$80 per unit for 2014, \$5 per unit for 2015 and \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-390)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5903 Wallace Road and 5909 Wallace Road. Property owner fails to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to deny the appeal and assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

(Ins. No. 16-391)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1537 Myrtle Avenue. Property owner appears and said she bought the property for her son but here did not move in until a friend of his moved into the property in September of 2015 and after that her son moved in. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to have the property owner complete an affidavit regarding a family member residing at the property; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-392)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7737 Walnut Avenue and 7527 Tapper Avenue. Property owner appears and said he had mailed rental registration but postmark said it was mailed after April 15, 2016 so it was returned to him. Ms. Kantar said rental registration for 2015 was not paid. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-393)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7132 Alabama Avenue. Property owner appears and said that she lives in one (1) of the two (2) units she has owned since 2014. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-394)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6431 Tennessee Avenue. Property owner appears and said the property was not rented until September of 2015 and it was an oversight the fee was not paid. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-395)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4850 Catalpa Avenue. Property owner appears and said she was ill during the time rental registration was due. Ms. Kantar said this is a single family home and there have been no police calls. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2016. Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-396)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6933 McCook Avenue and 7416 McCook Avenue. Property owner appears by property manager, Ms. Lynn Huber. Ms. Huber said the property was bought by the owners on October 2, 2015, 6933 McCook Avenue has never been rented, will be put on the market tomorrow and she lives at 7416 McCook Avenue as part of her salary. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to have the property owner complete an Affidavit for both properties; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-397)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3335 Kenwood Street. Property owner appears, said she was diagnosed with liver cancer in January of 2016 and mailed the fee ten (10) days late. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-398)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 818 167th Street. Property owner appears. Ms. Kantar said rental registration was not paid in 2013, a hearing held with the late fee assessed, 2014 was paid timely, 2015 paid timely with 2016 unpaid. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

(Ins. No. 16-399)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing be reheard. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to deny the request to rehear a rental registration hearing; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-400)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for hearing for July 14, 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-401)

Correspondence received from Purdue University Northwest requesting permission to have outdoor music on August 19 and 20, 2016 for the annual “moving-in” day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the University Village Housing parking lot. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-402)

Correspondence received from Old Glory Tavern, 6755 Indianapolis Boulevard, requesting permission to block Martha Street on Saturday, June 18, 2016 for a 50th Birthday Celebration. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-403)

Correspondence received from Logan Street Residents requesting permission for the 800 block of Logan Street to hold a block party on July 23, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Police Department; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-404)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-405)

Change Order No. 1 received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the New Hampshire Avenue Lighting Improvements – 165th Street. Mr. Dostatni said the change order is a decrease in cost of \$828.70 due to zeroing out quantities and closing the project. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-406)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision regarding property located at 7423 Madison Avenue and 936 169th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-407)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received Temporary Parking Restrictions for Leon’s Triathlon advising from the 3800 block of Sheffield Avenue to 4499 Sheffield Avenue and 1500 block of Calumet Avenue to 1299 Calumet Avenue will have “No Parking” beginning June 3, 2016 through June 5, 2016 for the Leon’s Triathlon event. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-408)

Mr. Dostatni also received an Agreement for Patrol and Enforcement by the Hammond Police Department at the Gateway Promenade, 7925 Indianapolis Boulevard and requesting approval of posting “No Dumping” to be posted on the property. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-409)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church requested road closure for the church at 1047 Kenwood Street from Howard Avenue to Moss Street during the week of June 13, 2016 through June 17, 2016, also at their rally held on June 11, 2016 all days with police patrol from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-410)

Mr. Bill Lewter, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested approval for Porter's Cleaners to place a dumpster in front of 7236 Marshall Avenue for five (5) days. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-411)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; Mr. Dostatni concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary