

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2017, 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.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meetings of March 2, 2017 and March 9, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Bid recommendation from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the Van Buren Avenue Lighting Improvement Project to Midwestern Electric, Inc., low bidder at \$170,944.60. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-243)

Agreement with Nies Engineering, Inc. for construction observation services in the 3rd District Local Street Construction Project – Van Buren Avenue – 165th Street to Conkey Street in the amount of \$19,395. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-244)

Joint Use and Maintenance Agreement Between INDOT and the City of Hammond Concerning the Maintenance of the Erie Lackawanna Trail Over Calumet Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-245)

Request for Developmental Variance – Korellis Holdings, LLC. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar advised City property adjoins the property Korellis Holdings, LLC wants to develop. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-246)

Correspondence received from NICTD requesting permission to close Calumet Avenue and Henry Avenue during track repair. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-247)

Notification from NICTD to residents of affected areas of West Lake Corridor Access projects. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-248)

Ms. Kantar appears for the City of Hammond and advised all parties have been property notified.

Demolition hearings on property located at 2421 169th Street. Attorney Curtis Vosti appears for the property owner. Ms. Kantar said permits have been pulled, progress is being made and requested this matter be continued to June 29, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 850 Mulberry Street (rear). Property owner appears and said he has an inspection pending. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be continued to June 29, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4407 Sheffield Avenue, 4409 – 11 Sheffield Avenue and 4401 – 03 Sheffield Avenue. Attorney Sorge appears for the property owner. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7450 Southeastern Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said the rehabilitation agreement was just extended, a homestead exemption is still showing on the property and requested this matter be continued to June 29, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 833 Wilcox Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said interior work is almost complete, outside still needs work and requested this matter be continued to June 29, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearings at (Ins. No. 17-249)

Proposal for Cender & Company to serve as financial advisor/municipal advisor on the proposed \$16,925,000 Hammond Local Public Improvement Bonds Bank Bonds, Series 2017A. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve subject to review; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-250)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty withdrawing the request for approval of Departmental General Order #17-02, advising of the approval of the Parade Permit Request received from the Hammond Hermits and Lakeshore Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth. Ms. Kantar said the General Order conflicts with the Police Department's new contract. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-251)

Correspondence received from Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, advising low bidder, American Salvage & Deconstruction, withdrew their bid for the demolition of 47 Mason Street and as a result the bid will be awarded to the second low bidder, Iesco Construction, Inc. at \$5,800. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-252)

Emergency Demolition hearing for property located at 907 170th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said this was one (1) of three (3) fires which all occurred the same night and no one has made an insurance claim. Ms. Kantar then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-253)

Sales Disclosure Form for property located at 4718 Cameron Avenue. Ms. Kantar requested the Board resign the form, as it was signed incorrectly. (Ins. No. 17-254)

Hearing on property located at 2042 Wespark Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for

property owners. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears for the City. Mr. Matthews requested this matter be continued. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to May 18, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-255)

Correspondence received from Mr. William E. Riley requesting a hearing for the denial of a business license for Andrews Automotive. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on May 11, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-256)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2941 Martha Street. Ms. Kantar said a Specific Finding of Fact and Decision for this property is on the agenda under letter “O”. (Ins. No. 17-257)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6149 Marshall Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to deny the appeal, asses a late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-258)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5371 Kent Avenue. Property owner appears and said the property is a two (2) unit. Ms. Kantar said all other years have been paid and this is not a problem property. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-259)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 604 – 624 169th Street. Property owner’s wife appears, said the property is a six (6) unit and that she apologizes for not paying 2015 and 2016, it was an oversight on her part. Ms. Kantar said the notice was mailed to the property owner’s daughter’s address and there have been no police calls there. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for both 2015 and 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-260)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 924 Field Street. Property owner appears by a property agent, said the property was just purchased in 2016 and rented in November of 2016. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said an inspection needs to be done at the property before a decision can be made regarding rental registration and requested this matter be continued to April 20, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-261)

Correspondence received from Ms. Joanna Sypudt requesting the rental registration hearing scheduled for April 27, 2017 be reset to a meeting in May. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to May 11, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-262)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set the matters for hearing on May 18, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-263)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 2941 Martha Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-264)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting the “No

Turn on Red” sign at Hohman Avenue and 165th Street be replaced with a “No Turn on Red While Children Present”. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to Public Works and Lieutenant Vicari; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-265)

Correspondence received from Mr. Art Peschke, Scout Leader, requesting Boy Scout Drive be closed on Saturday, April 29, 2017 for the 31st Annual Wolf Lake Conservation Project. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-266)

Correspondence received from Ms. Dawn Tomich, Hessville Little League, requesting permission to hold an Opening Day Parade, Saturday, April 29, 2017, with route, Police and Fire Department participation and to have a small fireworks display. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-267)

Correspondence received from Cache and Charlton Ridgell, 6120 Wallace Road, requesting permission to have Wallace Avenue and Jennings Street closed on Saturday, April 29, 2017 for a birthday party. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-268)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-269)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf requested a letter be sent to Mr. David Rodriguez, President, Northwest Indiana Puerto Rican committee of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, requesting he appear before the Board on April 20, 2017 to provide further information regarding the parade and festivities after the parade planned for July 16, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-270)

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 9:41 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary