

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, Thursday, November 7, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present.

Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of the October 3, 2019 and October 10, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 5th District Lighting Project – Phase 2 – Alexander Avenue from I-80/94 to 173rd Street, Marshall Avenue from I-80/94 to 173rd Street and 174th and 175th Streets from Alexander Avenue to Marshall Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$370,785.66
Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$319,294.08

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2845)

Bid opening – 5th and 6th District Lighting Project – Phase 4 – Grand Avenue from 177th Street to Orchard Drive. Bids received as follows:

Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$147,614.80
Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$113,117.26

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2845 and 2837)

Agreement with Gariup Construction Co. for renovations to the City Jail at a cost of \$263,700.00. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-785)

Correspondence received from 4th District Bill Emerson Sr. requesting \$27,416.77 of gaming funds be allocated for the construction supervision and \$275,361.27 be allocated for the construction of the 174th Street – Calumet Avenue to Columbia Lighting Improvement Project. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-786)

Right of Way Permit forms, from Comcast Cable and Gora Plumbing, submitted by the Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-787)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting Correctional Officer Angel Villanueva receive a promotional raise for completing a one (1) year probationary period and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-788)

Status hearing on property located at 7736 Belmont Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said 90% of the work has been completed and requested this matter be continued for thirty (30) days. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to December 12, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-789)

Correspondence received from Ms. Nicole Zabala requesting permission to hold a candle light vigil on November 24, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the 3500 block of Sheffield Avenue, with EMA present, for her sister who was killed at the location. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve the vigil and send the request for EMA assistance to the Hammond Police Department; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-790)

Correspondence received from Mr. Milan Kruszynski and Mr. Andy Dybel, Knights of Columbus, requesting street closure, eight (8) traffic control horses and “No Parking” for the Pierogi Drop, Tuesday, December 31, 2019 to Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-791)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-792)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received correspondence from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith, submitting the resignation of EMT Anthony Smith, effective November 1, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-793)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Chris Pajdzik, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested the Board sign the Findings on property located at 1630 Myrtle Avenue. Ms. Garay asked if that was the address of the Notice of Violation that was heard last week. Mr. Pajdzik confirmed that it was the same hearing. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-794)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Bill Ciers, 1830 Lake Avenue, appeared before the Board regarding two (2) Stop Work orders. Mr. Ciers said he received notice from a department in the City regarding the buffalo box at the property. Mr. Ciers said he dug in the area to locate the buffalo box to determine what was wrong with it and the stop work order was placed. Mr. Ciers said he had to hire a plumber, who obtained a permit, to correct the buffalo box problem but he had to pay a fine for the Stop Work order which he wants refunded to him. Ms. Garay told Mr. Ciers that he would need to complete a Notice of Claim for which he can obtain from the Law Department.

Mr. Ciers then said he received another Stop Work order on property located at 847 117th Street. Mr. Ciers said he dug a hole to bury his leaves, as he always does, and received the Stop Work order. Mr. Ciers said he went to the Inspections Department to ask how deep a property owner could dig a hole on property that he owned and was told there was not a City code regarding that. Mr. Kearney said an inspection will need to be done on the hole Mr. Ciers dug. Ms. Garay told Mr. Ciers that he will need to contact Mr. Kearney to set a date and time for an inspection to be done and if the hole passes the inspection, the Stop Work order will be waived.

Ms. Garay wished Happy Birthday to Mr. Margraf.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary