

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Openings, 2023 Hammond Sidewalk Program.

1.	A.C.C.I., LLC	\$608,003.00
2.	Rieth-Riley Construction, Co.	\$1,210,150.25
3.	Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$934,230.00
4.	J&J Newell Concrete Contractors	\$637,571.50
5.	F.H. Pashen, S.N. Nielsen	\$960,220.00

Mr. Button recommends to forward to consultant for review and tabulation. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to consultant for review, tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4124)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting signature for the Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement with Indiana Department of Transportation submitted for approval. Mr. Button states this was signed and requesting Board to ratify the approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve ratification agreement; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-071)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of Officer Frank Delgado from the rank of Master Sergeant to the rank of Sergeant effective February 1, 2023 with pay adjustments. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-072)

Correspondence received from Assistant Chief of Police requesting the approval of two disciplinary actions. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-073)

Correspondence received from Gariup Construction requesting road closure on Calumet Avenue from March 15, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. on March 16, 2023 with a rain date of March 16 and March 17, for the bridge installment submitted for approval. Mr. Button states they will be setting the bridge and off ramp will be closed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-074)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for March 2, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-075)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Long states that next week the meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Long also welcomes newest member, Mr. Donnie Kalina.

Under New Business, Right of Way Permits (2) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-076)

Under Old Business, Notice of Violation hearing for 7235-41 Calumet Avenue. Mr. Smith states these are 4 illegal apartments with ingress, egress issues. Jonathan Peters represents the current owner and has filed a complaint against previous owner. Mr. Golding appears on behalf of Norma Herrera. Complaint was filed against former owner and realtor on misrepresentation. Requesting a 60 days continuance due to the litigation and its outcome. Complaint was filed December 21, 2022, early stages of litigation. Mr. Smith states the city's concern is the safety of the tenants and would like a status in 30 days. Mr. Pipping appears via Zoom. Questions the comments about egress. Inspector Farrell states it failed to meet minimum code. Mr. Smith asks if he has any objections to the request for continuance. Mr. Pipping will check with counsel. Mr. Golding has a 60-day request and the city requests a 30-day request to keep tabs on it. Mr. Golding prefers 60 but if the city has concerns he wants to be amicable as possible. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on March 30, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, Status – 843 Logan. Mr. Smith states this is under a rehab agreement. Owners do not appear. Inspector Castro states contractor has pulled permits but has not called for inspection, acknowledges rehab agreement has expired December 22, 2022 and request to move forward with demolition. Mr. Smith states he is fine if it hasn't already gone out to bid, nothing modifies the demolition order and it still stands. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to acknowledge the rehab agreement has expired, accept Mr. Castro's report, move forward with 10-day letter and go out to bid if it hasn't; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status 504 177th. Mr. Driscoll appears via Zoom and represents tax deed owner. Inspector Jordan states they have not have any final inspections for any permits that were pulled and request all inspections be made to be able to move forward. Mr. Driscoll spoke with client, rehab is complete, issue is with NIPSCO with meter. Believed Inspections was aware of this issue and that its New Creations, not Property Boss. Mr. Smith requests a 30-day date. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on March 23, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 4407 Baltimore. Mr. Smith states ownership was transferred and requested a rehab. Inspector Chris states next week rehab expires. No contact has been made with owner, recommend to terminate NIPSCO. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to acknowledge rehab agreement has expired, accept Inspector Chris' report and start demolition process; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 7518 Grand Ave. – Owner present. Mr. Smith states there is a homestead, request to allow her to register for 2023 and Smith Sersic will handle the past due. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve to register for 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-077)

7433 McCook Ave. Owner present and states forgot. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-077)

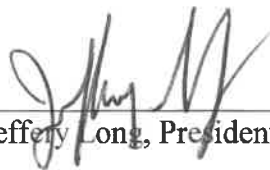
7602 Jarnecke Ave. – Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-077)

4410 Towle Ave. – Owner does not appear. Mr. Farrell requests to waive the late fee, new owner. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-077)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary