

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:07 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – absent; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. Long, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Smith advises the Board that he appeared for a hearing on 28-34 Ruth where Ms. Calvert and Mr. Ratliff appeared. They did produce a Power of Attorney since they are not the owners and the property has been sold to Property LLC in Wyoming which deed was recorded March 1, 2024 and the owner address is in Richton Park, Illinois. Their case was dismissed and the demolition order still stands, Mr. Kearney and the Mayor are aware of the situation.

1463 Indianapolis Blvd. – owner is requesting the bond to be waived and would like this to be set and have the owner appear. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on March 28, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Abonmarche requesting the approval to award the Marble Street Reconstruction from State Line to Wabash Avenue to be awarded to Milestone Contractors North, LLC in the amount of \$348,048.34 who is the apparent low, responsive and responsible bidder. Mr. Button appears via Zoom. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-126)

Correspondence received from New Zion Temple Church requesting to block Tapper Street from the corner of Merrill Street to the corner of Morris Street on March 30, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-127)

Under Matters from Board Members – Mr. Kalina presents a request from HC3 for street closure on May 31, 2024. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-128)

Under New Business, Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-129)

Under Old Business, Status – Gas Station Exception Updates – 10770 Indianapolis Blvd. (Luke #236) Mr. Smith states they are not in compliance and requests 3-week status to have Mr.

Fife appear. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on April 18, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-130)

3550 Sheffield Ave. (Luke #265) Mr. Smith states they are not in compliance and requests 3 weeks status to have Mr. Fife appear. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on April 18, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-130)

850 Indianapolis Blvd. (Luke #255) Mr. Smith states this is a new station. No action.

2300 Indianapolis Blvd. (BP Gas Station) Mr. Novak states they started to work on clearing the windows, stiped for ADA compliance, needs a new dumpster enclosure, removed the payphone and have picked up the trash. No action.

Status – Charity Run Event – Adam Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez does not appear. Mr. Smith states Mr. Hernandez did give a detailed email but recommends he have insurance listing the city as an additional insured, recommends denial and maybe he should regroup and present something in the summer. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to deny; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-131)

Status – 4350 Sheffield – Inspector Pajdzik states plans have been submitted and requests a status date. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on April 11, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status – 944 State - Mr. Smith states this is a single-family home and owner plans to self-demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on April 25, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status - 1430 Stanton – Mr. Smith states the last hearing there were electrical contractor issues. Owner present and states he has had money issues, borrowed money, moved in with parents and there is not much more to do and requests an additional 90 days. Mr. Smith requests that Mr. Lewter inspect the property and prepare an amended rehab agreement. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on April 4, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.


Status – 4919 Pine – Mr. Smith requests a 2-week status. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on April 4, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: 
Tinisha Greenwell, Vice-President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary