

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2025, 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 April 3, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval for Officers Ronald Davidson and Jeramey Sandilla to be promoted to the ranks of Corporal with pay adjustments to be made effective April 17, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 25-4186 (Ins. No. 25-164)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting permission to advertise the Notice to Bidders for the Erie Lackawanna Trail – Repaving with advertising dates of April 17, 2025 and April 24, 2025 with a bid opening of May 8, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-165)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$30,600 of CIB Funding be allocated for the 165th Street and Stateline Ave. Intersection Improvements and corresponding Agreement for Professional Services with First Group Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-166)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$16,552.50 of CIB Funding be allocated for the PASER and Sign Inventory Supplement and corresponding Supplement Agreement No. 1 with First Group Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-167)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$5,097.60 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Marble Street Reconstruction submitted for approval. Mr. Button states the change order will follow next week. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-168)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$6,100.00 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Kennedy Avenue Tree Clearing with Howard's Tree Service submitted for approval. Mr. Button states the tree removal was not originally included. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-169)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$1.0M of CIB Funding be allocated for the 2025 Annual Resurfacing Program submitted for approval. Motion by Ms.

Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-170)

Mr. Button states that he needs to leave and that he needs additional time for 10 (G) and requests a status in two weeks.

Correspondence received from Ron Novak requesting the approval of the Proposed License Agreement Renewal with SES Environmental granting access to city property adjacent to 7305 Kennedy Avenue to monitor the soil and groundwater. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-171)

Correspondence received from the Lakeshore Cal Ripken- Babe Ruth requesting permission to hold a parade on April 25, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m. and the Hammond Police Department approval with suggestions. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve per the suggestions; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-172)

Correspondence received from the All Saints Church requesting permission to hold their live procession of The Stations of the Cross on April 18, 2025, starting at 10:45 a.m. and the Hammond Police Department approval with suggestions. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve per the suggestions; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-173)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$6,851.38 of CIB Funding be allocated for the sinkhole at city-owned property located at 255 Russell St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-174)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 943 Sibley Street submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-175)

Right of Way Permits received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-176)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-177)

Request for Late Rental Registration hearings submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for April 24, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-178)

Under Old Business, Status – 6333 Garfield – Mr. Smith presents photos, there were concerns with the chimney, fence and yard cleaning. Mr. Lewter states the chimney will need to be removed. Ivan's Roofing is the contractor. Ms. Redfield (translated through interpreter) states Ivan's Roofing is to come to the house this week and will take the roof down when the

weather is nice. Mr. Smith states the goal is the city would like to see in three weeks that the contract has been signed and hopefully he is doing some work. Ms. Redfield ask if you want the work to be started by May 1, 2025. Mr. Lewter states it is a once day job and they should get it completed by May 1st. Mr. Smith states once you sign the contract, they should be able to start the work and hopefully on May 1st you can say the work is done and we can go onto the next thing. Mr. Long suggests to Ms. Redfield if there is an issue before May 1st, she should contact Mr. Lewter. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for May 1, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 6411 Harrison - Mr. Smith presents photos of the rehabbed house. No action.

Status – 6349-51 Jefferson – Mr. Smith presents photos and is the owner is House Smart, Inc. Mr. Lewter states the sub floor was rotted and wasn't safe. Mr. Smith states they will do an amended rehab and requests 90 days. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for July 10, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 848 Truman – The Board rescinded and rehabbed. No action.

Status – 6826-28 Kennedy – Mr. Molina appears via Zoom, owner present and contractor Mr. Soto. Mr. Smith states they were waiting on State approval of CDR and waiting on rehab to start work. Mr. Lewter has a copy of the approved CDR from State. The owner is ready to sign the agreement and post his bond. Mr. Molina will review the rehab and have a quick turnaround. Mr. Smith states as soon as we get the signature we will present it to the Board for consideration. Owner will talk with Mr. Molina. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for June 26, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 7235-41 Calumet – This is Attorney Petersen's client. Mr. Farrell has a walk through scheduled for Monday. Linda to send notice to Attorney Petersen. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for April 24, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - Request for stop sign at Baring Avenue and 167th St. - Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on April 24, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-179)

Late Business License Denial Hearing – Dr. Geissler's Hearing Center – Dr. Gina Geissler is requesting the late fees of \$2,600 could be waived and pay the \$1,320 in order to get her own business license. She was in with her father in the same building and he retired so the business license needs to get straightened out. Her father retired in 2022. Ms. Serrano states her father is a family practice and she is the hearing center and believes two separate businesses and we are addressing the center, when was it started. Mr. Long questions of this was two separate practices. Ms. Geissler explains when he was working, she was working for him in Hammond and had an office in Munster on her own. Since he retired, she is a lone practice in both locations. Mr. Long asks if both practices were under the same umbrella. Mr. Geissler states she

worked with father in Hammond, everything was done under him in Hammond and is asking to waive the late fees. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fees and held responsible for all the business license fees; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-180)

Under Late Rental Registration hearings, 4749 Hickory – Owner requested continuance due to sickness. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for April 24, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

5225 State Line – Owner states this is the primary home as of October 1, 2023. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-181)

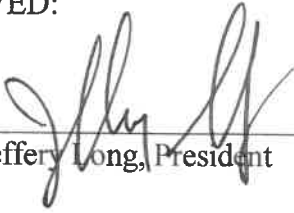
6411 Euclid Ave. – No action.

4749 Sheffield – Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-181)

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 9:44 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary