

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 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 17, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting approval for the Agreement for professional Services with American Structurepoint in the amount of \$493,685.34 for the construction engineering and observation of the Hohman Avenue Phase 2 Reconstruction Project – Russell Street to Douglas Street. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-194)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting approval for the Agreement for professional services with United Consulting in the amount of \$104,800.00 for the construction engineering and observation of 2024-2 CCMG – Columbia Avenue Project – 167th Street to Summer Street. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-195)

Correspondence received from Jeffery Smith, Port Authority Director informing that two professional fireworks shows have been contracted with The Mad Bomber and will be held on July 3, 2025 starting at 10:00 p.m. for the annual Third of July Fireworks Celebration and on July 12, 2025 at 10:00 p.m. for the Hammond Marina Venetian Day & Night Festivities. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-196)

Under New Business, Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 2104 Sherman St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on July 10, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-197)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 1430 Stanton submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on July 31, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-198)

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. 25-199)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-200)

Request for Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for May 8, 2025 and May 15, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-201)

Under Old Business, Status – 7235-41 Calumet Ave. – Mr. Smith presents photos and states that the water was to be discontinued in the apartments. Inspector Polak states there was an inspection and some appliances were removed, no permits were pulled and not sure on the water, will send report to Law. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on May 22, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1047 Moss – Owner Ramirez present. Mr. Smith states there is a demo order and rehab has expired. Mr. Lewter states the outside has been remodeled and is working on the inside. Mr. Smith states an amended rehab is needed. Mr. Ramirez states the rehab should be completed in three months. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 31, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 6126 Harrison – Mr. Smith presents photos and there is a rehab with the new owners. Mr. Lewter states there is a new owner, rough framing inspection has passed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 31, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1101 Roosevelt – Mr. Smith presents photos. Mr. Lewter advises this is the same owner as the previous address, same contractor working on property. All rough inspections including electrical, HVAC, and plumbing has passed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 31, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1152 Roosevelt - Mr. Smith presents photos. Mr. Lewter states rough framing is completed more time is needed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 31, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 251 Detroit – Mr. Smith states this is owner occupied and Ms. De La Paz is waiting for her tax refund to paint outside. Mr. Lewter states she has contacted him and agreed to a status on May 22, 2025. Mr. Smith asks Mr. Lewter if he did an inspection on the inside and he will have that completed before the status date. Mr. Long requests she be notified to clean up the garbage in the yard. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on May 22, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – Stop Sign request at Baring & 167th. Mr. Button and Mr. Gordish observed the area on two different Sundays and do not see any problems and recommend to deny this request as the risk outweighs the benefits with offset. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to deny the request; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-202)

Gas Station – 6502 Kennedy – Owner and manager present. Mr. Smith states this is the Marathon gas station on the southwest corner of 165th & Kennedy and presents photos to owner and Board. Striping of the parking lot has been completed, the temporary signs and light poles have been removed, the advertising signs have been removed, still need windows clear. Lt. Gootee states there have been several contact attempts with owner to get FUSUS system installed and not having luck with someone on the property to have the installation made. Mr. Novak states there has been a lot of cleaning up, the signs are out of the normal windows. Still needs a dumpster enclosure, graffiti on the pumps, front windows are covered with the cigarette pricing board. ADA ramp needs a path cleared from the door. Mr. Long states he previously requested an exemption to open at 4AM instead of 5AM. Owner states he closes at 12 midnight and opens at 5AM. Mr. Long states there was never someone available to help with the FUSUS system. Owner states he can give his phone number and reach out to him directly and was not aware of this. Mr. Alex Singh states he is the person in charge. The police department was there a couple times and gave the number of the technician to be able to help. Regarding the graffiti on the pumps, they are cleaned every month, spent thousands on new pumps and the next day the graffiti, police were called and no one took action. Mr. Long asks when the police department didn't take any action. Owner states about 1 ½ years ago. The trash on the corner, this is on the other side of the street, there is a homeless person who stays over there and has reported him many times and tries to clean as much as they can. The crews clean up weekly. Mr. Long asks about the donation box. Owner states he has called many times to remove the box, he doesn't want it there. Mr. Smith states if the city was in this situation, they would send him a 10 day notice to remove and if not done, it would be removed. Mr. Long asks if they are inquiring an exemption, Owner does not want it, will clean up and will talk with the officer regarding the camera system. Mr. Smith appreciates and thanks the owner for coming in. No action. (Ins. No. 25-203)

Out of Order - Attorney Petersen appears on behalf of owner of 7235-41 Calumet and reports the litigation is resolved, Norma Herrera is in the process of receiving the deed for the property. He has received a document that would run with the land regarding the single-family usage. Client has signed but has a meeting with the inspector and has a photo of the capping of the plumbing and sewer lines and will need to follow up with client. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to rescind previous motion and set for status on May 29, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 4749 Hickory – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-204)

4242 Henry - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-204)

4938 Walnut - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-204)

4754 Pine - Owner lives in one and will sign an affidavit for the other. No action.

3146 Kenwood St. - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-204)

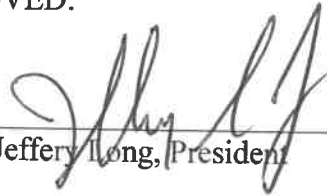
7140 Lyman and 940 169th - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee for both properties; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-204)

1579 178th Place - Owner does not appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Smith Sersic; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-204)

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 9:39 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary