

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, 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 May 15, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button advises that the construction on Columbia Avenue will start on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button advising that NIPSCO has closed the bike trail near the Horseshoe sign at Indianapolis/Casino Center Drive to 5th Avenue due to a gas leak. This will remain closed for a few weeks. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-257)

Correspondence received from St. Margaret Mary Church requesting street closure for the procession of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 1:10 PM for approximately 45 minutes with HPD approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-258)

Correspondence received from Aubrey Zelenka requesting to close Fayette Street from Oakley to Hohman for the Downtown Hammond Cruise nights from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The dates are the following: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025; August 4, 5, 11, 18, 25, 2025; September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025; and October 6, 13, 2025. Mr. Smith has concerns that there might be an issue with entrance and exit from Banc and the parking lot for residence and request the police department to give some feed back as to how best to address this. Mr. Long requests to defer it until next week to give himself or Captain Bunner to have a meeting with Ms. Zelenka. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to defer this decision until next meeting; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-259)

Correspondence received from Derrick Durr, 1004 Drackert, requesting to close off Tapper Street from Eaton to Drackert on June 21, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a graduation party submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-260)

Correspondence received from Brian Miller, Director of Public Safety, Purdue University Northwest requesting to hold outdoor movies at the commencement field from 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM on the following dates: June 5, 19, July 2, 17, 24, August 7, and September 22, 2025 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-261)

Under New Business, Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Redevelopment Commission to transfer property located at 1149-11 State Street submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-262)

Request for Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for June 5, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-263)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-264)

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. 25-265)

Mobile Food Vender Application – Sweet Glee. Ms. Olga Cruz appears. She will be operating from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM, selling ice cream, truck will constantly be moving, will not be on private property, cannot park for an extended time, if they are stop, they will need to adhere to the ordinance. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-266)

Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes received from the Controller's Office submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-267)

Under Old Business, Status – 6333 Garfield – Mr. Smith states the chimney was completed, presents photos and bid proposal from contractor for the remaining work which includes, siding, window, fence and rear stairs. Mr. Lewter suggest the window and siding to be done first, repair the one stair and move forward. Mr. Smith asks Ms. Redfield whether painting as an option which would be more economical than siding and fencing quote is it for the whole fence or closing the back? Mr. Lewter also has concerns about the high grass in back along the alley which need to be cut. Ms. Redfield states the estimate for fence is only for the back part of the fence and trying to save up some money to fix at a later time and also trying to get it cheaper. On the other side where neighbor is living, there is no fence and asking contractor to do one fence now because the windows and siding need to be completed. She would prefer siding because she painted it before and the paint peels off. Mr. Long believes since the siding is expensive, it will put this job off for quite a while and painting is an option that can be done immediately and might be more within budget. Ms. Redfield understands. Mr. Lewter said the fence can be torn down. Mr. Smith states at this point, we are looking for painting or siding. Ms. Redfield said she will find a way. Mr. Long asks the timeframe for the window (\$850) and siding. Ms. Redford said she can do the window maybe the first week in June. Mr. Smith suggests a three week status and require the window to be completed and report on the timeline

for the completion of the siding/paint. Mr. Redfield agrees. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for June 26, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1563 177th Pl. – Mr. Smith presents photos. New owner is Chis Rhodes. There has been exterior clean up. Mr. Lewter states he is waiting on the paperwork for ownership, bond can be posted, and begin pulling permits. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for June 5, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 3054 Crane – Mr. Lewter states they have been doing small projects around the house, a new roof installed, new front and back porch, roof on garage done, fascia, and door completed. No issue with an order to rescind for the garage. Mr. Smith states the city has no objection to rescind and release ready for next meeting. No action.

Status – 7235-41 Calumet – Mr. Smith states he will need to get up to speed with Inspector Jordan and Mr. Peterson and would like to reset. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status for June 12, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 251 Detroit – Mr. Smith presents photos. Ms. Del La Paz did not appear. Mr. Lewter received an email from owner and as to not having the money and she didn't appear via Zoom. Mr. Smith would suggest Ms. Del La Paz appear before the Board to set forth a plan. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status for June 5, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 4934 Ash – Mr. Smith states the rehab agreement expires June 6 and was set today for a status. Mr. Lewter states they just obtained in the last two weeks to do roofing and siding and no permits pulled for interior work. Mr. Smith suggest Mr. Lewter contact Mr. Jackson, LaPorte County Holdings, LLC. This was a two unit main level and basement apartment has to be converted back to a single family home. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on June 26, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 2060 Sherman – Owner not present. Mr. Polak states this property was marked uninhabitable in March of 2025 for poor conditions. Property manager was informed that building, electrical and plumbing permits need to be pulled to ensure property is up to code and suitable for living conditions. No permits have been pulled. No action.

7344 Madison – Property manager appears. Active duty military gentlemen owns the property and let brother live there. There is no suitable mailing address and has a homestead tax deduction being claimed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee for both years; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

7005 Alabama – Property manager appears and there is a homestead being claimed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion

carried. (Ins. No. 25-268)

4911 Hickory – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-268)

1219-21 169th, 1225 169th – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-268)

7601 Kentucky, 7613 Kentucky, 3303 176th St., 3320 176th St., 7403 Carolina; 7620 Golfway – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-268)

4748 Pine – Management appears and states this was a clerical error. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-268)

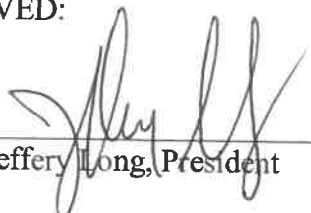
208 142nd, 4630 Johnson – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-268)

1704 Indianapolis – Owner appears. This is an 11-unit building. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-268)

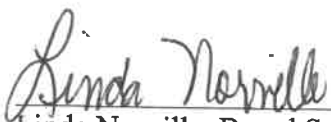
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary