

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – absent; Mr. Kalina – present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Greenwell, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve the Minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the Petition for Retirement from Sergeant Francisco Delgado, who has served the citizens of Hammond for more than 29 years to be effective the close of business on October 19, 2025. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-531)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Construction Agreement with Milestone Contractors LP for the Erie Lackawanna Trail Resurfacing Construction in the amount of \$927,793.00. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-532)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting traffic alterations with Phase 1 of the INDOT R-43589 Hohman Ave. project starting September 11 through September 16, 2025 submitted for approval. Mr. Smith asks if there will be signage, if the signage can say that the businesses will be open. Contractor agrees. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-533)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for Funding Allocation of \$3,621 of the 5th District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the Hammond Fence Project and corresponding Change Order #1. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-534)

Under New Business, Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 1563 177th Place submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and set for status on October 30, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-535)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-536)

Right of Way Permits (6) received from Engineering submitted for approval.
Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-537)

Gas Station Exemption hearing – Hammond Shell Truck Stop, 3350 Calumet Ave. Mr. Nick Tanglis, Finance Director and a District Manager appear. Mr. Novak states there is no issues as long as they keep it clean, neat, windows clear and keep an eye out on the U-Haul overflow. Mr. Long states that with FUSUS, there are currently 4 cameras out. Mr. Smith suggests this be approved upon the condition the 4 cameras are fixed. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve contingent upon condition of the cameras, set status for September 11, 2025 and if the police department confirms they are working, there will be no need to appear; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-538)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-539)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 1101 Roosevelt St. submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this is wads a total rehab and for Linda to make sure the costs are paid. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-540)

Under Old Business, Status – 5217 Hohman – Felipe Hernandez appears and is a licensed contractor to remove panels and will start in a week or two. Mr. Kearney states that all will need to be removed since the panels are on rotted wood, the project would need to remove all. Mr. Hernandez states he will remove all the panels and the wood will come down. Mr. Long requests this to be expedited since this emergency matter has been going on for a while. Mr. Smith requests a status for one week. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 4, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 6349-51 Jefferson - Mr. Smith states on July 10 there was a rough inspection, rehab expired and should be done in 6 weeks. Housemart is owner. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on October 2, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 1933 Maiden Lane – Mr. Hernandez is the contractor, pas passed on inspections, drywall up, need to install flooring, will need about a month. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on October 30, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

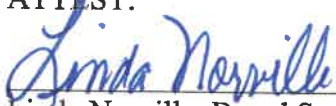
There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary