

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2025, 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 September 4, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button presents a request from F.H. Paschen requesting street closure at 165<sup>th</sup> on September 13, 2025 and 173<sup>rd</sup> on September 16, 2025 for upgrades on the railroad tracks. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-562)

Mr. Smith requests that 3 Locust to be called out of order to accommodate Attorney Barrs who appears via Zoom. Mr. Smith's position is to record the order. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the Asset Transfer Form for a 2021 Ford Explorer ST from the Mayor's Office to the Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-563)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting approval to intermittently close the Erie Lackawanna Trail starting from Sibley St. to I80/94 beginning on September 12, 2025, weather permitting. The trail closure is required to complete tree trimming/removal, subgrade treatment, landscape restoration, milling and paving. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-564)

Correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Pepe's Mexican Restaurant and K&P Laundromat. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-565)

Correspondence received from Mike Hecht, Superior Engineering, requesting dual eastbound lane closure at 2308 165th St. on September 16, 2025 starting at 5:00 a.m. for a new furnace equipment delivery. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-566)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief recommending the approval of the retirement from Captain Steven Zilai, who has served the citizens of Hammond for over 30

years, and to be placed on the pension rolls effective September 15, 2025 and the following promotions: Engineer Paul Dugan be promoted to the rank of Captain and Private 1st Class Darnell Walker be promoted to the rank of Engineer effective September 15, 2025.

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-567)

Correspondence received from St. John Bosco requesting no parking signs on Magnolia between 171st Place and 171st Street on the street side adjacent to the school playground effective Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-568)

Under New Business, Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 1170 Sibley St. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and set for status on December 11, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-569)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 1476 Shell St. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-570)

Agreement with Axis Architecture + Interiors for the remaining design of the Hammond Fire Department – Fire Station No. 7 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-571)

Right of Way Permits (4) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-572)

Request for Late Rental Registration hearings submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for September 18, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-573)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-574)

Under Old Business, Status – 3350 Calumet Gas Station Exemption. FUSUS is connected and working. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Updated parade route received from the Police Department for the HUGS Mexican Independence Parade submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-575)

Status – 1430 Stanton – Mr. Luna appears via Zoom. The outside is good and construction pending inside. Mr. Luna states it is 95% completed and doing the final touch up. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status for October 2, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status – 1021 Moss – Owner states the house is complete, cleaning out back yard and final inspection was completed two days ago. Mr. Smith suggests setting a status and an order to rescind if completed. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on October 2, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status – 7327 Chestnut Ave. – Mr. Lewter thought the contractor would be present to give an update. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 18, 2025 and requests photos; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status – 607 State St. – Mr. Smith states an Order to Rescind with Madeline. No action.

Status – 847 117th St. – Mr. Ciers states he's looking for an HVAC contractor, has bids for drywall. Mr. Smith states he will need a licensed contractor and would like to continue to monitor this and have the HVAC, drywall done before the next status. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on November 6, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

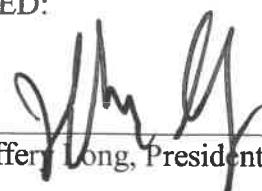
Status 5217 Hohman – Mr. Smith thought contractor Mr. Hernandez would appear to give an update. Owners appear. Mr. Kearney does not see any equipment on site. Owners state the lift has been ordered, scaffolding was removed. The plan is to have the contractor close the side walk and asks for an additional two weeks. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 25, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Smith states Attorney Petersen left the signed covenant for 7235-41 Calumet and recommends this be approved, recorded and vacate any hearing dates. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-576)

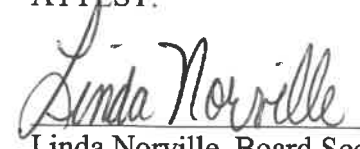
There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

  
Linda Norville, Board Secretary