

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, October 9, 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 October 2, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button would like to update that Hohman will be closed until Monday.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police recommending the approval of Julian Gonzalez to be appointed as a probationer member effective October 9, 2025 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-624)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief recommending approval of the letter of resignation from Probationary Fireman Orlando Martinez, effective October 5, 2025 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-625)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$493,685.37 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Hohman Avenue Reconstruction Phase 2 – for construction engineering with American Structurepoint with Hammond’s local match equaling \$98,737.07. The Contract was previously executed. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-626)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting approval of \$17,925 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Invoice from Site Services for the asphalt patch work made on 121st between Lincoln Avenue and Atchison Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-627)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$6,643.14 of CIB Funding be allocated to evaluate the electrical system at Dan Rabin Plaza with Hawk Enterprises. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-628)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$3,210 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Hohman Avenue Reconstruction Phase 2 and Change Order No. 1

with American Structurepoint. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-629)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$1,806 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Road Safety Audit – Hohman Avenue at Gostlin Street and corresponding Memorandum of Understanding. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-630)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$20,284.65 of CIB Funding be allocated for the 165th and Stateline Improvements and Change Order Nos. 1 and 2 prepared by First Group Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-631)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$33,366 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Columbia Avenue Resurfacing and Change Order No. 1 prepared by United Consulting. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-632)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$36,833.58 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Little Calumet River Bridge Project and Change Order No. 2 prepared by Egis. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-633)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$10,780 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Fayette Curb and Change Order No. 1 prepared by NEIS Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve both; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-634)

Correspondence received from NIES Engineering recommending the approval to award the quote for the Ridge Street and Howard Avenue Guard Rail Project to Specialists Company, LLC who was the lowest, responsive and responsible quoter in the amount of \$18,500. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve both; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-635)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting to close northbound lanes of Hohman Avenue beginning at the south approach of Douglas St. and continuing to north of Clinton St., close the east approach of Clinton St. and will maintain one lane traffic each direction on the west side of Hohman Ave. effective October 10, 2025 through November 30, 2025. Mr. Button states this was pushed to Monday the 12th. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-636)

Correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the Agreement with New Healthy Me and Occupational Health Services Power Health to administer

flu shots on October 22, 2025. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-637)

Correspondence received from St. John Bosco Catholic School requesting to close 171st Place between Columbia and Magnolia on October 24, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for their annual Trunk or Treat event. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-638)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$68,654 of the 5th District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the Dowling Park Pond work submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-639)

Contract for Demolition Services with Actin Contracting, LLC for the following properties: \$8,300 for 424 Gostlin St. (aka 4504 Towle); \$6,200 for 4626 Johnson Ave. (Rear); and \$6,550 for 4636 Towle Ave. (Front/Garage) submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-640)

Right of Way Permits (7) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-641)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-642)

Request for Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for October 16, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-643)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-644)

Request for Gas Station Exemption hearing – Citgo Gas – 3550 169th St. Attorney Yahne appears via Zoom. Mr. Smith presents photos. Mr. Novak requests the potholes be fixed and has no objection. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-645)

Agreement for Patrol and Enforcement by the Hammond Police Department of Parking Restrictions for property located at 1812-28 165th St. submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states there is overnight and day parking and requests Ms. Norville to record. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-646)

Under Old Business, Status – 1728 Stanton (front & garage) Mr. Smith presents photos and states he spoke with Attorney Bonk and advises there is a closing today or tomorrow and he

did provide the buyer a copy of the Notice which has not been affirmed yet. Mr. Smith would like to make sure the new owner gets notice. Mr. Smith's recommendation is to continue for 3 weeks in order to give notice to the new owner. Mr. Jordan states new buyer is a licensed, insured and bond contractor with the City and intends to rehab the property and bring into compliance. No objection to 3 week time period. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for October 30, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-647)

Status – 5217 Hohman (panels) – Mr. Smith presents new photos and the panels have been removed. Mr. Polak has not heard anything regarding the sale of the property and that Mr. Hernandez stated they are currently waiting on a larger lift to continue removing panels. Mr. Smith states there is a demo order on the property and it will be on the next round of properties to be bid out. No action.

Status - 6126 Harrison Ave. (OTA) Mr. Carlson appears via Zoom. Mr. Smith states the rehab agreement has expired and under demolition order. Mr. Carlson states there is not financial issues and will be calling for final inspection within the next day or two. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for October 30, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status – 1219 150th. Mr. Smith states this has been a problem for some time. It doesn't appear this property has been bid out since 2022. There is a new owner and he did pay for the costs associated with demo order. Owner: Marvin Antonio Gonzalez, Dinorah Fatima Berrera Lemus, 4139 Baring Avenue, East Chicago. The notice to bid out will be sent and then bid property out. Mr. Polak has no objection and they do have a rehab agreement and has posted a bond but no work has been done. No action.

Status – 1021 Moss. Mr. Smith states final inspections are scheduled for today. Mr. Polak states final inspections were completed on Monday and confirmed everything has been completed and is in compliance and requests to rescind order to demolish. Mr. Smith states the Order will not be recorded until the costs are paid. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and costs to be paid before recording; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-648)

Status – 7327 Chestnut. Mr. Polak states all is complete and requests an order to rescind. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and costs to be paid before recording; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-649)

Status – 5629 Calumet Ave. Mr. Polak requests a 60 day continuance. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for stats on December 11, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status – 1430 Stanton. Mr. Luna appears via Zoom. Mr. Polak confirms the final inspection has passed and requests an order to rescind. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve Order to Rescind and costs to be paid before recording; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-650)

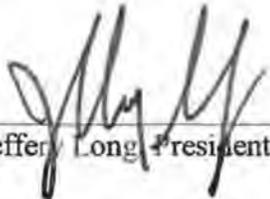
Under Late Rental Registration Hearing, 2014 Davis and 1836 Lake Ave. Owner appears and states she lives here most of the time and is in compliant for a homestead exemption. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waived both properties; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-651)

Meeting Open to the Public, Kelly Holston on Zoom. No answer.

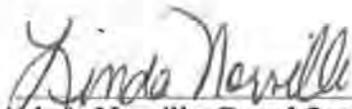
There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary