

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 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 October 30, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button advises that the Sanitary District will finish on Monday.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police recommending the approval of Officer Spencer Lemmons be promoted to the rank of Corporal effective November 15, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-678)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief requesting the promotions of the following listed personnel from Probationary Firefighters to Private Firefighters: Viet Vy, Ian Myszak, Rachel Tredway, Julian Rutherford and Ryan Bandstra effective December 5, 2025; and promotion of Christopher Becerra from Probationary Firefighter to Private Firefighter effective December 6, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-679)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$1,626.39 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Summer Street Reconstruction and Change Order No. 18. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-680)

Correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Optimist Club of Hammond. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-681)

Correspondence received from Aileen Ibarra, Special Events Coordinator requesting permission to close Lyons Street from Calumet east to the alley on November 28, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-682)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind Findings & Order for property located at 1563 177th Place submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-683)

Order to Rescind Findings & Order for property located at 1047 Moss St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-684)

Order to Rescind Findings & Order for property located at 6349-51 Jefferson Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and fees to be paid; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-685)

Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Department of Redevelopment for the transfer of property located at 6131 Ray Ave. and 935 Conkey St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-686)

Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Port Authority regarding the US 41 Screen Wall Design and Coordination submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-687)

Right of Way Permits (4) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Mr. Gordish states there is one from AT&T for Clark Fields that was issued last year and they are now working on. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-688)

Request for Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for November 20, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-689)

Plat of Survey for Hammond Storage Addition submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-690)

Late Business License Hearing – That’s A Cake, 629 Gostlin. Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-691)

Late Business License Hearing – Mike & Utoria’s Place of Utopia – 1112 119th St. Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-692)

Gas Station Exemption Hearing – Sav-Stop – 7452 Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Smith has no objections. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Gas Station Exemption Hearing – Citgo – 5228 Columbia. Mr. Tiwana requests to be open 24 hours. Mr. Long states the police reports are good. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to

approve to be open 24 hours; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition Hearings: Mr. Smith states that all the new demolitions are considered under the Unsafe Building Act, service is good for all properties via mail, certified mail, advertisement and posting on property regarding the condition of the properties.

1244 121st St. (house) - Self demo. No action.

517-19 Hoffman St. (front) – Mr. Smith presents photos, there is a homestead on the property. Owner, Robert Jordan lives in Riverdale Illinois, house fire in January of 2025, there has been no contact with owner, house is boarded up and in significant disrepair due to fire. Attorney Dustin Smith appears via Zoom who represents the 1st mortgage and states there is an active foreclosure (45D02-2312-MF-758) and possibly will self-demo. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-693)

6604-06 Kennedy Ave. Mr. Smith states this structure is owned by Tamika Carpenter from Park Forest Illinois and Lake Falls LLC is tax sale purchaser. Water leak was reported in January 2025, no work has been done and property appears to be vacant and boarded up. Michael Dawson, Lake Falls LLC appears and states the tax deed should be issued in December. 45C01-2510-TP-1298. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-694)

6646 Nevada Ave. – Owner not present. Tax Sale purchaser is Infinite Batteries, Inc. Home is in good condition except for the significant disrepair due to large holes in the eaves of the house, garage overhead door and service door are all broken or removed and has been boarded up. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-695)

6402 New Hampshire Ave. – Homestead on the property, boarded up windows and doors, squatter was staying there without utilities, neighborhood complaints. There is a new owner (sheriff's deed). Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order but hold off on recording; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-696)

434 Vine St. – Mr. Smith states there was a fire in 2023 and no repairs since that time. Caleb Guzman appears and is in the process of a rehab agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order but hold off on recording; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-697)

410 Waltham St. – Owner David Riley appears. Mr. Smith states the homestead needs to be removed, multiple fires, significant damage inside the home and windows are boarded up and would like to confirm order. Mr. Riley has no objection. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-698)

Under Old Business, Status - 7339 California – Mr. Lewter states the HVAC does not have a final inspection, rehab is expired and would like 30 days. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 15, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1430 Stanton – Mr. Lewter states all finals have passed and requesting an order to rescind. No action.

Status -847 117th St. Mr. Ciers appears with his contractor, Mike Benain who states that all the drywall is installed and he will be doing the mudding and painting but there have been some issues. Mr. Kearney advised that a temporary license will be issued. Mr. Benain says he will be done in one month. Mr. Ciers states he is open for inspection, Hvac is needed. Mr. Long would like to know the time line when all will be complete. Mr. Ciers will answer at next status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on December 18, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

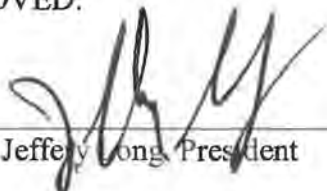
Status -1037 Ames – Mr. Lewter states final has passed and requests an order to rescind. No action.

Under Late Rental Registration Hearings, 4708 Henry – Mr. Lewter advises this has been resolved. No Action.

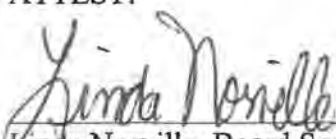
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffrey Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary