

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 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 November 13, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button recommending the approval of the proposal for Architectural and Interior Design Services provided by American Structurepoint for the renovation of City Hall with the project being funded internally by the City Controller. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-708)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending the approval of the Agreement for Professional Services from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. for general engineering services. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-709)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief recommending Captain-Inspector, Brian Williams be promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief-Inspector effective November 20, 2025 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-710)

Correspondence received from Knights of Columbus requesting temporary street closure of Atchison Avenue from Indianapolis Blvd. south to the alley and 119th Street from Lincoln Ave. east to Atchison Ave. for their annual New Years Eve Pierogi Drop on December 31, 2025 from 10:30 PM until 1:30 AM. Additionally requesting 8 barricades from Hammond Public Works. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25- 711)

Correspondence received from Ellen Proctor requesting traffic cameras at the intersection of River Drive and Calumet Avenue. Mr. Button states the police department is in charge of the camera locations, no citations can be issued from the cameras and suggested this be forwarded to Traffic. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to the Police Department for follow-up; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-712)

Correspondence received from F.H. Paschen requesting work under flagger protection at the following streets: 173rd St. (11/24/25), Kenwood St. (11/25/25), Conkey St. (11/26/25), Detroit St. (12/1/25), Highland St. (12/2/25), Waltham St. (12/3/25) and Douglas St. (12/4/25) all from 7AM – 3PM submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-713)

Under Matters From Board Members, Ms. Greenwell presents a request from Duke Oar, Munster High School requesting to film in the downtown area for a school project on November 22, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and notify Jen Bussey; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-714)

Resolution Authorizing City of Hammond to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of East Chicago for Sharing of the Local Match Payment for a Pedestrian Trail on the US 20 Bridge over Kennedy Avenue and corresponding Agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-715)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 1037 Ames St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-716)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 1152 Roosevelt submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-717)

SeeClickFix – Requesting do not block driveway sign at 1101 Truman St. Mr. Button approves a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign at the east end of the driveway and painted curbs. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-718)

Right of Way Permits (4) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-719)

Under Old Business, Emergency Order to Repair Hearing – 911 Bauer St. – Mr. Smith acknowledges this is under an Emergency Repair for the materials in the yard which need to be cleared. Mr. Kearney is in the process of obtaining estimates for the most lowest, most responsible and responsive bidder and then will proceed. Mr. Rossi requests if the pine tree and the paver brick path can be reserved. Mr. Kearney state they will not touch the tree and will determine about the pavers. Mr. Smith states to be clear, this does not address the garage. This is to abate nuisance and remove debris. Mr. Kearney will proceed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on December 4, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 4934 Ash – Mr. Polak states inspections are moving along and requests 60 days. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 29, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 7415 Montana Ave. (OTA) Owner is present and states he is 90% done and will call in for finals within 30 days. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 15, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 51 Webb – Mr. Smith states the property was redeemed and a demo inspection was paid for. Mr. Jordan states he has not inspected yet. Mr. Smith will proceed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status and order to appear on December 4, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 2104 Sherman – Mr. Fentress appears via Zoom. Mr. Smith states the rehab has expired. Mr. Fentress states the electrical and plumbing are done and there was a scheduling conflict with Inspections which should be done by Monday or Tuesday. Mr. Smith states the demo order was approved in July of 2024 and inquires about the outside. Mr. Long states there is graffiti on the house from the photos taken this morning. Mr. Fentress didn't see it but will remove. Mr. Polak would like to do an interior inspection. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for on December 11, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 944 Murray (OTA) Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status for on December 4, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Owners from 6826-28 Kennedy appear and state the roof, windows, electric and hood are complete. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to vacate status for December 4th and set for status for January 15, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Owners from 5217 Hohman appear and state all the panels are off and the building is listed. They have had potential buyers but the parking for the building has been an issue. They have a meeting with Anne Taylor that should bring some good news. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on December 18, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 9:47 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary