

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 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 December 11, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Bid Openings: Demolitions for properties located at 1219 150th St., 4243 Dearborn Ave., 4420 Henry Ave., 5217 Hohman Ave., 7224 Lindberg Ave., 3 Locust St. (Front), 1131 Lyons St. (Front), 4913 Pine (garage only), 1024 Reese Ave., 2-6 Ruth St.

JM Industrial Services	\$1,337,950
Environmental Cleansing Corp.	\$1,599,999
KLF Enterprises	\$1,900,300

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to refer to Inspections for bid tabulation and recommendation; concurred by Mr. Long. Res. No. 25-4199

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of for the following to be appointed as Probationer members effective December 17, 2025: Alberto Bautista, Joshua Becerra, Briana Davis, Ezzani Gonzalez, Darvette Hamb, Karen Jimenez, Yesenia Martinez, Giovanni Valle and Alexis Vazquez; Stanley Thompson, Jr. was appointed as Probationer member effective December 10, 2025; and the resignation of Officer Brendan O'Neill effective the close of business on December 2, 2025. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-741)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance Contract R-42619 with Indiana Department of Transportation. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-742)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting to ratify his approval for Safety Services & Supply Inc. to close off Hohman Ave. on December 18, 2025 starting at 9:00 AM for about 5 hours to fix a broken rail in the crossing. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-743)

Correspondence received from Chris Moore requesting the approval for Midwestern Electric to close the west bound right turn lane on Highland for the installation of the EV

charging station outside City Hall on Monday, December 22, 2025 from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-744)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Kalina congratulates Chief Long for being on the Hammond Police Department for 36 years.

Under New Business, Demolition Hearing - 6243 Monroe – Owner is not present. Mr. Lewter states this is an abandoned church in the middle of a neighborhood, and the pictures provided show the roof has collapsed and recommends affirming the demolition order. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to affirm; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-745)

Right of Way Permits (5) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-746)

Plat – YMCA Sports Facilities Addition to the City of Hammond submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-747)

Street Sweeping Service Agreement with INDOT received from Public Works submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve contingent upon city attorney approval; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-748)

Under Old Business, Status – 5217 Hohman – Mr. Polak states November 26 the final inspection for the panel removal was completed and has not had any additional conversation whether the property is being sold or to be renovated. Owner Mike advises he is having a second meeting with Anne today regarding parking and does have developers on board, trying to solve the parking issue. Meeting with Anne will give them a better idea when the timeline will be. They do have developers ready to go and move forward. Mr. Polak recommends a 30-day status and will need to know as soon as possible since it is going out to bid. Mr. Mike will let them know of any updates as soon as possible. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on January 22, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 51 Webb – Owner is not present. Mr. Polak states the demolition inspection was completed on December 5 and there was a hiccup on the report for the rehab agreement and will finalize it at the end of the day. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on January 22, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status –911 Bauer – Owner is not present. Mr. Lewter states the property is not 100% cleaned up. The contractors came out and started digging, there was more than they expected and would have cost an additional \$1,200 to haul everything away. The plan is once the junk vehicle procedure in place after the 1st of the year, the vehicles will be tagged and towed away in 10 days, the garage will be put on repair or demolish and at that time the entirety of the lot will be cleaned up with the garage gets town down. He has not spoken with owner since. No action.

Status – 6126 Harrison – Zach Carlson appears via Zoom. Mr. Polak states the final inspection on the building permit was completed December 17 and requests the demolition order be rescinded. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to affirm order to rescind; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 944 Murray – Owner does not appear. Mr. Polak states MVPC Properties. They have building, electrical and plumbing permits all pulled ranging from August 12 to November 20 but no inspections have taken place and requests a 30 day order to appear for owner to provide an accurate timeline. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for Status on January 22, 2026 and Order to Appear; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 847 117th – Mr. Polak states the property had a building permit pulled November 27, 2024 which have expired, a reconnect permit pulled in April for the gas, which was completed but no progress has taken place since that time. Ms. Ashley Ciers, daughter of owner appears. She states the reconnect was done and she was away at school and has not worked for him but has now stepped back in since November, he has some issues and she has completely taken over all financial and this property. He hired a drywaller and was told that the city granted a onetime permit for the drywall. She will be handling and paying everything going forward. Her goal is to have an occupancy by June. Her brother and her will be taking over, they are looking for contractors to have this complete by June. Mr. Polak is now aware whether or not if they have come in, requests an inspection completed by February. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for Status on February 5, 2026 and requests an inspection to be completed before; concurred by Mr. Long.

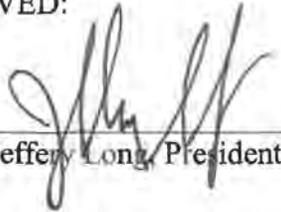
Meeting Open to the Public, Owner for 1219 150th appear and requests an extension for the rehab agreement. Mr. Polak states the framing and insulation was inspected on December 4th and requested the contractor to be present to get an accurate timeline of how long the property will take to be modeled. He has interior photos. Mr. Polak will request the rehab extension and it will be provided for signatures.

Mr. Fentress, 2104 Sherman states the inspection was completed, the plumbing passed for the rough, still waiting on the electric and then can start closing up the walls and finishing up. Mr. Polak states the property is about 65% completed, final fixtures and receptacles in place before can drywall to complete the job. Mr. Fentress will be out of town most of next month and believes it will be completed in March. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on March 5, 2026; 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 9:25 a.m.

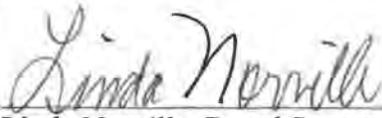
APPROVED:

BY:



Jeffrey Long, President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville, Board Secretary