

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026, 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 February 19, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

Bid Opening: 2026 Road Maintenance Program

Site Services	\$478,432.98
Rieth-Riley Construction Co.	\$513,650.67

Mr. Button requests these be referred to the consultant for review, tabulation and recommendation. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to refer to consultant for review, bid tabulation and recommendation; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. Res. No. 26-4205

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Jeffery Long, Chief of Police requesting the approval for the following: Officer Benjamin Daniels be promoted to the rank of Corporal effective March 19, 2026; Officer Keon Parker shall receive Traffic Specialty Pay effective January 19, 2026; Officer Edgar Huerta will no longer be performing the duties of K9 Officer and therefore relinquish his K9 Specialty Pay effective February 26, 2026; Officer Travis Priester will resign effective the close of business March 6, 2026; and Correctional Officer Ashlyn Delgado resigned effective the close of business February 22, 2026. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-074)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief requesting approval of the following firefighter candidates be appointed effective March 9, 2026: James Mansfield, Justin Blair, Miguel Aguilar, Maxwell Smith and Ethan Lucas. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-075)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting advertising dates of March 5, 2026 and March 12, 2026 with a bid opening of March 26, 2026 for the 165th Street Improvement Project Road Maintenance Program from Kennedy Avenue to Grand Avenue submitted for approval. Mr. Button states this was requested by the State to bid out and no contract will be awarded unless the funds come in. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-076)

Under New Business, Land Lease Application with Norfolk Southern Corporation for property located at 2012-165th Street submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this will help with a Redevelopment project. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-077)

Proposal to Provide Litigation Support Services from Enviroforensics submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this is unique to go before the Board and its regarding a project with environmental litigation. Mr. Novak is aware. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-078)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 51 Webb St. submitted for approval. Mr. Smith would like to keep track on this due to the long timeline on this property. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on May 21, 2026; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-079)

Contract for Demolition Services from JM Industrial Services Inc. for properties located at 4243 Dearborn Ave. - \$21,125.00; 4420 Henry Ave. - \$17,550.00; 7224 Lindberg Ave. - \$17,950.00; 3 Locust St. - \$17,675.00; 1131 Lyons St. (front) – \$17,675.00; 4913 Pine (garage only) - \$4,800.00; and 1024 Reese Ave - \$17,675.00. Mr. Smith states these have demo orders and this is the award and 1024 Reese is a rehab. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-080)

Right of Way Permits (5) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-081)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-082)

Under Old Business, Status 1933 Maiden Lane. Owner was ordered to appear and is not present. Mr. Smith presents photos. Mr. Polak will do an inspection and provide photos and requests owner to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for March 12, 2026 and an Order to Appear; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status – 434 Vine St. – Mr. Smith states this was a house fire and rehab expires today. Mr. Polak states there were permits pulled for building, mechanical and electric and does need an inspection. Mr. Smith states the rehab agreement is expired and no current extension. Mr. Polak would like an order to appear and sign an extension for the rehab agreement. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on March 26, 2026 and an Order to Appear; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

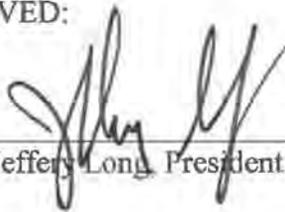
Status –6826-28 Kennedy – Mr. Polak has been in the property, rough framing inspection, rough electrical has passed, and would like to get a better timeline when will be completed and requests an order to appear as well as contractor. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on March 26, 2026 and an Order to Appear with owner and contractor; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Under Open to the Public, Resident at 6944 Madison appears and requests a residential parking due to issues with parking from the school and not being able to park to get into her home. Mr. Button requests this be referred to Engineering and he will look into the matter. Ms. Greenwell advised owner to have neighbors sign a petition for their support and provide Mr. Button her contact information. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to refer to Engineering; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

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 9:24 a.m.

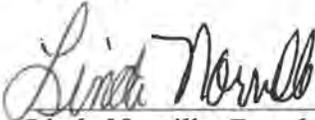
APPROVED:

BY:



Jeffrey Long, President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville, Board Secretary

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