

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2026, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Kalina, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Conflict of Interest Statement, Mr. Long will defer 7 A and any police matters.

Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

Bid Openings: 165th Street from Kennedy Ave. to Grand Ave. Improvement Project:

Milestone Contractors	\$1,935,417.00
Rieth-Riley Construction	\$1,533,746.90

Mr. Button states that INDOT advised to bid out but not award, send the lowest bidder to State for a matching grant. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell forward to Engineering; concurred by Mr. Long. Res. No. 26-4205

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Jeffery Long, Chief of Police requesting the approval of promotions to the rank of Corporal with pay adjustment for the following officers: Tyler Crussen, Jesse Escamilla, Xavier Reillo and Raymond Velez effective April 25, 2026; and the approval of the promotions to 1st Class Patrolman with pay adjustments for the following: Michael Baxton, Devonte Mapp-Pitts, Emmanuel Suarez and Christian Vazquez effective April 17, 2026. Deferred.

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval and signature for the Application for Construction Design Release for the Downtown Hammond Train Station with Homeland Security. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-135)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the request from Superior Construction to close 179th Street over the Little Calumet River beginning April 6, 2026 for approximately 50 days. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-136)

Correspondence received from NIES Engineering recommending the Hammond Police Booster Pump Project be awarded to Salyer Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$68,000 who was the lowest, responsive and responsible quoter. Deferred.

Correspondence received from Lakeshore Cal Ripken -Babe Ruth requesting the approval to hold a parade on May 1, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. and approval from the Hammond Police Department with suggested route adjustments. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-137)

Correspondence received from St. Casimir Parish requesting the approval to hold a parade/live procession on April 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. and approval from the Hammond Police Department with suggestions. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-138)

Correspondence received from St. Margaret Mary Church requesting the approval to hold a parade/station of the cross on April 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. and approval from the Hammond Police Department with suggested route adjustments. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-139)

Under New Business, Opioid Settlement – Six Remnant Defendants submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-140)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 5125-27 Hohman Avenue submitted for approval. Owner Mr. Willis appears. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on June 25, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-142)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 1170 Sibley Street submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-143)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 537 173rd Street submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-144)

Right of Way Permit received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-145)

Culligan Water Agreement received from Public Works submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-146)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-147)

Under Old Business, Status – 434 Vine (OTA) – Owner appears and states there is a pause on the work due to a lawsuit and requests 90 days. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on June 25, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status - 6826-28 Kennedy (OTA) – Mr. Soto appears. Owner does not appear. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on May 28, 2026 and orders owner and Mr. Soto to appear; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status - 4934 Ash – Mr. Jackson appears and requests 30 days. Mr. Lewter states call for HVAC or Plumbing inspection, need to reach out to contractor, Inspector Polak needs to inspect. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status - 944 Murray – Mr. Smith states that the rehab has been completed and an order to rescind will be forthcoming. No action.

Under Late Rental Registration Hearings, 256-258 Williams - Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 148)

1637 River Dr. – No open appears. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to assess the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-148)

6244, 247, 6548 Jefferson – Owner does not appear. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to assess the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-148)

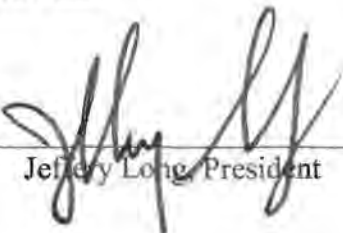
7224 Marshall Ave. – Owner appears. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-148)

7542 Missouri, 7140 Beech Ave. Owner appears. No action on Missouri, an affidavit needs to be filled out. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee for Beech Ave.; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-148)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:



Jeffrey Long, President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville, Board Secretary