

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2026, 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 defer the Minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Raquel Welch, Wolf Lake Pavilion Coordinator requesting to hold a commercial firework display on Friday, July 3, 2026 beginning approximately 9:00 p.m. with Vendor Mad Bomber Fireworks Production. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-149)

Correspondence received from First Group Engineering recommending the bid for the 165th Street Improvement Project Kennedy Ave. to Grand Ave. be awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction Co. who was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the total amount of \$1,744,896.40. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-150)

Correspondence received from First Group Engineering requesting the approval of the License Agreement with Shirley Heinze Land Trust for the Marquette Trail – Kennedy Ave. to Cline Ave. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-151)

Correspondence received from F.H. Paschen requesting two simultaneous full closures of Sheffield Ave. and Hohman Ave. at the NICTD SSL Main Line Tracks to perform work. The first weekend outage is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026 until 4:00 a.m. Monday, April 13, 2026. The second weekend outage is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026 until 4:00 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2026. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-152)

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. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to defer; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-153)

Correspondence received from NIES Engineering requesting the closure of Summer and Columbia April 6, 2026 through April 10, 2026 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-154)

Under New Business, Notice to Bidders and Authority to go to bid for the demolition of 600, 626 – 177th St. with the advertising dates of April 9, 2026 and April 16, 2026 with bid opening on April 30, 2026. Mr. Smith states this is the River North project. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. Res. No. 26-4208 (Ins. No. 26-155)

Order to Rescind Findings & Order for property located at 2619 167th St. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-156)

Right of Way Permits (12) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-157)

Request for Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for April 16, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-158)

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.

1634 – 174th Pl. (garage) – Mr. Smith presents photos. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve demolition order; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-159)

7132 Chestnut (garage) – Mr. Smith states the demo order from 2024 was not complete. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve the demolition order; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-160)

Late Business License hearing for Pretti N Minks. No one appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to apply the late fees; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-161)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-162)

Under Old Business, 6102-04 Kennedy – Mr. Smith states the truck and trailer have been removed, and Jordan would like to inspect but he currently out of town. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on May 28, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

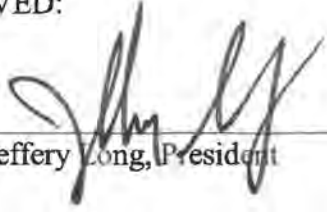
Status – 847 – 117th – Ms. Ciers appears and states the HVAC is complete and they are waiting on a water mechanical but they are on schedule. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on June 4, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Meeting Open to the Public – 5217 Hohman owners appear and need a solution to the parking for potential buyers. Mr. Smith suggests they attend the Redevelopment Commission meeting.

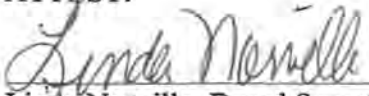
There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary