

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2026, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

Under Conflict of Interest, Mr. Long will not participate in police matters.

Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Jeffery Long, Chief of Police recommending the approval of Captain Christopher Gootee who was promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief effective April 10, 2025 with pay adjustment; Corporal Lindsey Fritz was transferred from the Patrol Division to the Detective Bureau and shall receive Detective Specialty Pay and relinquish both her ET Specialty Pay and FTO Specialty Pay; and Corporal Crystal Taylor was transferred from the Patrol Division to the Detective Bureau and shall receive Detective Specialty Pay and relinquish both her Traffic Specialty pay and FTO Specialty Pay both effective April 14, 2026. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. 2-0-1 abstained. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-177)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending that all quotes for the Dan Rabin Plaza Re-roof be rejected and the project be re-quoted due to no standard of scope of work was provided. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-178)

Correspondence received from NIES Engineering requesting approval for the Proposal for Construction Observation Services for the 2026 Hammond Lighting Project, Lawndale Street in the amount of \$16,425. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-179)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting lane restrictions on Columbia Ave. at May St. scheduled to begin upon approval and lasting approximately one to two working days. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-180)

Correspondence received from Ernie Dillon and Elizabeth Reyes requesting permission to block off 255 Dyer Blvd. on May 9, 2026 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM for a birthday party and will use the parkway for the kids to play soccer. The one neighbor this would affect has agreed. Mr. Dillon presents request. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-181)

Correspondence received requesting “no parking here to corner” signs and curb painted on the south side of 167th Street near the Sportsplex. Mr. Button will present a recommendation. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-182)

Correspondence received from Amy Smith requesting the approval for the Agreements with Health Action Council which provides resources for clinical services and advocates for members to received quality care. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-183)

Under New Business, 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. 26-184)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-185)

Late Business License hearing for Pretti N Minks. Ms. Jones present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-186)

Jeremy Trimble, Illiana Transit, 1334 Field St. – Traffic concerns on Columbia Avenue. His business is on Field Street and there is a no truck sign on Columbia and 165th so drivers cannot come down Columbia to Field Street for deliveries. Mr. Button can change the signage and will recommend to the Board. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-187)

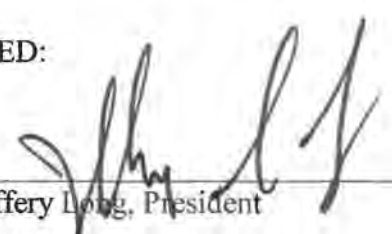
Under Old Business, Status 1933 Maiden Lane. Mr. Hernandez and owner appear and are almost completed and will request final inspection. Mr. Polak will request an order to rescind with costs paid. No action.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 48 Warren St. (6); 1164 Sibley St.; and 1343 150th St. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-188)

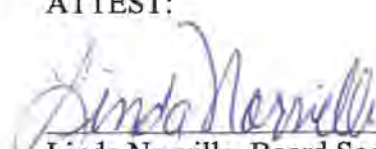
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary