

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, 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 defer the Minutes of the meeting of July 30, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under New Business, correspondence received from Jeffery Long, Chief of Police requesting the approval to promote Officer Jamarion Magee to the rank of 1st Class Patrolman effective August 20, 2026 and appoint Anais Hernandez as a probationary member to serve her one year probationary period effective August 6, 2026. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. 2-0-1 abstained. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-465)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of Hasse Construction's request for lane restrictions at Summer St. and State St. for approximately 2 days starting August 12, 2026 with appropriate traffic control measures. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-466)

Correspondence received from Ron Novak requesting the approval of the Proposed License Agreement Renewal with Soria Properties and its representative, to access the property located at 3-141st St. in order to connect to a sewer line. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-467)

Request from Tiffany Miller, 3814 Cameron Ave. requesting an autistic sign on her block. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-468)

Correspondence received from Kelly Kearney recommending the bid for the demolitions be awarded to JM Industrial who was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as follows: 51 Webb - \$18,600, 829 Ames (Garage) - \$4,800, 2117 Sherman (Garage) - \$4,800 and 434 Vine - \$17,450. Owner from 51 Webb is present and wants to stop the demolition order. Mr. Kearney states there has been no movement and request to move forward. Owner can sign a rehab agreement and post the bond. The demo will not take place for at least 4-6 weeks. Mr. Smith states this was bid out on July 30 with the award being approved today. If the owner is serious, he must move quickly with the rehab agreement, bond and has the financial capacity. Mr. Long states there is not change on the order and will be awarded. Mr. Smith reminds all that this is a valid and enforceable order on the property. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the recommendations; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-469)

Under New Business, Mr. Long advises the Board on July 7, 2026 at 7640 Calumet there will be a firework display around 9:30 and Port Authority is aware. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to

approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under New Business, Request from Kelly Kearney for an Emergency Demolition – 821 Michigan St. Mr. Kearney states this is the Bethel Bible Church and the walls are collapsing, has received a bid from JM Industrial. There is an issue with NIPSCO regarding a pole near the north side. Owner Mr. Lester Stokes appears and is aware of the situation. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-470)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 7247-49 Indianapolis Blvd. submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this is the Car-X property and will be transferred soon. Attorney Borski appears via Zoom. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-471)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 4711 Johnson Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on November 12, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-472)

Right of Way Permits (5) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-473)

Neighborhood Special Event – St. John Parish Picnic – Street Closure for Lincoln Ave. between 119th and Benedict Ave. from Friday September 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM until Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 5:00 PM. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-474)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve except 1616 170th due to being 3rd request; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-475)

Under Old Business, Status – 1728 Stanton - Mr. Polak states this has been moving forward, about 85% complete and move to rescind. No action.

Status - 1219 150th St. Mr. Smith advises this has been a problem and sent the 10 day letter, no contact. Mr. Polak states the outside is okay, has been resided, all has been cleaned up, the garage is down the remainder is the interior and requests an order to appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set a status for August 27, 2026 and request an order to appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request from Hammond Shell Truck Stop, 3350 Calumet Ave. requesting a 2026-2027 exemption hearing to continue to operate at the midnight to 5:00 AM hours. Mr. Smith requests Mr. Novak to submit a report. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to schedule for August 27, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-476)

4934 Ash – Inspection failed. No action.

Under Late Rental Registration Hearings, 920 Hoffman – Daughter appears for father and states he has several surgeries and mother forgets. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-477)

913 Wilcox – Mr. Smith states owner owes more than one year so it will be referred to Smith Sersic.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, 7925 Nevada and 7238 McCook. Mr. Smith states title work came in late and we will be setting for a demo hearing in the future so they are not before the Board for demolition. 7238 McCook – Mr. Polak to complete a demo inspection on Friday. Mr. Smith states he is fine with this due to a demo order not being in place.

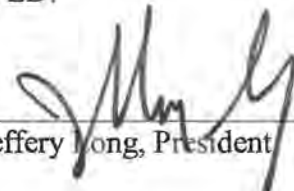
Mr. Smith states Mr. Soto is present regarding the Kennedy Avenue and the letter went regarding the revocation of the bond because no one has appeared for several meetings. Mr. Soto states he has nothing to present, the owner is late on the payments due to owner being in hospital over 2 months. Mr. Soto stated that since he has not worked, he didn't have an update. Owner's partner is present. Owner is presently out of hospital and back to work. The electricity is done, trying to get plumbing inspected done on Monday. Planning to get all inspections done next week but waiting for Triple -A to work on the system. Mr. Smith states the case is set for next week and hopefully owner should be present. No action.

Mr. Stokes asks the time frame of the demo. Mr. Kearney states as soon as possible, waiting on the gas line and NIPSCO, expected 3-4 weeks.

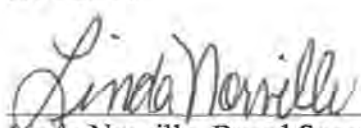
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary