

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 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 July 30, 2026 and August 5, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid Openings: Quote: Replacement of Guardrail at 165th and Stateline Road.
Specialties Company, LLC - \$13,237.00

Mr. Button requests that the Board accept the quote and award to Specialties Company. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-478)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button reminds the Board of the resurfacing of US 41 between Stateline and Calumet Avenue which starts Monday.

Mr. Kearney gives an update on the demolition of 821 Michigan we are waiting on NIPSCO regarding the pole and with all going on it might take some time but the contractor is ready.

Under New Business, correspondence received from Dave Weisz, Deputy Chief requesting the approval of the Purchase of Motorola Radio Communications Equipment in the amount of \$21,705.87 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-479)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Barton's Pizzeria, Hammond Beer Hall/Barstool Games, Old Glory Tavern, and Pepe's Mexican Restaurant. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-480)

Correspondence received from Brian Poland, City Planner requesting the approval of the Plat for Orchard Park Second Addition and concurring with the Plan Commission and the City Engineer's determination to reduce the width of the Florida Avenue within the Orchard Park Second Addition from the standard 50' wide right-of-way to 41'. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-481)

New Business, SeeClickFix – Requesting “no dumping” signs on 923-925 May St. due to unknown residence and neighbors dumping garbage and debris in the fields. Mr. Lewter advises this is a Redevelopment property and requests to forward to Public Works. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-482)

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. 26-483)

Request for Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for August 20, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-484)

Special Events – Gricelda Lopez, 511 Detroit – Block party – September 12, 2026 from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Requesting to close Harrison to Jackson, blocking access to Detroit St. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-485)

Special Events – Rosa Padilla, 4730 Cedar Ave., Birthday party – August 15, 2026 from 2:00 PM until 10:00. Requesting to close the alley on the side of the house at 4937 Hickory Ave. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve with clarity as to what is closed off; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-486)

Special Events – MW King Solomon, 863 Sibley – Cookout – August 15, 2026 from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Requesting to close Maywood Ave. at Sibley, north alley area. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-487)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-488)

Late Business License Hearing – Indiana Turf Co. Mr. Rhett Downing appears and states he was using the building as storage at first but now is operating business. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to impose the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-489)

Under Old Business, Status – 51 Webb. Owner does not appear. No action.

Status – 434 Vine. Owner does not appear. Mr. Lewter advises the framing and electrical has passed. This is the property that is in litigation. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for September 17, 2026 with an order to appear with updated photos; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 6530 Arkansas. Owner appears and states the trees have been cut down, back yard is about 50% cleaned up, roofing material received last week. Mr. Smith requests a status date. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 8, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 7531 Calumet. Owner does not appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status August 27, 2026 with an order to appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 3731 Nebraska. Owner unable to appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for August 20, 2026 with an order to appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 6826-28 Kennedy. Mr. Smith states this is for the revocation of the bond. Owner appears and states he has been in the hospital. The job is completed and waiting for an inspection, parking lot done and will be calling for inspection. Mr. Long reminds the owner he should let the city know what is going on and how the progress is. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to complete and appear on August 27, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-490)

Status – 847 117th. Owner does not appear. Mr. Lewter states there has been no new inspections and is not completed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set or stats on August 27, 2026 with an order to appear with photos; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

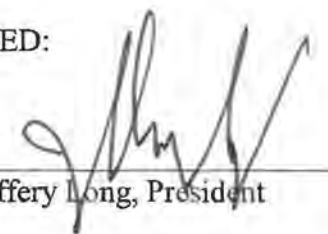
Under Rental Registration Hearings, Douglas Pointe Apartments (18 buildings). Manager appears and states there was a different manager and she didn't know they did not register. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fees; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-491)

Meeting Open to the Public, 4747 Baltimore. Findings & Order for removal. Owner appears and states he needs 5 more months to complete. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on September 17, 2026 to see how the progress is going; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

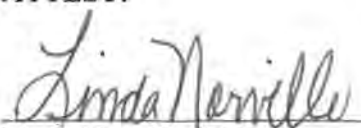
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary