BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 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. Mr. Kalina will not vote on 1140 Indiana.

Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Smith advises that the demolition hearing on 1921 Davis (Clark School) is continued by agreement.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief recommending the approval of the retirement of Assistant Chief-Mechanic, Steven Shirk, who has served the citizens of Hammond for over 32 years, to become effective November 14, 2026; and the request for two apparatus vehicles declared as worthless property. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-614)

Correspondence received from David Weisz, Deputy Fire Chief requesting approval to dispose of obsolete vehicles that are no longer in serviceable condition or of use to the department and recommending they be removed from the city's inventory and auctioned in accordance with state law. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-615)

Correspondence received from Jeffery Long, Chief of Police recommending placing an officer on paid administrative leave submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. 2-0-1 abstained. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-616)

Correspondence received from Grimmer Construction requesting approval for a road closure on Lyman Avenue from the intersection of 173rd St. and Lyman to the northern portion of 173rd and Lyman for the Lyman Avenue Drainage Project from October 28, 2026 through October 30, 2026 from 7AM to 5PM. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-617)

Under New Business, Temporary Agreement Regarding Early Use of Vacation between the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety and the Teamsters Local Union No. 142 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-618)

SeeClickFix- Parking around Morton School on 170th Street. Mr. Button request this be referred to Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-619)

Special Event – Request from Hammond Hermits requesting to block off Dearborn Ave from 141st St. to 142nd St. on October 24, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their Trunk-or-Treat activities. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-620)

Special Events – Request from Shannon Graham, 50 Coolidge St., requesting to close the street on Coolidge from Forest to the alley on Saturday, October 31, 2026 from noon until 8:00 p.m. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve as long as it is open to all; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-621)

Disposal Authorization received from the Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. 2-0-1 abstained. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-622)

Right of Way Permits (3) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-623)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-624)

Demolition Hearings: Mr. Smith states under the Unsafe Building Action that notices were sent via regular mail, certified mail, posting on the property and public notification. Appropriate notice has been given. Mr. Smith has a binder of photographs for the Board to view.

7118 Alexander Ave. Attorney Granger, representative for Quicken Mortgage is present. Mr. Smith states this is a one-story slab house with a lot of debris and overgrown vegetation. Front door boarded up and property appears to be in significant disrepair. Owner is listed as Allen J. Lebioda at same address. There has been no contact from owner to date. Inspection notes said it was marked uninhabitable May 16, 2026 due to heavy contents inside and outside. NIPSCO removed gas meter, cut electric and water is off. Mr. Granger would like 60 days to evaluate and will need to be approved by Freddy Mac and request not to affirm the order. Mr. Smith requests to affirm the order. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-625)

3039 Cleveland St. Mr. Smith shows owner is Angelos Lujano at the same address. The photographs show one story brick property in significant disrepair with unkempt sidewalk and fence, a van and industrial machinery in the yard. Grass is overgrown and garage is open. Roof in disrepair and windows in significant disrepair, in need of painting and caulking. Front porch is in dangerous condition, and notes indicate this is a vacant property with little to no response or cooperation putting in the property in compliance, neighbors' complaints, including animals in and out of the property. Mr. Angelos Lujano is present and states his uncle lives there and he is working on the property, the roof, took down fence and debris cleanup. Mr. Coles reported positive communications and ongoing progress regarding his continued work on the property. Mr. Smith requests a status for 30 days and hold off on the order. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to

set for status on December 10, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

1140 Indiana St. Mr. Smith states owner appears to be Herbert and Gertrude Osbourn at the same address, which appear to be deceased. Inspection report shows house has been broken into four times and boarded up. Water is off, both house and garage are full of contents and trash. Property appears to be one-story structure that may have been in a middle of rehab; however the front doors, basement windows and garage are in significantly unrepaired condition and boarded up. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order; seconded by Mr. Long. 2-0-1 abstained. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-625)

7925 Nevada St. Owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advises this is a commercial structure on Cline Avenue that is owned by Temptations Gentleman Club, LLC. This is the second demolition order with the first being recorded on November 1, 2022 and a rehab agreement which expired in 2023 with no work. The inspection report shows a commercial property that is vacant and beginning to sow signs of disrepair and lack of upkeep, including hoes in roof, gutters in disrepair, exterior walls in disrepair and exterior electrical fixtures in disrepair. The doors are boarded up and/or covered. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-625)

4913 Pine Ave. Owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advises this is a two story property in significant disrepair. Owners are Thomas and Sandra Hanson at the same address and an Elm Street address in Hammond. Property has a sagging porch roof indicating bowing. Overgrowth, windows in disrepair, tarp paper siding that is showing its age. Garage had a demolition order last year and was bid out in December. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-625)

Under Old Business, Status – 6102-04 Kennedy Ave. Owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith states we were waiting on site plan for this garage which they want to use to store vehicl3es and equipment. Mr. Polak has had no contact with owner. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on November 5, 2026 and orders owner to appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 434 Vine Mr. Smith states he spoke with the attorney and this is a foreclosure. Exterior is in good shape and he is good with setting a hearing after the winter. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on March 11, 2017; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Ms. Lisette Montanez discusses her view on the demolition of 1921 Davis, Clark High School which she opposes.

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 9:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

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Linda Norville, Board Secretary