

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
OCTOBER 31, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:00 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Lendi –present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for advertising dates of November 7, 2013 and November 14, 2013 with a bid opening date of December 5, 2013 for 1st District Roadway Improvements on Wabash Avenue from 141st Street to 139th Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2855)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Jackson Avenue and 173rd Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1069)

Quit Claim Deed from the Board of Public Works and Safety to the Lake Calumet River Basin Commission of Lake County for property located at 4 – 172nd Place. Mr. Dostatni said this is the final phase of flood protection. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1070)

Bid award for the demolition of 831 Truman Street, 23 – 25 Webb Street and 954 Wilcox Street received from Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections. Mr. Callahan stated the lowest most responsible and responsive bidder was KLF Enterprises, Inc. but the company is not able to perform the demolitions for the price submitted on the bid sheet. Mr. Callahan then recommended the next lowest most responsible and reliable bidder, Gary Material Supply. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1071)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting approval of the of Creative Interventions Counseling, Inc., Ms. Tiffany D. Simpson, PSYD, for the hiring process of officers and civilians, Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement, Leave of Absence for Officer Valera for sixty (60) days beginning November 8, 2013 and Disposal Authorizations. Mr. Smith advised the use of Creative Counseling will be tabled. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the Leave of Absence; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1072)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting the approval of the demotion of EMT-1 B. Smith to Private, the demotion of EMT-1 J. Patton to the rank of Private, the promotion of Private D. Smitka to the rank of EMT-1, the promotion of EMT-2 J. Sinclair to the rank of EMT-1 and the promotion of Private C. Gleason to the rank of EMT-2. Motion by Mr.

Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1073)

Hearing – Estrella’s Sport Bar. Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar advised the attorney for the bar, Mr. Marco Molina, is in Porter County now and had called and asked to be placed last on the agenda. Ms. Kantar then said if he does not appear today it will be placed on the agenda for next week. (Ins. No. 13-1074)

Renewal of the subscription with LexisNexis for the Law Department, Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1075)

Agreements to Rehabilitate Property Located at 935 Michigan Street, 5640 Beall Avenue and 1013 Reese Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1076)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 837 Bauer Street, 2542 Birch Avenue, 6622 – 6624 Grand Avenue 6813 – 6815 Hohman Avenue, 1013 River Drive, 7901 Northcote Avenue and 1258 Sherman Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for November 21, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1077)

Garage Sale permit submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1078)

Correspondence received from WOW! requesting permission to relocate existing coax and fiber optic cable on 165th Street and Lyman Avenue and 167th Street and Columbia Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1079)

Correspondence received from Interstate Constructors requesting permission for temporary lane closure on Sheffield Avenue at the intersection at I-90 for rehab work on the crossing over Sheffield Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1080)

Request from Ms. Tamika Polk for permission to have her church choir sing Christmas carols on the outdoor steps of City Hall. Action tabled. (Ins. No. 13-1081)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Lendi thanked Councilwoman Janet Venecz for attending today’s meeting.

Mr. Lendi also received a bid recommendation from DLZ Engineers for the Hammond/Purdue Calumet Outdoor Athletic Complex at Dowling Park to low bidder Gough, Inc. A representative of Burling Builders, who bid on this project, said their company was the lowest, most responsible, responsive bidder and then stated they would file a formal protest on the award. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to award the bid to Gough, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1082)

Ms. Kantar then requested the hearing for Estrella's Sports Bar be continued to next week. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to November 7, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Carol Barnes, owner of the building at 200 Russell Street, appeared and stated people are having a difficult time finding this building. Mr. Barnes requested the City place signage directing people to the building. Mr. Dostatni advised the City cannot place signs on public right of way giving directions to a specific address. Ms. Kantar asked if this was the building on the corner of Russell Street and Hohman Avenue to which Ms. Barnes stated it was. Mr. Dostatni requested Ms. Barnes speak with Mr. Don Novak in Zoning for assistance. (Ins. No. 13-1083)

The current resident of 1534 Warwick Avenue appeared and requested permission to locate a moving trailer on the street in front of his residence from November 18, 2013 through November 20, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Lendi to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

APPROVED: January 10, 2013

By: _____
William J. O'Connor, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary