

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MAY 8, 2014**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:01 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Krusa – present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to defer approval of the minutes of the meetings of April 10, 2014 and April 17, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Hammond Police Department Chiller Replacements. Bids received as follows:

Precision Control Systems, Inc.	\$148,800
Artic Engineering Co, Inc.	\$116,100
D.A. Dodd, Inc.	\$115,100
Core Mechanical, Inc.	\$133,845

Motion by Mr. Smith to refer the bids to the Police Department and the Law Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4010)

Bid opening – Demolition of 6633 Alexander Avenue, 6950 Arizona Avenue, 908 Bauer Street, 913 Bauer Street, 838 Carroll Street, 7115 Delaware Avenue, 19 Doty Street, 4306 Elm Avenue, 1334 – 1340 Highland Street, 504 – 06 Kenwood Street, 817 Lyons Street (garage only), 1408 Sherman Street, 2639 – 164th Place and 1153 Wilcox Street. Bids received as follows:

RSR Demolition	\$147,335
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$128,600
Gary Material Supply , LLC	\$141,800
Actin Contracting, LLC	\$127,661
Earthwork International, LLC	\$ 11,000 - for 7115 Delaware Avenue and 1408 Sherman Street only

Motion by Mr. Smith to refer the bids to the Inspections Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4009)

Contract with Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. for the California Avenue – 169th Street to 167th Street project– submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni advised Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. was low bidder at \$969,890. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-289)

Contract with Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc., low bidder, for the 3rd District Street Reconstruction project – Claude Avenue – Carroll Street to Thornton Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-290)

Bid recommendation received from United Consulting for the Southeastern Avenue Lighting Project to Midwestern Electric, Inc., low bidder at \$676,970.70. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-291)

Correspondence received from Mr. Daniel Ahearn requesting permission to close the sidewalk in front of St. Joseph Church, 5304 Hohman Avenue, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from June 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 to complete repairs and restoration on the church. Motion by Mr. Krusa; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-292)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the transfer of Officer Scott Jajowka to CID, as of February 3, 2014, with Detective Specialty Pay and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-293)

Business License Revocation Hearing – Hammond Pawn Shop. Business owner, Mr. Cal Mohammad, fails to appear. Detective Lieutenant M. Detterline, Hammond Police Department, appears for the City and advised the citation was issued for operating a pawnbroker/cash for gold business without following the record keeping procedures required for this type of commerce. Motion by Mr. Smith to revoke the Business License; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-294)

Business License Revocation Hearing – Speedy Check Cashiers. Business owners, Mr. Adam Lichenfold and Matthew Lichenfold, appear. Mr. Adam Lichenfold stated the business was not logging in merchandise as they were required by ordinance to do, but now have gone back and logged merchandise into Leads on Line. Detective Detterline stated that he will check the online service to ensure it is being used by Speedy Check Cashiers. Motion by Mr. Smith to place Speedy Check Cashiers on six (6) months supervision; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-295)

Business License Revocation Hearing – Sunshine Jewelry/Sunshine Cash for Gold. Business owner fails to appear. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised that she was contacted by the owner's attorney, Mr. Justin Murphy, who has requested a continuance. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to June 12, 2014; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-296)

Business License Revocation Hearing – ABC Grocery. Ms. Kantar advised Attorney Sonya D. Scott Dix sent a letter to the board stating that ABC Grocery will become compliant and cease any and all pawnbroker and/or cash for gold activities. Ms. Scott-Dix requested the store be able to continue its operation as a grocery/cigarette establishment. Motion by Mr. Smith to place ABC Grocery on six (6) months supervision; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins.

No. 14-297)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6834 Arkansas Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Joseph Aghimien, fails to appear. Ms. Gloria Mabry, Inspector, Inspections Department, stated no permits were ever pulled to convert this single family home into two (2) units. Ms. Mabry requested the Board affirm the Findings to remove the second floor apartment and convert back to a single family home. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-298)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 38 Condit Street. Property owner, Mr. Anthony White, appears. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, Mr. Saliga said this property was originally built as a single family home and has been converted to a two (2) unit, no permits pulled and there are electrical issues. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and also stated Mr. White is cooperating. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-299)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7435 Howard Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Ryan Haskell, appears and stated that he did not receive notification directly as his girlfriend's name is on Water Department billing. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-300)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1311 Truman Street. Property owner appears. Ms. Kantar stated 2011, 2012 and 2013 fees have not been paid. The property owner responded that he received this property as part of a property exchange for land in Columbia and lived there until November of 2013 when it was rented. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-301)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6527 Madison Avenue. Property owner appears. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration has not been paid since 2010. The property owner responded that he lives in one (1) unit and rent the second. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess the late fee of \$500 per year for three (3) years and rental registration at \$80 per unit for three (3) years; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-302)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Krusa to set these matters for hearing on June 19, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-303)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, requesting approval to close 7531 – 175th Place and install blocks and warning signs to prevent illegal dumping that has been taking place at this occasion. Motion by Mr. Krusa; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-304)

Correspondence received from Ms. Uvaldina Bustamante, requesting a four (4) way stop at

the corners of Michigan Street and Tell Avenue Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-305)

Correspondence received from St. John Bosco School requesting the street closure of the 1200 blocks of 171st Street, 1200 block of 171st Place, Magnolia Street between 171st Street and 171st Place from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on May 21, 2014 for the 9th Annual Race for Education, with a rain date of May 22, 2014 and street closure of the 1200 block of 171st Street from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on June 6, 2014 for a field day. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-306)

Correspondence received from Mr. Robert Kuehl, 7340 Jackson Avenue, requesting permission to hold a block party on July 4, 2014 on the 7300 block of Jackson Avenue, with street closure. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to the Hammond Police Department; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-307)

Approval received from the Hammond Police Department for street closure from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a party at 1303 Sherman Street on May 17, 2014. Motion Mr. Krusa; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-308)

Correspondence received from Angelina and Juan Campos, owners of 844 Michigan Street, regarding garbage service pick up at their three (3) unit building. Mr. Jesse Escamilla, Inspector, Inspection Department, stated that the Sanitary Department will pick the garbage up from this location as the commercial service that was being used would not pick up garbage as there are lines hanging in the alley. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-309)

Correspondence received from the Franciscan Alliance, 2434 Interstate Plaza Drive, Hammond, Indiana, requesting permission to close access to their parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., July 9, 2014, for an employee picnic. Motion by Mr. Krusa; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-310)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-311)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting an overlay be done in the alley behind Kennedy Avenue, adjacent to 164th Place and Cleveland Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-312)

Appointments of Mr. Edward Krusa and Mr. Jeffery Smith to the Board of Public Works & Safety. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 14-313)

Motion by Mr. Smith to nominate Mr. Edward Krusa to be the President of the Board of Public Works & Safety; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a Covenant of Use indicating the property located at 264 Lawndale Street will be used as a single family residence. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Krusa. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-314)

Mr. Smith responded to an inquiry from Mr. Alvin Cheeks regarding his request for a stop light on 143<sup>rd</sup> Street and Calumet Avenue. Mr. Smith advised there have been only two (2) accidents there in the last fourteen (14) years.

Mr. Cheeks addressed the Board and said there are three (3) businesses on Columbia Avenue that do not have business licenses, he would like to place a plaque on the land his mother owns at George Lake and that Redevelopment controls Lost Marsh.

Mr. Kenneth Hayes, owner of a business located at 6225 Kennedy Avenue, appeared and stated that he thought he had a hearing today before the Board regarding the revocation of his Business License. Ms. Kantar advised the hearing for this business is set for May 15, 2014.

Mr. Howard Johnson then addressed the Board. Mr. Johnson stated that he would like to save the property located at 504 – 06 Kenwood Street and that he has spoken to Mr. Caleb Johnson, property owner, regarding the purchase of this property. Ms. Kantar advised the porch is failing and the interior walls are falling. Mr. Johnson asked the demolition be delayed by thirty (30) days to allow him time to inquire about purchasing the property. Motion by Mr. Krusa to continue this matter to June 12, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Dostatni to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Smith. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

APPROVED: June 5, 2014

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary