

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JULY 23, 2015

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 meeting of May 7, 2015 and May 14, 2015; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 3rd District Local Street Lighting project - Monroe Avenue Lighting Project – Monroe Avenue from 165th Street to Conkey Street. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$190,346.40
Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$214,370.80
TGB Unlimited Inc. dba S/T Bancroft Electric	\$198,942.50

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and consultation; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2857)

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for the 4th District Lighting Project – Madison Avenue from 174th Street to 171st Street at a cost of \$131,000. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-731)

Contract with Midwestern Electric for the 6th District Lighting Project – New Hampshire Avenue from 167th Street to 165th Street and 165th Street from Nevada Avenue to New Hampshire Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-732)

License Agreement with GEOCON Professional Services for permission to conduct two (2) soil borings on Kennedy Avenue for a project with NIPSCO. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-730)

Request for advertising dates of July 30, 2015 and August 6, 2015 with a bid opening date of August 20, 2015 for the Northcote Lighting project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. ****)

Correspondence received from Marathon Petroleum Company LP requesting permission to perform work on 141st Street. Mr. Dostatni said Marathon will be replacing an underground pipe at this location. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-733)

Correspondence received from Practical Environmental Consultants, Inc. requesting

permission to close one (1) lane of traffic at Speedway, 7345 Kennedy Avenue for environmental monitoring. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-734)

Correspondence received from AECOM requesting permission to perform environmental monitoring on the southwest sides of Indianapolis Boulevard between 106th Street and 108th Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-735)

Contract with JM Industrial Services for the demolition of 50 Hanover Street, 1108 Highland Street, 3331 176th Place, 413 Vine Street and 7543 Woodlawn Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-736)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty approving block parties. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-737)

Hearing on property located at 1010 Hoffman Street. Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar that she has had contact with Attorney Vosti who said he is still waiting on the list from the Inspections Department regarding the improvements that need to be made and requested this matter be continued. . Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to August 27, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-738)

Hearing on property located at 241 173rd Street. Attorney Williams appears for HFC. Attorney for owner advised inspections have been paid for and an agreement has been entered regarding repair of the house. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be set for status. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for status on September 10, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-739)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 537 165th Street. Property owner appears and said there is a problem with a leaking toilet which he will repair. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration has never been paid and the Lake County Health Department has declared this property uninhabitable due to poor living conditions. Mr. Smith asked the property owner if the roof is leaking too and the property owner said it was. Mr. Smith advised the property owner to bring the living conditions up to code and then come back before the Board to determine what rental registration will be due; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-740)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7604 Monroe Avenue, 7009 Harrison Avenue, 4035 Towle Avenue and 639 141st Street. Property owner appears and said all properties were being purchased on land contract, the only recorded land contact is for 7604 Monroe Avenue, and all others were never recorded, signed or were “verbally” executed with no documentation. Property owner then said none of the properties was ever rented as all were land contract sales. Ms. Kantar said that an oral contract is not legally binding. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess rental registration for 2014 at \$80 per unit for three (3) units and one (1) \$500 late fee; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-741)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1447 Atlas Street. Property owner appears

and said that he lives in New Mexico and his wife lives in this area who he sent money to pay the registration with, but obviously she did not pay the fee. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for the year 2014 and \$5 per unit for the year 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-742)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1049 177th Place. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to deny the appeal and assess the late fee for 2014 and 2015 and rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2014 and \$5 per unit for 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-743)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1350 – 52 Truman Street, 262 173rd Street, 250 Dyer Street and 64 Kenwood Street. Property owner appears. Ms. Kantar said rental registration has always been paid timely, with the exception of 2015, and asked the property owner if he had had health problems in 2015. Property owner replied yes. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-744)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4609 Pine Avenue. Property owner appears and said he forgot to pay. Ms. Kantar said the property owner has paid timely in the past. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-745)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1339 Sherman Street. Property owner appears and said failing to pay was an oversight. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-746)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 927 Wilcox Street. Property owner appears. Ms. Kantar said the water has been shut off and the appeal is for the years 2012 through 2015. Property owner said that she is trying to make repairs but was denied a permit to roof the property due to unpaid rental registration. Property owner said the property is now vacant but her sister had lived there at one time. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2012, 2013 and 2014 and \$5 for the year 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-747)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7622 Beech Avenue and 433 169th Street. Property owner appears and said that he had personal issues in 2014 and forgot to pay. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration has been paid timely with the exception of 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-748)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings be scheduled. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for August 6, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-749)

Amusement Device Listing submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-750)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve all; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-751)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received an Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 827 Morris Street. Ms. Kantar said this property had previously been on the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-752)

Mr. Dostatni also received a request from American Structurepoint for permission to close a single lane at the intersection of Chicago Street and Hohman Avenue for three (3) to four (4) weeks to conduct soil borings. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-753)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, a representative of Dynamic Fireworks appeared and requested permission to shoot special effects for a documentary in the lot behind 4218 Calumet Avenue. Mr. Dostatni said that NIPSCO may own the property, not the City. Mr. Dostatni advised that permission needs to be sought from the property owner if a residential address and if the property is commercial, from the property owner as well as any utility having any equipment there. Mr. Krusa advised the gentleman to come back before the Board if permission is given to advise of the dates and times the fireworks will take place.

Mr. Alvin Cheeks then addressed the Board. Mr. Cheeks then said there are too many “Church Only” parking sign, “Residential Only Parking” signs, “Pastor’s Wife Parking” signs on the 800 and 900 blocks of Merrill Street and Morris Street. Mr. Cheeks said many of the signs allow vehicles to park blocking fire hydrants and handicap ramps and that he would like the Board to investigate the signage and have only Board approved signs to remain. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Public Works Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Smith to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

APPROVED: December 3, 2015

By: _____
Stanley Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary

