

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:05 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Smith to defer approval of the minutes of the meetings of July 2, 2015, July 9, 2015, July 16, 2015, July 23, 2015 and July 30, 2015; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 6<sup>th</sup> District Local Street Project – Montana Avenue Lighting Improvements 169<sup>th</sup> Street to 165<sup>th</sup> Street. Bids received as follows:

Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$230,681
Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$209,265

Motion by Mr. Smith to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2837)

Bid opening – 6<sup>th</sup> District Local Street Project – Missouri Avenue Light Improvements – 169<sup>th</sup> Street to 165<sup>th</sup> Street. Bids received as follows:

Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$270,618
Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$239,072

Motion by Mr. Smith to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2837)

Bids received for Four (4) or less Tandem Axle Dump Trucks and Six (6) or less ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks for the Hammond Street Department. Bids received as follows:

Pozzo Truck Center, Inc.	No pick up bid \$162,737 – One (1) tandem \$161,787 Option 1 - \$975 Option 2 - \$3,895
Rush Truck Center	No pick up bid \$159,544 \$1,595,440 Option 1 - \$160,599 Option 2 - \$163,439

	Form 96 incomplete
Lake Shore Ford	Pick up bid only Six (6) pick-ups - \$209,808
Truck City	No pick up bid Four (4) tandem axle Plow trucks - \$624,628
Great Lakes Peterbilt	No pick up bid Option 1 - \$163,070 Option 2 - \$162,070

Motion by Mr. Smith to refer the bids to the Public Works Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4033)

Correspondence received from Verizon requesting approval of changes to the equipment on the tower at the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1059)

License Agreement with Speedway SuperAmerica, LLC, 7345 Kennedy Avenue, for environmental testing. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1060)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty advising Officers Adam and Ramirez no longer perform duties of a FTO and will relinquish Specialty Pay and Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1061)

Attorney Kevin Smith appears for the City of Hammond on the following demolition hearings. . Mr. Smith advised all property owners have been given proper notice.

Demolition hearing on property located at 651 119<sup>th</sup> Street (front). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith had photographs of the boarded up, vacant brick property, front door wide open and no utilities. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish but stay issuance of permits until March 3, 2016 which is the next hearing date. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 917 174<sup>th</sup> Street. Attorney Julie Weller appears for the lender Deutsch Bank. Mr. Smith showed photographs of the single family brick home with a ripped tarp on the roof, windows boarded up, gas meter missing and the shed/garage in back has started to collapse. Ms. Weller said the bank is trying to find a buyer. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish but stay issued of demolition permits until March 3, 2016. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 909 Bauer Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said this is a boarded up sided house with a failing roof and stairs. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 612 ½ Burton Court. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said this is a vacant garage apartment house in the rear of the lot with a hole in the roof and then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6009 – 11 Calumet Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said a man named Schroeder called and said the abandoned, boarded up strip mall belonged to his mother in law who passed away three (3) years ago. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4614 Cameron Avenue. Mr. Smith said this is an abandoned and boarded up house with overgrown weeds, garage/shed is missing siding and shows signs of being open to trespassers. Mr. Smith then said the owner, Mr. Petreikis wants to donate the property. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish but stay issuance of demolition permits until March 3, 2016. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5536 Claude Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith had photographs showing a brick house with debris in the yard and windows open to the elements. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 2626 Cleveland Street (garage only). Property owner, Mr. Blink, appears and does not object to the demolition. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6404 Columbia Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith had photographs of the house with an overgrown yard, failing roof and soffit and fascia are lying on the ground. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6458 Crescent Place (garage only). Property owner, Mr. Vargas, appears. Mr. Smith showed photographs of the garage and Mr. Vargas agreed that is the condition the property is in. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish but stay issuance of permits until the next hearing date of March 3, 2016. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 818 Eaton Street (garage only). Property owner's brother appears and was shown photographs of the brick garage with failing roof, part of it lying in the alley. Property owner's brother did not oppose the demolition. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4548 Hohman Avenue (front & garage). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said there are cracks in the foundation, siding missing and the root cellar doors are open. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1117 Michigan Street. Property owner, Ms. Cathy Ramos Cruz, appears. Mr. Smith said there was a fire on January 5, 2014 which destroyed the support beam, the rear of property is open to elements and the interior of the basement is visible from the outside. Ms. Ramos said that she has signed the Agreement to Rehabilitate and posted a bond. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter an Order to Demolish but stay issuance of demolition permits until the next hearing date of March 3, 2016. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5948 Park Place. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said it is a vacant frame house with a failing porch and stairs and the fence in the rear is failing. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4446 Sheffield Avenue. Attorney Padula appears for the property owner and requested a continuance. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to January 14, 2016; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 932 Sibley Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the frame two (2) story house has an overgrown yard, siding falling off and the stairs and porch are falling apart. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter and Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1167 Sibley Street (garage). Mr. Smith advised the property owner has self-demolished and said the file will be closed.

Demolition hearing on property located at 555 State Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the owner, First Baptist Church, is going to self-demolish and then requested the Board continue this matter to March 3, 2016. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 816 Summer Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said photographs show a boarded up frame house with a failing porch, missing siding and trash in the yard. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter an Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1150 Summer Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the property had been ordered demolished previously but expired in April of 2014 while waiting for owners to make repairs. Mr. Smith then said the property has been boarded up and there is a rotting tarp for a roof. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter an Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1155 Summer Street (garage). Property owner, Mr. Mitchell, appears. Mr. Smith showed photographs of the garage and Mr. Mitchell agreed that the garage has a collapsed roof and wall and said he is trying to self-demolish. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter an Order to Demolish but stay issuance of demolition permits until March 3, 2016 hearing date. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5972 White Oak Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said photographs show a two (2) story boarded up house with missing siding, no running water and the garage is open to the elements. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter an Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6 Williams Street. Property owner's brother appears who said his brother lives in Hawaii and the property is vacant. Mr. Smith said this is a vacant brick two (2) story residence with an overgrown lot, failing porch and stair, cracked bricks, broken windows and cracked window sills. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter an Order to Demolish but stay issuance of demolition permits until the March 3, 2016 hearing date. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 836 Willow Court. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said this property is boarded up, roof is failing and the yard is overgrown. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter an Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 838 Willow Court. Property owner, Mr. Ruiz, appears and said he wants to make repairs. Mr. Smith said this property is next door to 836 Willow Court and has huge piles of construction debris in an overgrown yard. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter an Order to Demolish but stay issuance of demolition permits until the March 3, 2016 hearing date. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7446 White Oak Avenue. Attorney Sam Zabaneh appears for the property owner. Mr. Smith said there has been some work done but by an unlicensed contractor with no permits or inspections and as the contractor built the garage on a cinder block foundation it will need to be demolished or repaired by a licensed contractor prior to the January 14, 2016 hearing date. Mr. Smith then requested this matter be set for status on January 14, 2016. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for January 14, 2016; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins.

No. 15-1063)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1510 173<sup>rd</sup> Street. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said this is an extension of the original agreement. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1064)

Application for Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishment License submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1065)

Correspondence received from Ms. Amy Radolak requesting a “No Parking” sign be placed between her and her neighbors driveway. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this to Public Works; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1066)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting the retirement of Battalion Chief David Zuffa be placed on the Pension Rolls of the Hammond Fire Department effective December 11, 2015. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1067)

Request from Indiana Department of Environmental Management for a review letter for the Marquette Park Trail. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1068)

Status on property located at 7446 White Oak Avenue. This matter was heard during demolition hearings. (Ins. No. 15-1069)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a bid recommendation letter from Chief of Inspections Mr. James Callahan for demolition bids opened December 3, 2015. Mr. Callahan recommended bids for 3306 165<sup>th</sup> Street, 4763 Calumet Avenue, 531 Cherry Street, 1241 Highland Street (front only), 6433 – 49 Kennedy Avenue, 927 Logan Street, 6326 Madison Avenue (rear house), 6923 Morris Street, 7340 New Hampshire Avenue, 4246 Wabash Avenue, 4248 Wabash Avenue and 5658 Walter Avenue be awarded to JM Industrial Services, Inc., 1535 – 37 174<sup>th</sup> Street, 4617 Ash Avenue, 916 Conkey Street, 1046 Kenwood Street, 516 – 18 Kenwood Street (garage only) and 7204 Madison Avenue (garage only) be awarded to Grimmer Construction, 4619 Ash Avenue, 232 Brunswick Street, 6014 – 18 Columbia Avenue and 1575 River Drive be awarded to RSR Demolition and 7815 Chestnut Avenue, 7431 Chestnut Avenue be awarded to Gary Material Supply and that there be no award for property located at 5911 – 15 Calumet Avenue and 5923 Calumet Avenue but will be re-bid in the future. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1070)

Pilot Agreement for the Sohl Avenue Residential Care Project submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1071)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Smith to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Garay. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stanley Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary