

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MARCH 7, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:03 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. O'Connor –absent; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Lendi – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. O'Connor, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2013; Mr. Lendi concurred.

Supplemental Agreement No. 4 for the Wolf Lake Bike Trail submitted for approval by First Group Engineering, Inc. Mr. Dostatni stated the agreement reflects a change in design of the trail. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-190)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Right-of Way Services submitted for approval by First Group Engineering, Inc. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-191)

Correspondence received from Salem Professional Service Group, for Marathon Pine Line LLC, requesting permission to open-cut on 141st Street. Mr. Dostatni advised the road will be kept open during the time work is being done on the road. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-192)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 175th Street and Calumet Avenue and 169th Street and Schneider Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-193)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting approval of The Gate Church, 5670 Sohl Avenue, to hold a 10K Charity Run, with street closure, on April 13, 2013 from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Purdue University Calumet to hold a 5k fun run/walk entitled “Slavery is Still Alive” on Saturday, May 4, 2013 beginning at 9:30 a.m., with street closure, the Purdue Fitness Center to hold a 5K run entitled “Spring Fling 5K Ramp Run”, Saturday, April 20, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. with street closure and Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to approve all requests; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. NO. 13-194)

Correspondence received from Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections, requesting 7732 Walnut Avenue, 1237 Highland Street, 222 – 24 Carroll Street, 847 Hoffman Street and 1114 – 167th Street be removed from the bid opening on March 14, 2013. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-195)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 928 May Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Danielle Short, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears. Ms. Short requested the Board affirm the order to remove the basement apartment. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-196)

Mr. O'Connor appears for the meeting. Normal rules of procedure are reinstated.

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 44 Carroll Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears. Mr. Saliga stated the two (2) illegal apartments in the basement have been removed and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-197)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 5965 Hyslop Place. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested this matter be continued for thirty (30) days. Motion by Mr. Lendi to reset this matter for April 4, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-198)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 5617 Shultz Street. Property owner, Mr. Larry Thomas, appears. Mr. Saliga appears and stated this property was built as a single family home and has since been converted to a multi-unit dwelling. Mr. Thomas stated when he bought the home the apartment was already there. Mr. Thomas then said he will cooperate with City. Mr. Saliga then requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the second floor apartment. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-199)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary K. Matthews requesting a continuance of Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1111 Merrill Street. Mr. Matthews advised he represents the property owner, Mrs. Cathi Hansen, and requested a continuance of the hearing set today. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 18, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-200)

Correspondence received from Attorney J. Justin Murphy requesting a continuance of the Notice of Violation for property located at 232 – 34 Ogden Street. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 4, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-201)

Hearing on property located at 854 Indiana Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the board affirm the Findings and Order to remove two (2) apartments. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-202)

Hearing on property located at 1150 Summer Street. City Attorney Kristina Kantar advised an agreement has been reached and will be submitted to the Board in two (2) weeks. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to March 21, 2012; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Restriction on Use of Property located at 4437 Cedar Avenue submitted for approval. Mr. Saliga requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to March 21, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-203)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 6327 Forest Avenue. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-204)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing on property located at 4212 Henry Avenue and 1337 – 170th Place. Motion by Mr. Lendi to set this matter for April 4, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-205)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Street Commissioner, requesting approval of placing signage on both side of the driveway exit at Mount Zion Retirement, 940 Kenwood Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-206)

Correspondence received from Ms. Jessica Hale, 6735 Delaware Avenue, requesting permission to hold a block party, Thursday, July 4, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. to midnight, with street closure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-207)

Correspondence received from Mr. Brian Lippo, 6917 Ridgeland Avenue, requesting permission to hold a block party, Thursday, July 4, 2013, with alley closure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-208)

Correspondence received from Mr. John W. Cox, 6641 Illinois Avenue, requesting “No Parking” signage. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-209)

Amusement Device Listing for the week of March 4, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-210)

Correspondence received from WOW advising of the addition of Telemundo to basic cable. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-211)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received an Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 4403 Hohman Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Gerald Soto, appears with an interpreter. Mr. Soto, through the interpreter, requested one month to complete repairs. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-212)

Mr. Dostatni also received a request from 5th District Councilman Homero Hinojosa requesting street reconstruction on California Avenue from 165th Street to 169th Street. Motion by

Mr. Dostatni to refer this to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. Nol. 13-213)

Mr. Lendi received Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for the City of Hammond/Purdue University Calumet Outdoor Athletics Complex at Dowling Park for oversight by DLZ Indiana, LLC. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-214)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Kathy Murphy appeared for her daughter, Ms. Kandi Murphy. Ms. Murphy stated her daughter bought two (4) properties, 423 Florence Street and 6136 Van Buren Avenue, at tax sale and recently found the Florence Street property is on the demolition list and the Van Buren Avenue property has an illegal apartment in it. Ms. Murphy stated there should be some safe guards to prevent people from buying tax sale property that is free of problems like these have. Ms. Murphy then said no one told her daughter that one of the houses has a demolition order against it. Ms. Murphy then asked what is her daughter to do if she wants to repair 423 Florence Street. Mr. O'Connor stated that she, Ms. Kandi Murphy would need to bring a mortgage loan commitment paper and plans to rehab the house to the next demolition hearing date. Ms. Murphy then asked what else can be done legally. Mr. O'Connor replied that is their responsibility. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-215)

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 9:38 a.m.

APPROVED: March 21, 2013

By: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary