

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**DECEMBER 5, 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 meetings of November 14, 2013 and November 21, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 1st District Roadway Improvements – Wabash Avenue – 141st Street to 139th Street. Bids received as follows:

Grimmer Construction, Inc.	\$1,518,282.24
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,527,910.00
G.E. Marshall, Inc.	\$1,565,490.83
Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$1,441,141.00
Hasse Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,478,000.00
Gariup Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,747,000.00
Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$1,423,364.09
Rex Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,523,677.59
Gough, Inc.	\$1,571,605.09
Dyer Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,470,652.02

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2855)

Letters of Interest – Marquette Greenway Shared Use Path – Hammond Lake Front Park to Chicago Calumet Park. Letters of Interest received from the following;

Nies Engineering, Inc.  
SEH of Indiana  
VS Engineering, Inc.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer the Letters of Interest to the Engineering Department for scoring as this is a Federal Highway Program project; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4001)

Correspondence received from J&J Newell Concrete Contractors, Inc. agreeing to extend the 2013 sidewalk project prices to 2014. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1164)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Sheffield Avenue and I-90. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1165)

Road Plans for Project No. 0301112, 1298680 and 1382331 submitted for signature. Mr. Dostatni advised this is a joint project with Whiting on Indianapolis Boulevard. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1166)

Bid recommendation received from Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections, for the demolition of 5502 Alice Avenue (house and garage), 935 Ames Street, 7247 Calumet Avenue, 5536 Claude Avenue, 5712 Erie Avenue, 5735 Erie Avenue, 4203 Johnson Avenue, 935 Michigan Street, 951 Reese Street, 5 Rimbach Street and 5554 Walter Avenue (house and garage) to JM Industrial Services. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1167)

Request for advertising dates of December 26, 2013 and January 2, 2014 with a bid opening date of January 16, 2014 for the demolition 2719 – 164th Place, 937 – 441 Ames Street, 2408 Birch Avenue, 5339 – 45 Calumet Avenue, 4837 Catalpa Avenue (garage only), 4522 Cedar Avenue (front and back houses), 1315 Field Street, 4418 Henry Avenue, 4608 Hickory Avenue, 4846 Hickory Avenue, 918 Highland Street, 952 Hoffman Street, 1011 Hoffman Street, 4826 Hohman Avenue, 1119 Indiana Avenue (garage only), 1549 Lake Avenue, 848 May Street, 929 Murray Avenue, 1344 Sherman Street, 1360 Sherman Street, 1220 Sherman Street (house and garage), 1132 Sibley Street, 4251 Wabash Avenue and 642 Willow Court. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4002)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1168)

Hearing on property located at 714 Sibley Street, 12 Lawndale Street and 268 – 169th Street. Attorney James Driscoll appears for property owner of 12 Lawndale Street and 268 – 169<sup>th</sup> Street and stated an agreement has been reached for both properties and an agreement will be submitted to the Board. Mr. Driscoll then said the owner of 714 Sibley Street, Mr. Thomas Ogradowski, wants to keep this property as a three (3) unit building. Mr. Driscoll said he has a permit from 1951 stating a permit was given to add one (1) apartment to this address which was a two (2) unit in 1919 and showed telephone records showing two (2) tenants lived at this address. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said the 1951 permit does not show an electric and plumbing permit was obtained at that time and requested additional time to determine if these permits were obtained. Motion by Mr. Smith to allow each side to submit any other evidence to the Board by December 12, 2013 and the Board will make a ruling on this matter within thirty days; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1169)

Notice of Violation on property located at 1011 Myrtle Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested this matter be continued for two (2) weeks. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to December 19, 2013; seconded by Mr.

Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1170)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6715 Ontario Avenue, 6404 Missouri Court, 3031 Crane Place, 3038 – 163rd Place, 7214 – 16 Olcott Avenue, 429 Vine Street, 7622 Montana Avenue, 3455 Orchard Drive and 7205 California Avenue. Property's son, Mr. Doug LeVander, appears. Mr. LeVander stated that he has power of attorney for his parents who both suffer from dementia and have owned these properties for over twenty (20) years. Mr. LeVander asked for leniency. 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. 13-1171)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews regarding property located at 142 Rimbach Street. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, advised that Mr. Matthews is preserving the right to a hearing should this matter not be settled otherwise. Ms. Kantar also said that Attorney Justin Murphy is entering his appearance for the tenants. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-1172)

Orders to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 1723 Summer Street (004 Section), 1723 Summer Street (006 Section), 1717 Summer Street (Rear), 1717 Summer Street and 6020 Hump Road submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1173)

Correspondence received from Mr. Merced Mayorga requesting the rental registration hearing on property located at 249 Carroll Street be reheard. Motion by Mr. Smith to reset this matter to December 12, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1174)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 7919 Bertram Avenue and 1618 Myrtle Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing on January 2, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1175)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 423 Lewis Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1176)

Amendment No. 2 for PPO Plan Number 501, CDHP Plan 2 – Plan Number 502 and CDHP Plan 1 – Plan Number 503 for Dialysis Care submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1177)

Amusement Device Listing for the week of December 2, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1178)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a request from 3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting a guard rail be placed on the 600 block of Highland Street due to several car accidents occurring there. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1179)

Mr. Dostatni also received correspondence from Assistant Chief of Police John Doughty regarding a disciplinary matter and requesting the office be notified of the right to request a hearing. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1180)

Mr. Lendi thanked Councilwoman Janet Venecz for attending today's meeting.

Ms. Kantar then said she has received the Agreed Order from Attorney Driscoll.

Attorney Driscoll then stated the owner will convert the 169<sup>th</sup> Street property to two (2) units and the City will support the waiving two (2) of the four(4) combined late fee on the 169<sup>th</sup> Street property as well as the Lawndale Street property. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. 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 9:48 a.m.

APPROVED: December 19, 2013

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary