

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:02 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 7, 2013, November 14, 2013 and November 21, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 3<sup>rd</sup> District Local Street Lighting Project – Maywood Avenue – Carroll Street to May Street. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$51,310.00
Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$39,243.60

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. 2857)

Bid recommendation received from Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers for the 2014 1<sup>st</sup> District Roadway Project – Wabash Avenue from 141<sup>st</sup> Street to 139<sup>th</sup> Street – to low bidder at \$1,423,364.09, Walsh & Kelly, Inc. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1181)

Hearing on property located at 584 Sibley Street. Property owner, Ms. Michelle Brown and husband, appear. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, stated that he has had no contact with them since the last hearing. Ms. Brown’s husband said he has been making repairs on the unit that was involved in a fire and requested additional time to allow him to take photos and bring them back to the Board. Mr. Kearney then stated the work is being done without permits and this property was converted to a four (4) unit illegally. Mr. Lendi said the remodeling without permits is why the Browns are in this situation. Mr. Brown said an inspection can take place anytime. Mr. Kearney responded that a licensed, bonded contractor needs to inspect the property to determine if the repairs have been done adequately, namely the fire separation. Mr. Brown said the fire in one (1) unit started by a pot of grease on the stove. Mr. Lendi said the work that has been done has been done without permits and a licensed contractor needs to inspect to determine if there is adequate fire separation. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to February 6, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1182)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 249 Carroll Street. Property owner Mr. Merced Mayorga appears with a translator. Mr. Mayorga, by the translator, said he lives at this address and has family members living with him who have never paid rent. Mr. Kearney said this is

a three (3) unit dwelling and requested the Board require the removal of the kitchenette in the basement. Mr. Smith asked whose name the water bill is in. Mr. Mayorga responded that it was in his name. Mr. Lendi then advised that this is an owner occupied dwelling and the Board has no jurisdiction over owner occupied homes. Mr. Kearney responded that regardless of what the Board says it is an illegal three (3) unit dwelling that does not meet code. Motion by Mr. Smith to have the owner sign a document stating this is a single family home and then to dismiss action on this property; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1183)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Street Commissioner, requesting approval to place a barricade on the 600 block of Highland Street with the councilman of the district paying for the cost. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1184)

Correspondence received from New Hope Missionary Baptist Church requesting permission to sing Christmas carols on the front steps of City Hall, Saturday, December 21, 2013 at noon. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1185)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from Interstate Constructors requesting temporary lane closures on Columbia Avenue for rehab work on the I-90 crossing beginning, weather permitting, in 2014 and lasting until August 1, 2014. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1186)

Mr. Dostatni also received correspondence from the Building Department requesting all action on property located at 4940 Oak Avenue be dismissed as the property has been rehabbed and all inspections have been passed. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to dismiss all action; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1187)

Mr. Smith received correspondence from Assistant Chief of Police John Doughty amending the disciplinary action given to a police officer. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-1188)

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 9:31 a.m.

APPROVED: December 19, 2013

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary