

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MAY 15, 2014**

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. Krusa –present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to defer the approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Hammond/Purdue Calumet Outdoor Complex at Dowling Park - Phase 2.  
Bids received as follows:

Burling Builders, Inc.	Base Bid - \$2,578,000
	Alternate 1 - \$ 37,000
	Alternate 2 - \$ 66,000
	Alternate 3 - \$ 8,000
	Alternate 4 - \$ 8,000
	Alternate 5 - \$ 34,000
	Alternate 6 - \$ 85,000
	Alternate 7 - \$ 45,000
	Alternate 8 - \$ 62,000
	Alternate 9 - \$ 6,000
	Alternate 10 - \$44,000
	Alternate 11 - \$11,000
Gough, Inc.	Base Bid - \$2,338,840
	Alternate 1 - \$ 35,000
	Alternate 2 - \$ 47,000
	Alternate 3 - \$ 17,500
	Alternate 4 - \$ 10,000
	Alternate 5 - \$ 36,000
	Alternate 6 - \$ 72,000
	Alternate 7 - \$ 55,000
	Alternate 8 - \$ 46,000
	Alternate 9 - \$ 6,800
	Alternate 10 - \$63,500
	Alternate 11 - \$6,500
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	Base Bid - \$2,427,500
	Alternate 1 - \$50,000
	Alternate 2 - \$49,000
	Alternate 3 - \$-16,000

Alternate 4 – \$8,000  
Alternate 5 - \$36,000  
Alternate 6 - \$74,000  
Alternate 7 - \$46,000  
Alternate 8 - \$48,000  
Alternate 9 – \$7,000  
Alternate 10 - \$63,000  
Alternate 11 - \$7,000

Power & Sons Construction Co. Base Bid - \$2,711,000  
Alternate 1 - \$ 35,400  
Alternate 2 - \$ 48,300  
Alternate 3 - \$ -24,600  
Alternate 4 - \$ 8,000  
Alternate 5 - \$34,900  
Alternate 6 - \$73,500  
Alternate 7 - \$82,000  
Alternate 8 - \$88,600  
Alternate 9 - \$10,500  
Alternate 10 - \$68,944  
Alternate 11 - \$ 6,600

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. 4011)

Agreement with Nies Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in the Walter Avenue project – Thornton Street to Carroll Street. Mr. Dostatni said this agreement is for preliminary engineering services at a cost of \$38,500. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-315)

Bid recommendation received from Mr. Mike Vanes, City Maintenance, for the Hammond Police Station Chiller to D.A. Dodd, Inc., low bidder at \$115,100. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-316)

Correspondence received from Chief of Inspections, Mr. James Callahan, listing low bidders for the demolition bid of May 8, 2014. Mr. Dostatni advised RSR Demolition is the low bidder for property located at 6633 Alexander Avenue, 6950 Arizona Avenue, 908 Bauer Street, 1408 Sherman Street, 2639 – 164<sup>th</sup> Place, 838 Carroll Street and 1153 Wilcox Street, JM Industrial Services, Inc. was low bidder for property located at 19 Doty Street and 4306 Elm Avenue, Earthwork International, LLC was low bidder for 7115 Delaware Avenue (garage only), Gary Material Supply, LLC was low bidder for property located at 1334 – 40 Highland Street and 504 – 06 Kenwood Street, Actin Contracting, LLC was low bidder on property located at 604 Kenwood Street and the owner self- demolished the garage only at 817 Lyons Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to award demolitions to the low bidders; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-317)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Gostlin Street and Magnolia Avenue and Magnolia Avenue and Huehn Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-318)

Correspondence received from Mr. Ronald Novak, Director, Department of Environmental Management, advising of the installation of two (2) monitoring wells on Hohman Avenue and two (2) monitoring wells on Sheffield Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-319)

Hearing –Business License Revocation Hearing – Shemoth Auto Sales, 6225 Kennedy Avenue, Business owner, Mr. Kenneth Hayes, appears. Detective D. Small appears for the City of Hammond. Detective Small advised the business has sold automobiles without titles and a woman that bought a vehicle there and was not able to obtain a title contacted the State for assistance. Detective Small said after the State was contacted Shemoth Auto Sales refunded the woman \$500 less than the vehicle was worth after she returned it. Detective Small said Shemoth Auto Sales sold cars on Sunday, violating Indiana state statute and each time he goes there to check records there, everyone there leaves. Detective Small then said the co-owner, Mr. Maurice Boldin, was using Georgia temporary plates and using incorrect VIN numbers on tag paperwork. Mr. Hayes said he thought Mr. Boldin has experience in selling cars which is why he was hired but has since been fired. Mr. Hayes said he is trying to “make things better” at the business and is making his best effort to correct the violations he has been cited for. Detective Small then said the State of Indiana is also investigating this business. Motion by Mr. Smith to revoke the Business License for Shemoth Auto Sales; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-320)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of General Order #14-04 and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-321)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the retirement of Captain William Cook and the promotion of Engineer R. Gonzalez to the rank of Captain and the promotion of Private P. Terry to the rank of Engineer. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-322)

Hearing on property located at 4828 Oak Avenue. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised that a request this matter be continued was received from Attorney Justin Murphy. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, advised that he and Mr. Kurt Koch, Commissioner, Building Department, have met with Mr. Murphy regarding this property which has two (2) alleged illegal apartments in the garage. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter for a final time to May 29, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-323)

Hearing on property located at 4920 Ash Avenue. Attorney David Brandewie appears for property owner Ms. Maria Barraza. Mr. Brandewie said the Ms. Barraza will honor the request to use the property as a single family home but has not yet spoken to her to regarding the removal of

the second unit. Ms. Kantar advised a recorded deed restriction indicating the property may only be used as a single family residence may be suggested to Mr. Brandewie's client. Mr. Brandewie stated he will have to discuss this with his client. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings on this property. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-324)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4234 Johnson Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Ronald Mahns, stated that he thought he had paid the fee for the two (2) properties and that he had been ill for some time. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for the year 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-325)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 229 Locust Street. Property owner, Ms. Tanera Winters, appears and stated she has rented this property since 2012 and was not aware she had to pay a rental registration fee. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2012, 2013 and 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-326)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 40 Lawndale Street. Property owner, Mr. Timothy Brennan, appears and stated he lived at the property until 2013 moved and rented the property in March of 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2013 and 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-327)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7115 Marshall Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Mark Kokoyachuk, appears and stated that he has gone through a divorce, filed bankruptcy and the mortgage holder has started foreclosure proceedings on another property he owns. Mr. Kokoyachuk stated that he just rented the property in December of 2013 and has paid the fee for 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this matter; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-328)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to reset the hearing to June 19, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-329)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Mr. Smith advised there are over 25 requests. Motion by Mr. Smith to set half of the requests on July 3, 2014 and the other half on July 10, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-330)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4934 Oak Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Ronald Kwiatkowski, fails to appear. Mr. Saliga stated this property was built as a single family home and there have been no permits to convert to a multi-unit property. Mr. Saliga stated that two (2) units have been marked uninhabitable and requested the Board affirm the Findings requiring the removal of one (1) first floor unit and one (1) second floor unit. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-331)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1308 Indiana Avenue. Property owner, Mr. James C. Sheldon, appears. Mr. Jesse Escamilla, Inspector, Inspections Department, there were no permits to convert this single family home to a multi-unit and there are other violations regarding this property. Mr. Sheldon stated that he bought this property in March of 2013 and it was inspected in April of 2013 and that he is complying with the Inspections Department. Mr. Escamilla then requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-332)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-333)

Correspondence received from Hammond Parks and Recreation requesting approval of holding a commercial fireworks display, Friday, July 18, 2014 and Saturday, July 19, 2014 for the 11th Annual Festival of the Lakes Island in Wolf Lake Memorial Park. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-334)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property received from the Hammond Plan Commission. Mr. Dostatni advised this was sent to notify property owners of a new subdivision being done on Conkey Street. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 14-335)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting 1135 – 164th Place be placed on the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Building Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-336)

Correspondence received from Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church requesting permission to close Ben Levin Drive and Meadow Lane from Thursday, June 5, 2014 to Monday, June 9, 2014 for a church festival. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-337)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-338)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received an Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 952 Hoffman Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-339)

Mr. Dostatni also received a Consulting Contract with INDOT for construction engineering on Kennedy Avenue from 174<sup>th</sup> Street to 169<sup>th</sup> Street with First Group Engineering at a cost of \$498,468.04 80% to be federally funded. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-340)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Alvin Cheeks, 832 Merrill Street, stated that he has talked with the Department of Natural Resources regarding coyotes and raccoons in the City as his son has encountered them while walking to school. Mr. Cheeks requested police officers be given

authority to shoot the animals. Mr. Krusa responded and advised that Animal Control has humane traps that can be used.

A representative from SEH Engineering came and requested closure of Sheffield Avenue from Calumet Avenue to 129<sup>th</sup> Street during the project to realign the road. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to tentatively approve with an opening from Calumet Avenue, to Wolf Lake and allow access to docks and the Marina; seconded by Mr. Smith. 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 10:09 a.m.

APPROVED: June 12, 2014

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary