

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JULY 9, 2015

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

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 7, 2015; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for advertising dates of July 16, 2015 and July 23, 2015 with a bid opening date of August 6, 2015 for the 2nd District Local Street Lighting Project – Murray Street from Maywood Avenue to Howard Avenue, Towle Avenue from Hoffman Street to Hudson Street, 4600 block of Hickory Avenue and 4600 and 4700 blocks of Ash Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2846)

Request for advertising dates of July 16, 2015 and July 23, 2015 with a bid opening date of August 6, 2015 for the 4th District Madison Avenue Lighting Project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2838)

Change Order No. 1 received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for Field Street Lighting Improvements. Mr. Dostatni advised the change order is a decrease in the amount \$17,643. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-684)

Change Order No. 3 received from DLZ Indiana, Inc. for the Hammond/Purdue Calumet Outdoor Athletics Complex at Dowling Park Phase 2B. Mr. Dostatni said the change order is for the cost of an additional item. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-685)

Bid recommendation for 6345 Calumet Avenue, 6323 Calumet Avenue to American Salvage and Deconstruction on IN, Inc., 7908 Delmar Avenue to Scanlon Excavating & Concrete, Inc., 1114 Eaton Street (garage only), 434 Florence Street (garage only) to D&R Site Services, 250 Hanover Street to JM Industrial Service, Inc., 4605 Henry Avenue (garage only) self-demolished, 4729 Hickory Avenue to American Salvage & Deconstruction of IN, Inc., 1108 Highland Street to JM Industrial Services, Inc., 521 Highland Street to American Salvage & Deconstruction of IN, Inc., 4503 Hohman Avenue to D&R Site Services, 6812 Jackson Avenue, 648 119th Street to Scanlon Excavating & Concrete, Inc., 3331 176th Place to JM Industrial Services, Inc., 3158 Parkway N (garage only) to Actin Contracting, LLC, 1134 Spruce Street to American Salvage & Deconstruction, of IN, Inc., and 413 Vine Street and 7534 Woodlawn Avenue to JM Industrial Services, Inc. . Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-686)

Consolidated Rail Corporation License Permitting Access with Consolidated Rail

Corporation submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni said this agreement with give access to the gun range. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-687)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Marshall Avenue and Kennedy Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to deny the request; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-688)

Correspondence received from Vidimos requesting street closure of 165th Street by Hammond Lead Products on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 for installation of a stack in the plant. Mr. Dostatni advised this will be a total closure of 165th Street from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-689)

Correspondence receive from Chief of Police John Doughty submitting the resignation of Officer David Arrigo, requesting FTO Specialty Pay to Officer Robert Leary returning to the FTO program after returning from the United States DEA Task Force, the promotion of Officer Andrew Laurinec to the rank of Sergeant and permission to hold a fireworks demonstration at the 5th Annual Hammond Police Appreciation Day at the Hammond Fraternal Order of Police, Saturday, August 22, 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-690)

License Agreement with Witham Sales, 7452 Indianapolis Boulevard, for environmental testing. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-691)

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for 4th District Road Reconstruction – Van Buren Avenue – 174th Street to 173rd Street. Mr. Dostatni said the agreement is for design engineering at a cost of \$31,000. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-692)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1314 Lakeview Street. Corporation Counsel Ms. Kristina Kantar submitted a written agreement and requested the Board approve the same Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-693)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 609 State Street. Property owner appears and said he has owned the property for ten (10) years and was late one (1) time. Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar advised that the property owner was late once, but granted relief, in 2012. 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. 15-694)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5630 Claude Avenue. Property owner appears and said the property is vacant. Ms. Kantar said rental registration has been paid timely except for 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action but advised the property owner to complete an affidavit regarding the property being vacant; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL.

Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-695)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 843 Michigan Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration has been paid. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-696)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6635 Monroe Avenue. Property owner appears and said the two (2) unit was rented in 2014 and since April of 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 for 2014 and \$5 for 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-697)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1637 Davis Avenue. MS. Kantar advised there is a written agreement regarding rental registration for this property. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-698)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7823 Bertram Avenue, 7732 Columbia Avenue, 7738 Columbia Avenue, 7402 Harrison Avenue, 7527 Harrison Avenue and 1624 173rd Street. Property owner appears and said he had come to the Inspections Department on May 1, 2015 to pay the rental fee and was told that he was late. Ms. Kantar said the property owner had an appeal in 2011 and it was granted. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-699)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1248 Indiana Avenue. Property owner appears. Ms. Kantar said there have been eleven (11) police calls to this two (2) unit and that this appeal is for rental registration for 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess the late fee of \$500 two times and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-700)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6341 Blaine Avenue. Property owner appears. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration has been paid timely with the exception of 2014. 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. 15-701)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2726 Kenwood Street, 1116 Michigan Street, 401 Vine Street and 6616 Monroe Avenue. Property owner appears. The property manager said the former manager was fired due to him not paying rental registration, that 401 Vine Street was bought in 2015 and rental registration has been paid for 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2726 Kenwood Street, 1116 Michigan Street and 6616 Monroe Avenue; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-702)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3709 Hohman Avenue. Property owner appears. Ms. Kantar said the fee has been paid on time since 2012. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2014 and \$5 per unit for 2015; seconded

by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-703)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 7446 White Oak Avenue. Ms. Kantar said this property was previously on the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-704)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for August 27, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-705)

Mr. Krusa acknowledged 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs in the audience.

Correspondence received from Ms. Reyna Castrejon requesting the curbs on each side of her driveway be painted yellow. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-706)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve all; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-707)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from Reinfeld & Associates expressing an interest in property located at 6345 Calumet Avenue. Mr. Dostatni advised the property was included in the bids which were awarded today and the company needs to speak with the Building Department. (Ins. No. 15-708)

Mr. Dostatni also received a request from Gatlin Plumbing & Heating to close the alley at Kennedy Avenue and Alabama Avenue between 174th Street and 173rd Street completely on July 13, 2015 to install a water main. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requested the railroad tracks at Blaine Avenue, Waltham Street and Conkey Street be removed. Mr. Krusa advised that a letter has already been sent to NICTD regarding this issue, as NICTD owns the tracks.

Mr. Higgs then requested a "Handicap Parking" sign be installed and provided a letter requesting it to the Board. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Public Works Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No 15-709)

In closing, Mr. Higgs requested property located at 6404 Columbia Avenue be demolished due to the condition of the building. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Building Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 9:38 a.m.

APPROVED: November 19, 2015

By: _____
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary