

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2016**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2016 in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay - absent; Mr. Margraf- present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Garay, normal rules and procedures are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer the Minutes of January 7, 2016; concurred by Mr. Dostatni.

Acknowledgement of Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement submitted by Mr. Dean Button. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 16-015)

Request for advertising dates of January 21, 2016 and January 28, 2016 with a proposal opening date of February 11, 2016 for Contractual Police Ordered Towing and Storage Service for 2016-17. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Dostatni. (Res. No. 4028)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work on River Drive from Calumet Avenue to Tapper Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-016)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief, Jeffery C. Smith, acknowledging the retirement of Assistant Chief Scott Rakos and requesting to be placed on the Pension Rolls effective December 30, 2015 and recommending the following promotions to be effective January 1, 2016: Battalion Chief Jack Callahan to the rank of Assistant Chief, Engineer Christopher Walsh to the rank of Battalion Chief and Private Dennis Banik to the rank of Engineer submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-017)

Correspondence received from Director of Public Works Gary Gleason recommending the speed limit on Baring Parkway from 171<sup>st</sup> Street to 175<sup>th</sup> Street be changed to 15mph for a 90-day trial period. Recommended by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Public Works Department; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-018)

Emergency demolition hearing on property located at 6730-32 Kennedy Avenue. Mr. Dostatni opened the proposed bids from Gary Material Supply, LLC and Actin Contracting, LLC. Bids received as follows:

Gary Material Supply, LLC	\$28,000
Actin Contracting, LLC	\$49,420
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$24,300

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the Engineering Department for

tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-019)

Property owner, Mr. Vesole appeared with his attorney, Mr. John Masini. Mr. Masini said there have been six (6) contractors contacted to demolish but all have refused due to a specific wall in the building. Mr. Masini then said an engineering report was done by Globox Corporation which stated work done on the roof is also a contributing factor and requested that the demo contractor be asked to remove the metal filing cabinets in the property as they contain US Steel documents.

Mr. Matt Storey, Engineering Manager, said there are drawings in the cabinets that are not weather or fire proof and he will coordinate with the demolition contractor to have them removed.

City Engineer, Mr. Dean Button, said that he has reviewed the reports and the upper section of the front building is failing.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the request for an Emergency Demolition of 6730 – 32 Kennedy Avenue; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-020)

Mr. Dostatni then asked the Chief of Inspections if he was prepared to make a bid award.

Chief of Inspections, Mr. Kelly Kearney, advised Actin Contracting, LLC bid on both buildings and as only the front building will be demolished, half of their bid is \$24,710. Mr. Kearney then advised the low bidder of the three (3) is JM Industrial Services, Inc. at \$24,300.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to award the emergency demolition of 6730 – 32 Kennedy Avenue to JM Industrial Services, Inc.; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised all property owners have been property notified for the following demolition hearings.

Demolition hearing on property located at 3103 163<sup>rd</sup> Place. Ms. Kantar said the property is owned by UNI and the water has been off for three (3) years. Ms. Kantar then said the property owners have been in contact with a contractor and negotiations regarding the cost of rehab are taking place. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to March 3, 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5714 Calumet Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Chris Rhodes, appears. Ms. Kantar said progress is being made and requested this be set for status on March 3, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 531 Cherry Street. A representative of Poseidon appears. Ms. Kantar said work is being done and requested this matter be set for status on March 3, 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 27 Elizabeth Street and 430 Highland Street. Property owner appears, said work is almost done on 27 Elizabeth Street and requested the bond

posted for the property be used for 430 Highland Street. Mr. Kearney said that the bond could be used in that manner after work is complete on 27 Elizabeth Street. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be set for status on March 3, 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4504 – 10 Hohman Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised that she has talked with the property owner's attorney, Mr. Muenich, who said the railroad may "take" the property and his client is waiting for a decision of the owner on the offer. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be set for status on March 3, 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6239 Monroe Avenue. Property owner appears and requested an extended Agreement to Rehabilitate. Ms. Kantar said she will draft the agreement and as there is progress being made on the property that it be set for status on March 3, 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1116 Moss Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said the property has already been ordered demolished but a permit was issued on October 22, 2015 and photos as of November 6, 2015 show no work. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be set for status on March 3, 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6333 New Jersey Avenue. Ms. Kantar said the new property owner is represented by Attorney David Mears and approximately 70% of rehab has been completed. Ms. Kantar then requested this matter be set for status on March 3, 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4446 Sheffield Avenue. Property owner's attorney, Mr. Bill Padula, requested additional time as the property may be a possible taking. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be set for status on March 3, 2016 but "No Truck Parking" and barriers must be placed by the property owner until that time. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4723 Sheffield Avenue. Property owner appears and said he has paid for an inspection and that the property is for sale. Ms. Kantar said there is progress, an Agreement to Rehabilitate signed and requested this matter be continued to March 3, 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7609 Walnut Avenue. Attorney Bob Golding appears for the new property owner. Ms. Kantar said an inspection must be done on the property and an Agreement to Rehabilitate signed by the owner. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be continued to allow time for an inspection to be done. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to March 3, 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7446 White Oak Avenue. Ms. Kantar said she spoke with the property owner's attorney, Mr. Sam Zabahren, and there has been progress in repairs. Ms. Kantar then requested this matter be set for status on March 3, 2016. Recommendation by Mr.

Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1125 Wilcox Street. Ms. Kantar said there has been progress on the repairs and requested this matter be set for status on March 3, 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6813 Woodmar Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised she has talked with the property owner's attorney, Mr. Giorgi, and there has been progress on repairs. Ms. Kantar then requested this matter be set for status on March 3, 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

All demolition hearings at (Ins. No. 16-20)

Status hearing on demolition property located at 4914 Calumet Avenue. Inspector Castro requests this be continued to February 18, 2016. Attorney and owner appear. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on February 18, 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16- 21)

Rental registration hearing regarding property located at 25 Doty Street. Owner present and states she is making payments to Smith Sersic. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue until January 28, 2016 to verify payment; concurred by Mr. Dostatni. (Ins. No. 16-22)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to schedule to February 11, 2016; concurred by Mr. Dostatni. (Ins. No. 16-23)

Amusement Devises for the week of January 11, 2016 submitted for approval. Recommended by Mr. Margraf to acknowledge; concurred by Mr. Dostatni. (Ins. No. 16-24)

Acknowledgement of Disposal Authorizations. Recommended by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Dostatni. (Ins. No. 16-25)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 4723 Sheffield submitted for approval. Recommended by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Dostatni. (Ins. No. 16-26)

Under Old Business, correspondence received from INDOT responding to the Board of Public Works' inquiry regarding traffic signals at U.S. 41 and 171st Street and indicates that a traffic signal is not warranted and will repaint and install delineators at the median near Indianapolis Boulevard and 175th Street. (Ins. No. 16-27)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; Mr. Dostatni concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette