

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**JUNE 8, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017, 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 of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 4, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, requested the Business License denial to Andrews Automotive be heard first. Attorney Tom Kirsch, appears with Mr. Andrews. Mr. Kirsch presented an Affidavit by Ms. Daisy Andrews which stated she is the sole owner of the business. Ms. Kantar said while Mr. Andrews, late husband of Ms. Andrews, estate was in probate court there was an ownership dispute. Mr. Kirsch said Ms. Andrews is now the sole owner and she has health concerns which prevent her from personally being at the business. Mr. Kirsch then said that Mr. Andrews, son of Ms. Andrews, does have a criminal record. Mr. Kirsch then said the cars that are currently on the business lot will be towed away today. Mr. Margraf requested this matter be taken under advisement and a decision to be made by June 15, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-488)

Request for advertising dates of June 15, 2017 and June 22, 2017 with a bid opening date of July 6, 2017 for 165th Street Pavement Reconstruction/Resurface Project – Summer Street to Kennedy Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Res. No. \*\*\*\*)

Agreement for Professional Services with SEH of Indiana, LLC for a traffic study at the intersection of 169th Street and Kennedy Avenue at a cost of \$38,300. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-489)

Change Order No. 1 received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the Carroll Street Reconstruction Project with an increase in cost of \$1,607.96. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-490)

Correspondence received from Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc. requesting lane closure for Calumet Avenue at Sibley Street beginning Thursday, June 8, 2017 to Friday, June 9, 2017 to install a valve for the Hammond Water Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-491)

Correspondence received from Comcast requesting permission to perform work at 7927 New Jersey Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-492)

Correspondence received from the Antea Group requesting permission to collect groundwater samples at the intersection of Roxanna Drive and White Oak Avenue between Monday, June 19, 2017 and Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Mr. Dostatni said there are pipelines running under that area. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-493)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos allocating \$6,660 for landscape restoration of the walking path at the park on 173rd Street and Cline Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-494)

Correspondence received from Nies Engineering, Inc. recommending Great American Landscaping for the restoration of the Oakcrest Walking Path. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-495)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos allocating \$60,000 to the 2017 Overlay Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-496)

Correspondence received from Councilman Anthony Higgs allocating \$1,607.96 for the Carroll Street Reconstruction Project. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-497)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos allocating \$209,265.20 for the Montana Avenue Lighting Project. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-498)

Change Order No. 2 received from United Consulting for the Beech Avenue Lighting Project with a decrease in cost of \$13,046.14. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-499)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of Jesse Hamer and Michael Ciccotelli being appointed as Probationer members of the Hammond Police Department effective June 1, 2017, Officer Ciccotelli receipt of CBO Specialty Pay and Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-500)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting EMT-1 Eric Wesley be transferred to Fire Service, EMT-2P Michael Aichner promoted to the rank of EMT-1P and Private Anthony Smith promoted to the rank of EMT-2P. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-501)

Notice of Violation – Emergency Order to Demolish – 826 Drackert Street. Property owner, Ms. Dylennia Brown, appears, said JM Industrial Services removed the collapsed front porch and she received an estimate from Atlas who will begin working on the house immediately as she wants to keep the house. Ms. Brown then said she has no insurance on the property. Mr. Margraf asked if neighbors will be protected during the repairs. Ms. Brown's son said the house is locked and Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said there is snow fence surrounding the property. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on June 29, 2017; Mr. Dostatni

concurrent. (Ins. No. 17-502)

Contract for Demolition Services with Gary Material Supply in the amount of \$12,000 for the demolition of 3342 173rd Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-503)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$8,400 for 47 Mason Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-504)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$57,725 for the demolition of 5640 Alice Avenue, 4346 Hickory Avenue, 6248 Jackson Avenue, 1408 Sherman Street, 662 Sibley Street, 948 Summer Street and 235 Wildwood Road (2 parcels). Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-505)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1324 121st Street. Property owner appears, said he bought the two (2) unit property in 2016 and just rented it on the fall of 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-506)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7520 Chestnut Avenue. Property owner's son appeared and said the property had been in trust while his father was alive and after his father's passing the property went to both him and his brother which is why he was just made aware of the fee. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$80 per unit for 2014, \$5 per unit for 2015 and \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-507)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 16 Locust Street. Property owner appears and said he did know there was a fee to register rental property in the City. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2016 and \$5 per unit for 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-508)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7606 Southeastern Avenue, 6415 Grand Avenue, 1426 Summer Street, 6616 McCook Avenue and 825 Bauer Street. Property owner appears, said he forgot the exact date the rental fee was due and came to pay too late. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-509)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 967 Reese Avenue. Property owner appears by her nephew. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner, said the property owner has been timely in the past. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-510)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3433 163rd S street, 3303 175th Place and 7348 New Hampshire Avenue. Property owner appears by a friend who said the owner just forgot to pay. Mr. Prieto said 3433 163<sup>rd</sup> Street and 7348 New Hampshire Avenue are late for 2017 and

3303 175<sup>th</sup> Place is late for payment of 2016 and 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration for property located at 3303 175<sup>th</sup> Place at \$5 per unit for 2016 and 2017 and \$5 per unit for 2017 for 3433 163<sup>rd</sup> Street and 7348 New Hampshire Avenue; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-511)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 940 Chicago Street. Property owner fails to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 for 2014 with rental registration of \$80 per unit, rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2015 and \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-512)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7424 Beech Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto said this is a one (1) unit property with no issues. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-513)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 915 Lyons Street. Property owner appears and said she just forgot to pay. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$580 per unit for 2014, \$5 per unit for 2015 and \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-514)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 2936 Cleveland Street (1 unit). Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-515)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Port Authority advising the annual Fourth of July Celebration will include a fireworks display, the Venetian Night Festivities, Saturday, July 8, 2017 will also include a fireworks display and requests the Hammond Fire Department notified. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-516)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 7149 Ontario Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-517)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 5948 Park Place –First Amendment. Ms. Kantar advised that the amendment is to allow for more time to complete repairs. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-518)

Correspondence received from Chuck and Irene's Bar & Restaurant requesting the 2700 block of 161st Street between Marshall Avenue and Kennedy Avenue be closed to traffic from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, to allow motorcycles to line up for a bike run for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-519)

Correspondence received from Mr. Buddie Fennie, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, requesting Howard Avenue from Kenwood Street to the alley of the church be closed for a church picnic Saturday, June 10, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-520)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-521)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a request from 1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting signs at the intersection of 137<sup>th</sup> Street and Hohman Avenue/Sheffield Avenue indicating no right turn on the right shoulder of northbound Hohman Avenue east to 137<sup>th</sup> Street, no left turn in the median southbound Sheffield Avenue north of 137<sup>th</sup> Street, double sided one way arrow on the left (south) shoulder of 137<sup>th</sup> Street east of Hohman Avenue and one (1) additional Do-Not-Enter sign facing west on the left (south) shoulder of 137<sup>th</sup> Street east of Hohman Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-522)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, received bids for the emergency demolition of 915 Michigan Street and 907 170<sup>th</sup> Street as follows:

Actin Contracting, LLC	\$ 11,625	915 Michigan Street (house)
	\$ 7,200	907 170 <sup>th</sup> Street (house)
	\$ 2,500	907 170 <sup>th</sup> Street (garage & driveway)
Adams Landscaping & Lawncare, Inc.	\$ 18,200	915 Michigan Street
	\$ 15,200	907 170 <sup>th</sup> Street
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$ 7,400	915 Michigan Street
	\$ 11,400	907 170 <sup>th</sup> Street

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to award JM Industrial Services, Inc. the emergency demolition of 915 Michigan Street and 907 170<sup>th</sup> Street; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-523)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Garay to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Margraf. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Garay; Vice President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary