

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES DECEMBER 14, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 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 defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Change Order No. 12 received from American Structurepoint for the Chicago Street Widening and Reconstruction Phase 3. Mr. Dostatni said the cost is an 80/20 split with the State and the cost to the City will be \$3,447.54. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-987)

Quote recommendation received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, for Underground Utility Investigation – 126th Street at New York Avenue to low bidder Hasse Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$41,995. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-988)

Correspondence received from Mr. Mark Gordish, Senior Project Manager, requesting INDOT inspect and clear access points along I80/94 for emergency response. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to send the correspondence to INDOT; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-989)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty recommending Spencer Lemmons and Edgar Huerta be appointed as Probationer Members of the Hammond Police Department to serve a one (1) year probationary period effective December 12, 2017, Officer Coty Sparks be promoted to the rank of 3rd Class Patrolman effective December 7, 2017, Officer Keith Barnard to relinquish Field Training Officer (FTO) Specialty Pay effective December 12, 2017, Officer John Adam to receive (FTO) Specialty Pay effective December 12, 2017 and Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-990)

Hearing on property located at 2027 Davis Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said Attorney Sorge, representing the property owner, had been here but since left. Mr. Farrell said there is an illegal cellar apartment and illegal second floor apartment which the owners will cooperate in removing. Mr. Farrell said he spoke with Mr. Sorge earlier and said the property owners need additional time to hire a licensed contractor. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board approve the Findings regarding the property. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-991)

Hearing on property located at 229 Doty Street. Property owner appears with Attorney Sorge. Mr. Sorge advised that the property owner has paid for an inspection in early November but

he has not been notified of the date and time. Inspector Farrell requested additional time to have the inspection completed. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to January 25, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-992)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 226 – 28 Carroll Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell requested this matter be continued to December 21, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to December 21, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-993)

Contract for Demolition Services with Midway General Construction for 31 – 33 Carroll Street (front and rear) in the amount of \$9,000. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-994)

Contract for Demolition Services with RSR Demolition, LLC for 6436 Forest Avenue in the amount of \$5,870. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-995)

Contract for Demolition Services with RSR Demolition, LLC for 4617 Ash Avenue in the amount of \$6,300. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-996)

Proposed License Agreement for environmental monitoring for property located in the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Lakeview Avenue with Ramboll Environ. Mr. Dostatni said this is in the area of Federated Metals. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-997)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, advising Public Works does not place “Do Not Block Driveway” signs any longer and no vehicle can block a City owned sidewalk regarding property located at 238 Doty Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-998)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-999)

Under Matters from Other Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from Frontier Construction requesting alley closure at 816 119th Street for work to be done December 18, 2017 to December 22, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-1000)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, resident of 1508 Hoffman Street appeared. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said due to Bishop Noll football games, church and school schedules vehicles are parking along the curve in the area of 1508 Hoffman and the 4800 block of Walnut Avenue which does not leave room for emergency vehicles to get through and leave no parking for residents. Mr. Kearney also presented photographs the resident had showing the areas of concern. Mr. Kearney requested “No Parking” signs be installed on the east side of Walnut Avenue and “Resident Only Parking” on the west side of Walnut Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to Public Works; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-1001)

Mr. David Pustek then addressed the Board regarding his request to place “Deer Xing” signs

on New York Avenue. Mr. Dostatni said the Uniform Traffic Control Manual sets standards for signage being placed on public right of way and it would set a bad precedent if Mr. Pustek was allowed to place the signs on public right of way. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to deny the request; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Mr. Pustek then said there has been no communications with residents regarding Lost Marsh Estate. Mr. Dostatni said the subdivision was approved within the past 18 months. Mr. Pustek said he did not receive any notice and there have been “strange” people painting arrows on the street, disrupting the peace of animals, a raccoon had climbed into his chimney and cost \$500 to get out. Mr. Pustek said the public should be aware of what is being done. Mr. Dostatni told Mr. Pustek to contact the City Planner and Economic Development regarding information about Lost Marsh Estates. Mr. Pustek then asked if the Board had authority over the developers. Mr. Dostatni said only on public right of way. Mr. Kearney then said that Mr. Pustek could contact him regarding the project.

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 9:42 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary