

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long - present.

Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2018 and March 29, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 6th District Local Street Project – Colorado Avenue and Delaware Avenue– 169th Street to 165th Street and Nevada Avenue and New Jersey Avenue – 165th Street to 163rd Street. Bids received as follows:

Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$630,640.50
Hawk Enterprises	\$592,705.30

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2837)

Proposal received from Midwestern Electric, Inc. to provide 24 GFCI receptacles for decorative light poles on both sides of Kennedy Avenue from 165th Street to 169th Street at a cost of \$4,608.00. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-241)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$4,608.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the installation of GFCI receptacles on Kennedy Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-242)

Correspondence received from Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting \$50,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the 2018 Sidewalk Repair Program. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-243)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Police Department approving the Autism Awareness Foundation motorcycle run, Paws & People fundraiser, block party on the 6100 Wallace Road on April 28, 2018, alley closure on the 500 block of 173rd Street on May 19, 2018, Harley Davidson motorcycle show on May 19, 2018 and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-244)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 650 Sibley Street. Property owner fails to appear. Attorney Sorge appears for the property owner. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said the building caught fire again last night. Ms. Kantar then said she has talked with the insurance company insuring the building and coverage is only \$6,500. Mr. Sorge said he was not aware the building caught fire again and believes the property owner wants to make repairs. Ms. Kantar requested an Emergency Order to Demolish the front structure only on the property. Chief of

Inspections, Mr. Kelly Kearney, said he has three (3) bids and requested the Board open the bids. Bids received as follows:

Actin Contracting, LLC	\$23,700
RSR Demolition, LLC	\$16,092
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$14,800

Motion by Mr. Margraf to enter an Emergency Demolition Order for the front structure only at 650 Sibley Street; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-245)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 7736 Belmont Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-246)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1009 Carroll Street. Motion Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-247)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 948 Summer Street. Ms. Kantar advised all fees have been paid and this property had been on the demo list in 2016. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-248)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for hearing on May 24, 2018, May 31, 2018 and June 7, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-249)

Location Set Release – “Untitled David Elliot & Danny Strong Pilot”. Ms. Kantar advised that payment has been made and the ground floor door has been repaired. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-250)

Correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting permission to place signs on the corner of Hohman Avenue and Rimbach Street and at Harrison Park for the annual Spring Clean Up and Beautification the week of April 23, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf to send the request to the Mayor’s Office; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-251)

Correspondence received from Mr. Art Peschke requesting permission to close Boy Scout Road on April 28, 2018 for a Boy Scout clean up. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-252)

Correspondence received from First Baptist Church requesting permission to close a portion of Oakley Street from Sibley Street to Willow Court and State Street from the parking lot before the library to the bridge on Hohman Avenue, Sunday, April 29, 2018, from noon to 1:00 p.m. to take a photo of bus riders that attend the church. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-253)

Correspondence received from Ms. Pat Thompson requesting permission to have a dumpster

placed on her property at 2820 Janet Place. Mr. Margraf said he went to the address to check on the area Ms. Thompson wants to place the dumpster and found it acceptable. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-254)

Correspondence received from Old Glory Tavern, 6755 Indianapolis Boulevard, requesting permission to close Martha Street from Indianapolis Boulevard to the alley, April 28, 2018 from noon to 6:00 p.m. to host a birthday party. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-255)

Amended Agreement to correct scope of work with First Group Engineering, Inc. – Hohman Avenue from Huehn Street to 200 feet north of 141st Street and 173rd Street to Indianapolis Boulevard to the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said the original agreement left off the work to be done on 173<sup>rd</sup> Street from Indianapolis Boulevard to the railroad. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-256)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-257)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received an Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 24 Condit Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-258)

Mr. Margraf received correspondence from Swallow Construction, who is doing road work on the Illinois side of State Line Avenue, of lane closures that may impact traffic on the Indiana side. Mr. Margraf said the work is to begin on Monday, April 23, 2018. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-259)

Mr. Margraf also received a disciplinary matter from the Hammond Fire Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Ms. Garay concurred. Mr. Margraf abstained from the vote. (Ins. No. 18-260)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Inspections Department, said a hearing on property located at 10 Rimbach Street was to be on the agenda today. Mr. Castro said the attorney for the property owner is not here. Mr. Castro then requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to May 31, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Attorney Gary Matthews advised he has withdrawn his representation of the property owner of 1204 Lakeview Avenue. Mr. Matthews said the property has been sold but he does not know who it was sold to but Lake County records show the new owner lives in Chicago.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary