

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, Thursday, November 14, 2019, 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 the October 17, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Contract with Midwestern Electric, Inc. for the 4th District Street Lighting Project – Calumet Avenue to Columbia Avenue at a cost of \$275,361.27. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-795)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of Officer Jon Sarlea being promoted to the rank of 1st Class Patrolman, effective November 10, 2019 and for Zach Steel to receive the promotional raise for a Correctional Officer, effective November 13, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-796)

Correspondence received from 4th District Councilman Bill Emerson requesting \$15,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for park improvements. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-797)

Right of Way Permit submitted for approval by the Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-798)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on December 12, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-799)

Under Matters from Board Members, Ms. Garay advised that there will be no meeting Thursday, November 28, 2019 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Under Matters from Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Kevin Smith, Corporation Counsel, said 5533 Calumet Avenue caught fire on November 13, 2019 and presents an imminent concern for person and property. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said JM Industrial responded within two (2) hours to demolish the portion of the building that was of imminent concern and are prepared to finish the demolition which was affirmed on October 31, 2019 by the Board of Public Works & Safety. Mr. Kearney and Mr. Smith both requested an Emergency Demolition be affirmed. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-800)

Under Old Business, hearing on dangerous dogs. Ms. Sue Rak, Hammond Animal Control, appears. Mr. Alejandro Waggnar, owner of the three (3) dogs, appears. Mr. Waggnar said he obtained \$100,000 of insurance for the dogs and is trying to contact the landlord to obtain a permit to build a fence. Ms. Rak said \$300,000 of insurance on the dogs is required and she would like a date of compliance due. Ms. Garay asked if there was any way the City would be able to contact the landlord. Mr. Waggnar said he has left a message at the telephone number he has for him. Mr. Smith. Ms. Rak said a neighbor reported that the dogs have been un-muzzled, another requirement, during walks. Mr. Waggnar said that is a lie. Mr. Smith requested this matter be set for status. Motion Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on November 21, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-801)

Stop Work Order – 847 117th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said the property is owned by Mr. Bill Ciers and said there has been no contact with Mr. Ciers for an inspection. Mr. Prieto said the hole that was dug was covered in concrete pieces directly against the home on the property which Mr. Ciers said was there to bury leaves. Mr. Prieto requested this matter be set for status. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on November 21, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-802)

Status on property located at 227 Chicago Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney said that there has been no progress and believes the property owner has health issues. Mr. Kearney said he would contact the property owner's attorney to determine if he is still represented and then requested a status hearing. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on January 16, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-803)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary