

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – present.

Motion by Mr. Long to defer the Minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Gordish acknowledges that Dan Repay from the Little Calumet River Basin advises of Kennedy Avenue cleaning.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting \$264,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for professional engineering services for the Hessville Drainage Improvements Phase 1 – Design with Christopher Burke Engineering and corresponding contract. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-782)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting \$181,132.00 of CIB funding be allocated for professional engineering services for the Dowling Park and Southeast Hessville Drainage Analysis with Christopher Burke Engineering and corresponding contract. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-783)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting \$104,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for professional engineering services for the Redesign Hohman Avenue North Approach at Sibley with First Group Engineering and corresponding contract. Mr. Smith states this will allow better westbound movement. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-784)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting \$16,440.00 of CIB funding be allocated to install two solar powered speed measuring signs to be permanently installed on 173rd Street near Purdue Northwest. Mr. Gordish states hopefully this will calm the area speed. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-785)

Correspondence received from Structurepoint, Inc. recommending the bid for the Hohman Avenue Roadway Reconstruction and Rimbach Street Realignment be awarded to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Rieth-Riley in the amount of \$6,285,910.19. Mr. Smith states approximately \$5,000,000 will be funded with ARP money, approximately

\$800,000 by the Water Department which will have an interlocal agreement, requests approval. 21-786)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for the Temporary Construction Workspace Easement #45244-035TE with NIPSCO for the purpose of constructing facilities from the West Lake Extension submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-787)

Request for advertising dates of December 23, 2021 and December 30, 2021 with a bid opening date of January 13, 2022 for the demolition of properties located at 7508 Birch Avenue; 5903-07 Calumet Avenue (multi-unit structure); 712 Cherry Street (front only); 531 Florence Street (front and shed); 5125-27 Hohman Avenue (commercial structure); 828 Indiana Street; 1158 Indiana Street; 1307 Indiana Street; 2314 Indianapolis Blvd.; 2021 Lake Avenue; 1630-34 Roberts Avenue; 120 Sibley Street (commercial structure); 5235 State Line Avenue; 4240 Wabash Avenue (rear structure only); 1219 150th St. (front and garage—to be bid separately). Mr. Smith acknowledges 1219 150th Street being bid out separately, all properties have demo orders except 5903-07 Calumet and 120 Sibley which are owned by Redevelopment. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4100)

Correspondence received from Mr. Milan Kruszynski on behalf of the Knights of Columbus #1696, requesting street closures for the 1900 block of Atchison Avenue, Atchison Avenue from Indianapolis Blvd. to 119th Street, 119th Street from Lincoln Avenue to the corporate boundary with City of Whiting and no parking on 119th Street and Atchison Avenue for the Pierogi Drop Event to be held on Friday, December 31, 2021 through Saturday, January 1, 2022. Additionally, requesting 8 traffic control yellow horses to effectively close off the streets. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Public Works and EMA; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21- 788)

Correspondence received from Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections regarding property located at 142 Rimbach. Mr. Kearney states the fire started in early morning, roof collapsed and called JM Wrecking out to help pull the wall down in order for fire department to get to fire. Mr. Smith states they are acting from the unsafe building act and will send letter to owner and insurance company to recoup 15% of the policy. (Ins. No. 21- 789)

Correspondence received from Lochmueller Group advising of a bridge inspection on Kennedy Avenue over IHB Railroad with partial lane restrictions the week of December 12, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-790)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf acknowledges Order to Rescind Findings & Order for 513 Florence. Mr. Smith states the recording for both once the Covenant is signed. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and record upon signed Covenant; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-791)

The Board recommends Public Works place residential parking signs on Park Place and Hyslop between Highland and Waltham for a 90-day trial period. Mr. Smith suggests on a temporary basis and working on an Ordinance to give Board permanent approval and also suggests a 75-day status regarding the temporary signs. Mr. Long suggest flyer be sent notifying the residence and giving them 30 days to obtain stickers from Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve temporary residential signs on Park Place and Hyslop and set for status on February 17, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-792)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish regarding property located at 252-54 Douglas Street. Mr. Smith wants to show the Board before and after photos of this renovation and acknowledge Kelly, Nick, Bob Vale and Inspections Department for working with owners. This was a 4-5 unit cut up but now a 5-bedroom single family home, property was in bad shape and this is a success and would like to congratulate and recommend approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-793)

First Extension of Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 36 Locust Street. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-794)

Right of Way Permit Forms (2) submitted by the Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-795)

Billing received from Axis Architecture for Hammond Fire Station No. 2 submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states there is an Intergovernmental Agreement and suggests forwarding to Port Authority for payment. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-796)

Rental registration for the properties located at: 226 Waltham (8 Units) – Mr. Farrell notes the property management is present, new owner as of January 2021. Property management took over in August. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-797)

4630 Cameron (5 Units) – Mr. Farrell states there was a new owner as of August 2021 and was late for 2020 and 2021. Property manager took over in August, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-797)

6616 California – Mr. Farrell states this is currently register. No action needed.

5546 Walter – Mr. Farrell states has not been registered since 2017, changed hands three times and new owner since September, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee; seconded

by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-797)

609 – 169th St. – Owner, William Smith stated he forgot. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-797)

6535 Alexander – Mr. Farrell states owner occupied until 2020 and has a homestead on file. Owner present and states she thought they switched the homestead. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee upon receiving signed form from Daniel; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-797)

1126 Truman – Owner present and states he forgot; Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-797)

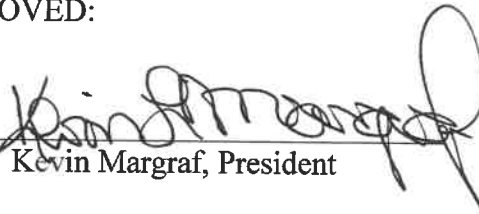
Under Old Business, status – 120-day approval for banner signage on the Public Way – Bank Calumet Building. Mr. Smith requests another 120-day extension and set another status. Motion by Mr. Long to approve 120-day extension and set status for April 7, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-798)

Humberto Prado – 428 – 173rd St. – Mr. Prado states he received letter from Board and asking the Board for other solutions as he believes they will go around the railroad ties. Mr. Smith would like to refer him to Planning to determine a solution, maybe a variance. Mr. Margraf suggests this be sent to Mr. Poland and Mr. Tom Novak. Additionally, Mr. Prado ask that Streets and Sanitation no longer turn left as they are damaging the parking lot. Mr. Perez said he will take care of. (Ins. No. 21-799)


There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Perez. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST.


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary