

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022, 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 approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Smith would like to have Old Business – Status 504 177<sup>th</sup> Street out of order. Attorney Driscoll appears via Zoom. Mr. Smith presents current photos, advises they were waiting on tax deed to be issued, clean up has been completed, boarded up and secure. Agreement was completed but there were concerns with the completion date. Attorney Driscoll states his clients tore down the fence, has taken care of the property tax deed was approved but they are waiting for deed and wanted to change the completion date on the Agreement. Mr. Smith requests a status in April. Motion by Mr. Long to approve rehab agreement and set for status on April 21, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-041)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting the approval of the Agreement for professional services with American Structurepoint in the amount of \$20,120.00 for the Hohman Avenue Phase 1 Design – Water Main Additional Service and advising that Hammond Water Department has agreed to fund the design services cost. Mr. Gordish states this is extra design with water and Interlocal Agreement will cover additional costs. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-042)

Correspondence received from Dean Button, requesting the approval of the Agreement for professional services with First Group Engineering in the amount of \$113,564.00 for the 129th and Calumet Stormwater Improvements – design engineering and advises that funding for design is through an Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Port Authority. Mr. Smith states this is the work on the northwest corner and is covered by the Interlocal Agreement. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-043)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short notifying Officer Gabriel Malave was transferred from Patrol Division to the Jail Division as of November 28, 2021 and requesting Correctional Officers Eric Banvich and Alyssa Lopez, who have pass passed all required training and completed one-year probationary period, receive the promotional raise due effective January 25, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-044)

Correspondence received Assistant Chief of Police, Jeffrey Long requesting approval for two disciplinary actions. Mr. Long abstains. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-045)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief, Jeffery Smith recommending Engineer Jeffrey Hartlerode be promoted to the rank of Captain retroactive January 4, 2022 and Private Bryan Bean be promoted to the rank of Engineer retroactive January 11, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-046)

Correspondence received from Dean Button approving the request of Gariup Construction to close the road on 171st /Schneider near Purdue Northwest Campus starting January 25, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-047)

Correspondence received from resident Cheryl Weaver, requesting speed limit signs and/or "children at play" signs on the 6700 block of Woodmar Avenue for safety reasons. Motion by Mr. Long to forward to Engineering for review and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-048)

Under New Business, Right of Way Permits (3) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-049)

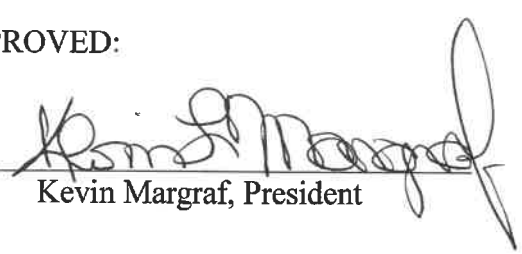
Under Old Business, Status – 820 Bauer Street. Mr. Smith states they have not yet received the tax deed. Mr. McKinley appears and states he is waiting for the tax deed to be issued, when he receives deed he will pay for demo inspection. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on March 10, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-050)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Smith advises the Board that demolition will begin tomorrow on 5248 Hohman Avenue.


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 9:18 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:

  
Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary