

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Ms. Huerta – present.

Motion by Mr. Long to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, Appointment of Ms. Eva Huerta to the Board of Public Works & Safety and resignation of Johnny Perez. The Board Acknowledged. (Ins. No. 22-554)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short requesting the approval of Officer Ryan Gleason be promoted to the rank of Sergeant with pay adjustments as of September 13, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-555)

Correspondence received from Brandon Zingone, ITV America, requesting permission to shoot some additional driving footage in and around Hammond on Thursday, September 15, 2022. Mr. Smith believes this might be a documentary and forward it to Anne Anderson. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-556)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long to set for September 29, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-557)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for properties located at 36 Locust Street (Front) and 1509 Myrtle Avenue (Front) submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states these were successful rehabs and would like to report that Locust was a total rehab. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-558)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 1137 150th Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-559)

Robertsdale Access Agreements for property located at 1223 Lakeview Ave., 1302 Lakeview Ave., and 1332-34 – 121st St. submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-560)

Notice of Violation hearing for property located at 4908 Elm Avenue. Inspector Castro states he has been in contact with the owners and have explained what needs to be done. The interior inspection resulted in a bedroom in the attic and basement which do not meet the 7 feet heights requirements and no permits were pulled. Basement does not have an egress windows, requesting to remove bedrooms. Motion by Mr. Long to approve Findings and Order; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-561)

Notice of Violation hearing for property located at 2312 White Oak. Inspector Pajdzik states he has been in contact with owner. Property was before the Board a few years ago and the Order was never properly recorded. Inspection in August, the new owner was renting out the basement apartment therefore it was never removed. Owner wants to remove and use as a single-family home. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-562)

Resolution Giving Its President Authority to Sign All Documents Relating to the Transfer of Real Estate for 402 165th Street submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states the agreement was signed in August and Nipsco is requesting a Resolution. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-563)

Right of Way Permits (2) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. After much discussion regarding 165th Lane closures, the Board decided to refer to next week. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-564)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-565)

Under Old Business, Status – 7217 Harrison. Mr. Smith requests a 60-day status. Motion by Mr. Long to set status for December 1, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 2314 Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Smith states owner has made no contact, no permits no progress so this will be going out to bid. No action.

Under Rental Registration, 52/54 Locust St. (2), 6257 Van Buren Ave. (2), 40 Warren St. (2). Owner's daughter present and states mother is confused and believes she registered. Daughter will be taking over mother's finances. Mother lives at 54 Locust. Motion by Mr. Long to waive 2022 late fees and apply for partial homestead; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-566)

Under Meeting Open to Public, Mr. Torres is notifying the Board that someone dumped car parts at 4905 Linden, Mr. Taylor's property. Public Works will not pick up. Mr. Farrell states that because there is no water service they will not pick up trash. This is the owner's responsibility, they will notify Mr. Taylor and also issue a citation. Mr. Long would like for Inspections to notify Mr. Taylor. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on September 22, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-567)

Mr. Torres also talked with Water Department and Public Works about a cap that is needed at Ash and Hickory. Ms. Huerta will notify.

Mr. James Lawson, 7545 Walnut appears and has some concerns. Thanking the city for the child at play signs and patching of the street. Would like the street sweeper to run 2 to 3 times a year, there are low branches at 174th/ 173rd / Walnut stop signs, what is happening with the Bridge at Northcote, requesting additional police patrol in the residential areas. Mr. Long advises he will request extra patrol, with the construction all around the city, there have been more speeding vehicles. Mr. Farrell states regarding the parkways trees that are low, if they will forward the addresses to Inspections, they will contact owner.


There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Huerta. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary