

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Huerta – present; Ms. Greenwell – present.

Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 22, 2022 AND December 29, 2022; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters From Other Department Heads, Mr. Button presents a Grant of Easement for the sewer pipeline from the Dowling Park Pond east to Kennedy Avenue. Motion by Ms. Huerta to accept and acknowledge; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-01)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$412,500.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Dowling Park Storm Water Improvements, US Army Corps of Engineers Section 219 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-02)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$87,844.67 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Chicago Street Phase 1 – Final Balancing Change Order No. 37 and attached Change Order submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-03)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Construction Contract with Dyer Construction in the amount of \$631,999.59 for the Tailor Row Site Preparation submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-04)

Correspondence received from Kelly Kearney requesting the demolition bids from the December 29, 2022 meeting be awarded to as follows:

Address	Award	Bid Amount
4916 Ash Avenue (rear)	Actin Contracting LLC	\$9,680.00
1806 Brown Avenue	C. Lee Construction Services Inc	\$14,433.00
1414 Calumet Avenue (commercial building)	C. Lee Construction Services Inc	\$7,200.00
530 Conkey Street (commercial building)	Richardson Disposal	\$14,225.00
843 Logan Street	Ryan Construction Inc	\$14,000.00
6844 Missouri Avenue	Actin Contracting LLC	\$6,831.00
7925 Nevada Street	Richardson Disposal	\$17,444.00
(Industrial park/commercial building)		
4919 Pine Avenue	C. Lee Construction Services Inc	\$12,720.00
1101 Roosevelt Street	Ryan Construction Inc	\$11,000.00
848 Truman Street	JM Industrial Services, Inc	\$8,800.00

1429 Truman Street	JM Industrial Services, Inc	\$11,300.00
5554 Walter Avenue	JM Industrial Services, Inc	\$10,300.00
1137 – 150th Street	JM Industrial Services, Inc	\$10,800.00

Mr. Smith states these are the awards and they will need to pull permits, sign contracts and some will have rehab agreements. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 23-05)

Under New Business, demolition hearings for the following properties: 6715 Alexander Avenue. Owner listed as Edwin and Lucia Cadiz who appear via Zoom. Gas meter is present but pinned, water has been shut off since July, 2022. Taxes are paid, property appears to be substantially damaged by a fire, no indication regarding insurance, property registered as vacant no attempts to obtain demo inspection or make any repairs. Request to move forward with demo process. Ms. Cadiz received a quote for \$30,000 to demo, speaking with insurance adjuster. Mr. Smith requests she provide the claim number and would recommend to move forward with the demo process. Attorney Brian Berger, Codilis Law represents US Bank. Fire damage, loan delinquent, no foreclosure action, ask to defer. Councilman Woerpel appears and states there have been many complaints since fire in July, childrens' safety concern, neighbor is on oxygen and not good with the smell, request action. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve the demo order; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-06)

6530 Carolina Avenue – Owner listed as Susan Lick and Wells Fargo. Property has cut and clean on it for several years, water shut off in March, 2022, and has a homestead on it. Neighbors complain of horrible smell and animals going in and out of property. Garage roof appears to be in bad shape, picture shows raccoon on roof. Brian Berger appears and has a foreclosure. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve the demo order; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-06)

228 Condit Street – Owner, Mr. Ahmed present. Mr. Smith states work being done on roof without permit, stop work order issued and remains unpaid. Police Department removed squatters and owners were contacted. Individual found inside unresponsive and pronounced DOA. Entire second floor boarded up at city's expense. Owner has been unresponsive to his responsibilities in maintaining his property, no attempt to obtain demo inspection, requests to move forward with demo process. Mr. Ahmed would like a rehab agreement. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve the demo order; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-06)

4143 Hohman Avenue – Owner not present, good service. This property has had two fires in the last 4 years and is boarded up. Garage was demo'd in 2018 and property contains an illegal basement apartment. Taxes are overdue. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve the demo order; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-06)

1246 Indiana Street – Owner listed as Harry and Dorothea Nevlida, utilities are on, water on. Neighbors say owners moved out, animals entering the roof, porch in terrible condition. No

progress or movement on this property, request to move forward with demo process. Exemption on property and good service. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve the demo order; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-06)

1463 Indianapolis Boulevard - Owner listed as Raymond and Delores Barnes, property has been vacant for 5+ years. No one appears, homestead and good service. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve the demo order; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-06)

6624 Missouri Avenue – Owner listed as Cindy Surlak, foreclosed by Union Bank. Boarded up with gutters falling off, roof in disrepair, neighbor complaint and have been cutting yard, boarded up since 2021. House fire on June 3, 2022, board up fee has been paid. No attempts to obtain demo inspection or make any repairs to property, request to move forward with demo process. Barry Barnes appears from Region’s Bank, monitoring sale which is March 23, 2023. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve the demo order; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-06)

7352 Nebraska Drive – Owner listed as Wilma Lois Johnson. HUD loan on property, which is in terrible disrepair in rear. No entrance without going through the property, appears to be abandoned. No progress to make repairs or maintain property. Move forward with demo process. Son in law, Mike Alvarado appears. Mr. Smith explains he is not responsible. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve the demo order; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-06)

941 Reese Avenue – Owner, Gregory Campbell appears. Property vacant for almost 5 years, has not been maintained, marked uninhabitable. Gutters falling in the front, porch is in bad condition. Owner has been paying cut and clean bills however, does not maintain property himself. No improvement on the property and owner has not attempt to pay for a demo inspection, request to move forward. Owner appears doesn’t believe it should be demolished, no hole in the roof, gutter is needed, exterior walls need tuckpointing. Mr. Smith states there is a homestead, needs repair and rehab inspection. Request to enter order, pay for demo inspection and a rehab agreement. Mr. Campbell agrees with demo inspection and move forward. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve the demo order; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-06)

1430 Stanton Avenue – Owner, Jake Grabarczyk appears. Property has been vacant for over 5 years, taxes are paid, City has maintained property, no utilities are present. Neighbors complain about the condition on an annual basis, inspection has been paid. Owner agrees to enter into a rehab agreement. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve the demo order; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-06)

1427 Sherman Street – New owner, reserve and reset. No action.

Right of Way Permits (2) submitted for approval from the Engineering Department. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-07)

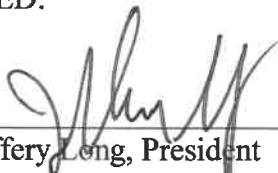
Notice received that the following ramps will be closed from 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on January 13, 2023: EB 80/94 to NB Calumet Ave., NB Calumet to EB 80/94 and SB Calumet to EB 80/94 for informational purposes. If whether does not permit, the second date will be January 16, 2023. Motion by Ms. Huerta to notify Fire and Police Departments; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-08)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 6312 Madison Ave. Motion by Ms. Huerta to approve; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-09)

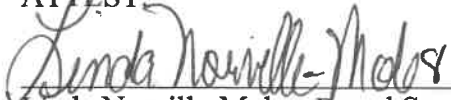
Under Old Business, status on 3924 Henry. Mr. Smith states this needs a final inspection and requests 60-day status. Motion by Ms. Huerta to set for March 9, 2023; seconded by Ms. Greenwell. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

BY: 
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary