

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 4, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Opening, Hohman North Approach to Sibley

Rieth-Riley Construction Co.	\$442,146.00
Gariup Construction Co.	\$528,750.00
Milestone Contractors North	\$569,087.98

Mr. Button requests these be referred to the engineering consultant for review, tabulation and recommendation. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to the engineering consultant for review, tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 23-4157)

2023 CCMG – Summer St. and 169th St.

Rieth-Riley Construction Co.	\$1,587,365.40
Milestone Contractors North	\$1,694,814.95

Mr. Button requests these be referred to the engineering consultant for review, tabulation and recommendation. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to the engineering consultant for review, tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 23-4158)

Taken out of Order, Demolition Hearing for 6333 Garfield. Attorney Kristen Hill recuses herself and steps out. Sandra K. from Trade Winds presents as a sign language interpreter for Mrs. Redfield. Mr. Farrell states the initial inspection was performed in 2013, which was marked uninhabitable. Inspector Abel was working with property owner to deal with some issues. Multiple warnings and two citations. Permits were issued but no inspections were completed so not sure of the work has been done. Mr. Short, co-signer, doesn't live at property and states the husband does not do any work on the outside but will have someone pick up the garbage today in the yard. Regarding the roof and chimney, Mr. Short will get an estimate and have it repaired. Mr. Farrell shows photos. Mrs. Redfield states her husband didn't inform her and she now realizes it will be on her because her husband doesn't do anything. Mr. Farrell suggests first to clean up and remove excess debris from around the exterior of the property and remove the vehicle on the front lawn. Mrs. Redfield states she did clean it up in the summer.

Mrs. Redford and her three children live in the residence and her husband but they are separated now. Mr. Farrell's concerns are that it was marked uninhabitable in 2013 and not much has changed, so concerned with people living in the property if the work has not been done. Electrical permit was pulled for new panel installation but no inspection was done. Mr. Long asks if two weeks to clean up would be doable. Mrs. Redfield states that would be better for her to get clean up. Mr. Farrell states two weeks would be good but also pay for an inspection to be completed so they have an idea what needs to be done on the interior of the home so it is safe for her and kids to live there. Mr. Long asks in the next two weeks can she clean up the debris around the house and pay \$150 for inspection that needs to be done. Mr. Short states he will pay the \$150. Mr. Kearney requests the Order to be entered, pay for the inspection and work with them to get what needs to be done. Mr. Short states the interior is good but is aware of the outside. Mrs. Redfield thinks the two weeks will be good. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the demo order and set for status on January 25, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-008)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting Detective Specialty Pay effective January 1, 2024 for Officers Albert Hulitt, Jason Chorba and Jesse Escamilla; Correctional Officer Alyssa Jasso receive promotional raise due to her effective January 4, 2024; and Correctional Officer Tyler McKechnie was hired on December 21, 2023. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-009)

Correspondence received from Jeffery Smith, Fire Chief requesting Probationary Firefighters Robert Detterline be promoted to Private Firefighter retroactive January 9, 2024 and Christian Mersereau promoted to Private Firefighter effective January 16, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-010)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for the electronic signature for the 2023-2 Community Crossing Match Grant for the Summer Street and 169th Street projects. Mr. Button states this is an electronic signature from Mr. Long. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-011)

Correspondence received from Kymberli Roberts, General Manager Hammond Sportsplex requesting assistance from Public Works with signage for parking in non-parking spots, additional parking and handicap parking. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-012)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$3,000.00 of the 3rd District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the Installation of loop detection on Hohman Avenue at 165th. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-013)

Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 1434 Sherman Street submitted for approval. Mr. Lewter states the performance bond was waived and we have not received the signed copy. No action.

Agreement to Purchase Real Estate located at 5538 Claude Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-014)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 5461 Calumet Avenue submitted for approval. Mr. Lewter said this was self-demolished and fell through the cracks. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-015)

Resolution Approving a Policy to Comply with Requirements Under 2 CFR 200 as a Federal Grant Recipient submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2024-4159) (Ins. No. 24-016)

Disposal Authorization received from Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-017)

Under Old Business, Demolition Hearing – 28-34 Ruth. Mr. Kearney presents photos and drone footage to the members of the collapsed roof, asbestos present, and requests to enter the Emergency Order to Demolish. Jason Ratliff, Buy Ability, LLC, who has a security interest appears and states he has a potential investor to repair the building.

Mr. Kearney states the west section needs to be demolished, a fence was placed to prevent damage to the house next door. Mr. Kearney requests to enter the order and bid out next week.

Ms. Hill states the property has been in need of repair since 2013, Mr. Ratliff does not own the building and can communicate with the city but needs to be bid out. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-018)

Status – Request for “no semi” sign in the alley located 50 feet south of 165th Street and Jackson. Mr. Button has no objection. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to Public Works for signage; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-019)

Status - 90-day temporary stop sign at Vine and Arizona. Mr. Button recommends to remove the stop signs but place “cross traffic” signs for the other signs. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-020)

Status – Semi trucks on Oak Crest Lane. Mr. Button suggests this be referred to Police Department for enforcement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Police Department; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-021)

Status – Turn signal on Columbia at Chicago – Mr. Button states this will require engineering study. Engineering will take the suggestion under advisement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-021)

Status – cameras, flashing lights or speed bumps. Speeding cars on Chicago Street. Mr. Button suggests this be referred to the Police Department for enforcement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to Police Department; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-021)

Status – railroad tracks on Kennedy. Mr. Button suggests and recommends the installation of the “Do Not Stop on Tracks” regulatory sign. Mr. Button states this is a regulatory sign and should be forwarded to Council for the 7 day notice. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to Council and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-022)

Status – 1463 Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Lewter states this is on the demo list, has been sold and requests a 2 week status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 25, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 7235 Calumet Ave. Attorney Petersen appears and states the litigation matter is close to settling and requests a 90-day status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on April 11, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

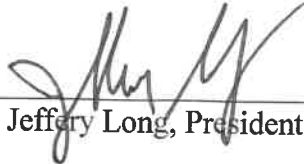
Status - 6946 Arizona (fence) Mr. Lewter states the fence has been removed and is being replaced and request a status date. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on February 8, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Revised Industrial Waste & Disposal Services Agreement with Waste Management submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-023)

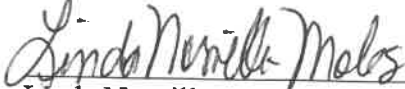
Open to the Public, Mr. Button states the roof on the Public Works building is in need of repair and declares it an emergency to repair, as it will need significant repair and quotes. Mr. Button declares this an emergency. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Public Works roof an emergency and quotes for repair; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: 
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary