

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2016, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf- present.

Motion by Ms. Garay defer approval of the April 14, 2016 meeting; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Proposal received from EMCOR Hyre Electric Company of Indiana, Inc. for electrical work to be done for the Around Town Charging Station Installation. Mr. Dostatni said Lake County Solid Waste will pay for this work to be done and after installation the City of Hammond will be responsible for NIPSCO payments. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-228)

Correspondence received from the Engineering Department requesting \$100,000 for the Sidewalk Repair Program, \$30,000 for the Alley Drainage Program and \$10,000 for Professional Engineering Services be allocated from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski to the Engineering Department. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-229)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting the appointment of Collin Lopez as a Probationary member of the Hammond Police Department and submitting approval of the Baring Parkway Annual 4th of July Parade. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-230)

. Rental registration hearing on property located at 5 – 9 Waltham Street. Property owner appears, said he has owned it since September 5, 2014, was never notified of the rental registration fee, only two (2) of eleven (11) apartments are occupied, was sent to collections and went in person to Smith Sersic and never received any response. Corporation Counsel Ms. Kristina Kantar said there was an inspection done in March, the property owner has an engineer's report detailing what needs to be repaired and 2016 rental registration has been paid. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-231)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3938 Towle Avenue. Property owner appears and said he did not receive any notification rental registration was due. Ms. Kantar said 2014, 2015 and 2016 rental registration is currently due and the property had been rented in 2012. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess one (1) late fee of \$500 for 2014 and rental registration of \$80 per unit for the year of 2014, \$5 per unit for 2015 and \$5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-232)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 829 Morris Street. Property owner fails to

appear. Ms. Kantar said both 2015 and 2016 are unpaid. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess the late fee of \$500 for 2015 and \$500 for 2016 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2015 and \$5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-233)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for May 14, 2016, May 21, 2016 and May 28, 2016 due to the volume of requests; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-234)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 5648 Alice Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said there is an illegal basement and attic unit which the property owner is cooperating in the removal of both. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order regarding the property. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-235)

Hearing on the status of the Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 4248 Wabash Avenue. Ms. Kantar said she has prepared and sent to the property owner an extension of the Agreement to Rehabilitate which she has not yet received back. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said he has spoken with the property owner and inspectors have gone to the property and reported the repairs are not close to being finished. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be continued. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to May 26, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-236)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on Property Located at 2104 Davis Avenue (One Unit). Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried (Ins. No. 16-237)

Orders to Rescind Order to Demolish Property Located at 503 Conkey Street. Ms. Kantar said the property is in good condition now and requested that the Order be approved. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-238)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director of Public Works, advising of the installation of "Residential Only Parking" signs on the 5200 block of Ann Avenue and advising residents needing handicap parking signs to contact the Public Works Department for proper instruction for obtaining the sign. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-239)

Correspondence received from the resident at 7207 Baring Parkway requesting a change of date for placing a storage container on the street to Monday, April 25, 2016 through Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-240)

Correspondence received from Mr. Robert Dixon of the 7200 block of Baring Parkway requesting permission to hold the annual Baring Parkway 4th of July Parade, with street closure and Hammond Police and Hammond Fire Department as parade escorts. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-241)

Correspondence received from Ms. Cache Ridgell, 6120 Wallace Road, requesting street closure on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a children's birthday party. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the request to the Hammond Police Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-242)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-243)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gregory Brooks, Sr., requesting "Residential Parking Only" signs on the 800 and 900 blocks of Highland Street. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-244)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a recommendation from Nies Engineering for the sewer work at Hohman Avenue and Locust Street to McAllister, Inc., low bidder, (Ins. No. 16-245) and a Notice to Proceed on the sewer work (Ins. No. 16-246) Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, Deed Restrictions on property located at 834 Willow Court and 4912 Walnut Avenue. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Inspections, said there is a second unit at 834 Willow Court which is being used for family member which will not be used as a rental unit and two (2) upstairs units at 4912 Walnut Avenue are being used by the property owner's sons and will not be used as rental units. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve both Deed Restrictions; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-247)

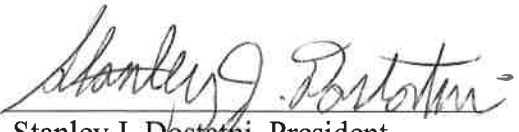
Correspondence received from Norfolk Southern Railroad regarding the condition of the rail crossing at Kennedy Avenue and 169th Street. Mr. Dostatni said work on the crossing will begin tomorrow to temporarily repair, with a permanent repair being done June 10 through June 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-248)

Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections, said a status hearing was set for today on property located at 4040 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Farrell said he met with the property owner and the property owner is in agreement to have a Deed Restriction being recorded to limit one (1) unit to be used for family living only. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board affirm the Deed Restriction. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-249)


Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Donna Pierce, 7143 Belmont Avenue, requested permission to place a storage container in front of her home on the street beginning today through Monday, April 25, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay to allow; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Garay to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Margraf. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: 
Stanley J. Dostani, President

ATTEST:


Lynn Laviolette, Secretary