

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2016, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay – absent; Mr. Margraf- present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Garay, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 2, 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Mr. Dostatni recognized Councilwoman Janet Venecz in the audience

Request for bid dates of October 20, 2016 and October 27, 2016 with a bid opening date of November 10, 2016 for decorative street lighting - Doty Street from Hohman Avenue to Lyman Avenue, Summer Street from Maywood Avenue to Columbia Avenue, Atlas Street from Chestnut Avenue to Walnut Avenue, Chestnut Avenue from Michigan Street to East Roosevelt Street and Beall Avenue from Thornton Street to Fayette Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Res. No. 2846)

Correspondence received from Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad requesting the rail track on Osborn Avenue, south of 165th Street, be closed beginning Monday, October 17, 2016 through Wednesday, October 18, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. for repaving. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-759)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos allocating \$10,000 of gaming money for resurfacing of Casino Center Drive. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-760)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty advising of the retirement of Officer Ronald Frey effective October 9, 2016 and requesting approval of Officer Timothy Schultz receiving K-9 Specialty Pay retroactive to September 12, 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-761)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 705 Kane Street. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for property owner Mr. Pineda. Mr. Matthews said this is not a rental registration hearing but a status on a Notice of Violation. Mr. Matthews said there is only one family in each of the two (2) units and the contractors should be finished in a week. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to November 10, 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-762)

Rental registration hearing no property located at 1024 Hoffman Street – two (2) unit. Property owner and property owner’s son appears and the son said water bills are to the rental address not his father’s address which was why rental registration was not paid. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said water bills are mailed to 4717 Oak Avenue which is where his father says he lives. The property owner’s son then said the rental registration notice must have “slipped” by his father. Ms. Kantar said the water bills are mailed to 4717 Oak Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2014, \$5 per unit for 2015 and \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-763)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7005 California Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 and \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-764)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4132 Grover Avenue. Property manager, Mr. Ray Rudolph, appears and said he registered all the other properties he manages in Hammond with the exception of this one. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-765)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4749 Oak Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested the Board affirm the order to remove the illegal bedroom in the attic. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-766)

Restriction on Use of Property located at 1514 Roberts Avenue. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections, requested the Board sign the restriction. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-767)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-768)

Correspondence received from Ellas Construction requesting lane closures for the repair of Bridge #242 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said that he provisionally approved the closure of one (1) lane in each direction beginning Monday, October 17, 2016. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-769)

Mr. Button then addressed the Board regarding the multiple closures of rail crossings that CSX has implemented without Board approval. Mr. Button requested a letter be sent from the Law Department to CSX regarding the same. Ms. Kantar requested dates and locations of the closures. Mr. Button said that he would get the information to Ms. Kantar.

Councilwoman Venecz submitted a request and signed petition from the residents of the

1600 block of 173rd Street requesting “Residential Only Parking”. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to Public Works; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-770)

Attorney Curtis Vosti then submitted an Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 2124 169th Street. Mr. Dostatni asked Ms. Kantar if she had reviewed the agreement. Ms. Kantar said she drafted the agreement and requested the Board sign. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-771)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn: Mr. Dostatni concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary