

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2016**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 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 to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2015, June 25, 2015, July 2, 2015, July 9, 2015, July 16, 2015 and August 27, 2015 meetings; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Proposals for the sewer extension in the alley at Hohman Avenue and Locust Street. Proposals received from the following:

Gatlin Plumbing & Heating	\$38,500
Hasse Construction Co., Inc.	\$37,105
Rex Construction Co.	\$34,439
Grimmer Construction Co., Inc.	\$52,528
B&D Sewer	\$43,292
McCallister	\$31,500

Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the proposals to the Engineering Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. \*\*\*\*\*)

Request for advertising dates of April 14, 2016 and April 21, 2016 with a bid opening date of May 5, 2016 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Local Street Project – Walter Avenue Reconstruction Project - Carroll Street to Thornton Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2857)

Request for advertising dates of April 14, 2016 and April 21, 2016 with a bid opening date of May 5, 2016 for the 6<sup>th</sup> District Local Street Project – Street, Sewer and Sidewalk Improvements on Orchard Drive from Kennedy Avenue to Arkansas Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2837)

Request from Mr. Fred Dickson, Project Engineer-Illinois Constructors Corp. to close Huehn Street with traffic detoured to Gostlin Street starting Monday, April 11, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-187)

Correspondence received from Mr. John Divita, Norfolk Southern Railroad, requesting the previously approved railroad crossing closure dates at 165<sup>th</sup> Street be changed to April 29, 2016 through May 10, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-188)

Approval from Chief of Police John Doughty for the Hammond Hermits Athletic

Associations request for parade on April 23, 2016 and the request from South Shore Arts to use city property on June 11, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-189)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith recommending the following one year promotions of Probationary/Acting EMT-2 Darnell Walker to be promoted to the rank of EMT-2; Probationary Juan Gonzalez to be promoted to the rank of Private 2<sup>nd</sup> Class; Probationary/Acting EMP-2P Jaime Ramos to be promoted to the rank of EMT-2P; Probationary/Acting EMT-2 Martin Padilla to be promoted to the rank of EMT-2 and Probationary/Acting EMT-2P Edward Wagner to be promoted to the rank of EMT-2P, all effective April 7, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-190)

Correspondence received from Engineering Department requesting \$50,000 from Councilman Scott Rakos to be transferred to the Sidewalk Repair Program, \$13,000 for the Alley Drainage Program and \$10,000 for the Professional Engineering Services. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-191)

Notice of Violation hearing for the property located at 6915 Calumet Avenue. Property owner appears, said he has estimates for work to be done but he believes the estimates are too high and he would like to keep the back stairs for use in an emergency. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the violations include removal of the back stairs which if the property owner wishes to keep would require the removal and rebuilding to include landings. Property owner then said he will return it to single family but wants to keep the stairs as they are now, straight up the building in back and then asked about the electric meters. Mr. Kearney said two (2) electric boxes can be combined in one (1) meter and if the property owner wants to keep stairs in the back they will have to be rebuilt with landings. Mr. Kearney said the property is not safe as it is and advised the property owner to speak with an electrical inspector in order to find the safest, least expensive way to repair the electric meters. Motion by Mr. Margraf to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-192)

Notice of Violation hearing for the property located at 848 – 114<sup>th</sup> Street. Property owner appears, said her daughter lives in the upstairs unit and the garage apartment is illegal. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said he has a signed Deed Restriction which will allow the daughter to continue living in the upstairs unit with the kitchen utilities being capped and the property owner has agreed to the restriction. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve the Deed Restriction; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-193)

Notice of Violation hearing for the property located at 4912 Walnut Street and 834 Willow Court. Property owners fail to appear. Mr. Rich Novak, Inspector, Inspections Department, said Deed Restrictions have been done for both properties but not signed by the property owners yet and then requested these matters be continued to April 21, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-194 and 16-195)

Notice of Violation hearing for the property located at 4040 Hohman Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell said the property owner has requested a meeting with the

Inspections Department regarding his options for repair. Mr. Farrell then requested this matter be continued to April 21, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-196)

Rental Registration hearing for the property located at 3915 Grover Avenue. Property owner appears and said she has owned the property since 2003 but moved out about (4) years ago. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, asked who lived at the property now. Property owner said there have been tenants there since May of 2015 and prior to, was either empty or her son lived there but did not pay rent. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess one (1) late fee for 2015 plus \$5 for rental registration; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-197)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish for the properties located at 6317 Monroe Avenue and 6458 Crescent Place submitted for approval. Ms. Kantar said the demolition orders are unenforceable due to being over two (2) years old and requested the orders be rescinded to not cloud the title. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-198)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Properties located at 840 Eaton, 1510 – 173<sup>rd</sup> Street Second Extension, 7821 Beech Avenue and 6432 New Hampshire Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-199)

Correspondence received resident Ms. Amy Lovely requesting permission to place a storage container on the east side and parallel to the curb in front of 7207 Baring Parkway from Monday, April 18, 2016 to the afternoon of Tuesday, April 19, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-200)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for hearing on May 5, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-201)

Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-202)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-203)

Mr. Dostatni recognized Councilman Pete Torres in the audience.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Mark Gordish, Engineering Department, presented a Contract for Engineering Services with Beam Longest and Neff, LLC for the New Pedestrian Bridge over Calumet Avenue and Conkey Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-204)

Ms. Kantar requested a status hearing on property located at 4248 Wabash Ave as there has been a request to extend the Agreement to Rehabilitate but there may be work that was done without

a permit. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be set for April 21, 2016 to allow time for an inspection to be done. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for April 21, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-205)

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 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:   
Stanley J. Dostani, President

ATTEST:

  
Lynn Laviolette, Secretary