

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, , 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 defer the Minutes of February 11, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Quotes for installation of French Drain.

Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	11@\$5,900 each	Total: \$64,900.00
B&D Sewer	11@\$9,850 each	Total: \$108,350.00
McAllister, Inc.	11@\$6,250 each	Total: \$68,750.00
Salyer Plumbing, Inc.	11@\$6,950 each	Total:
Rex Construction Co., Inc.	11@\$8,600 each	Total: \$94,600.00

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

Permission Form submitted by NIPSCO to perform work/tree trimming and clean up for properties located at 6208 Kennedy, 6220 Kennedy, 6320 Kennedy, 6304 Kennedy, 6240 Kennedy and 6348 Kennedy submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Ms. Garay, seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-090)

Contract for Demolition Services with Iesco Construction for property located at 6404 Columbia Avenue submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-091)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting the reassignment of EMT-2 Raudel Gonzalez to assume the rank of EMT-1 effective February 17, 2016. Motion to approve by Ms. Garay; second by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-092)

Correspondence received from Director of Public Works, Gary Gleason advising the event coordinator for the ROTC 5K run shall be responsible for the cleanup for their event. Motion to approve by Ms. Garay; second by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-093)

Hearing on property located at 4914 Calumet Avenue. Attorney Fech appears and requests an additional 4 weeks because they have not heard from the City. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue to March 24, 2016; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-094)

Demolition hearings on the following properties:

1512 125<sup>th</sup> Street: Owner listed as MB Financial Bank, N.A., photos show a two story frame house may be two family dwelling. Notes indicate house is infested with termites and there are squatters living in the garage. Attorney Potter (for Doyle Legal) for lender sends letter. They are in foreclosure now and just got title. Need time to inspect and decide what they are going to do. **CONTINUED TO MARCH 3, 2016.**

1106 169<sup>th</sup> Place: Owner listed as Manquehue, Inc. - Photos show a single story micro house with no foundation and missing siding. Stop Work Order issued on the property last June 2015. **NO PARTY APPEARS ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH**

4608 Cameron Avenue: Owner listed as REO Logic-Indiana Holdings, LLC. Photos show a two story frame house with failing roof/soffit/fascia and door open to elements, stairs are failing, yard is overgrown, and there is a large dead tree in the yard. **NO PARTY APPEARS ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH**

2640 Cleveland Street: (GARAGE ONLY) Owner is listed as Knight. Photos show a cinderblock garage with a failing roof with parts of the trim hanging down. Owner appears. He has a contract to self-demolish the property. He plans to do it soon. **CONTINUED TO MARCH 3, 2016** to see if Self Demolish took place.

511 Conkey (GARAGE ONLY): Owner is listed as Stafford. Garage is a frame barn like garage with a completely failed roof (it's gone) Garage is likely to collapse. Owner appeared and acknowledged the condition of the garage and stated no objection to its demolition. **ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH GARAGE.**

840 Eaton Street: Owner is listed as HSBC Bank, USA. Photos show a two story frame house with a large hole in the roof/soffit/fascia. Yard overgrown, junk car in driveway, garage open to elements. Attorney Fischer appeared and said the Bank owns it. Mr. Garcia appears (549 N. Artesian, Chicago, 60612) appeared and said HE owns it and bought it in December. **CONTINUE TO APRIL 28, 2016** so who ever owns it can get an inspection and rehab accomplished.

6436 Forest Avenue: Owner listed as Johnson. Single family arts and crafts style brick house. Looks ok from the front, but in the rear it seems a tree has fallen on the house and damaged the roof of the garage as well as the roof to the house, gutters. Big dead tree in the rear yard and a broken window. Rick Lawrence for the lender called (said he was going to send an email) and says the Bank is currently foreclosing on the property. **CONTINUE TO APRIL 28, 2016** so someone can get the roof fixed.

6201 Hohman Avenue (GARAGE ONLY): Owner is listed as Lake County Trust Company. Photos show a series of flat roof garage structures that looks like an old used car lot or car wash. Roof is failing. **NO PARTY APPEARS ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH**

7531 Jackson Avenue: Owner listed as David Slazyk; Photos show a single story frame house with no power or utilities and an over grown yard. We've been issuing cut & clean citations since at least 2008. Viewed from the front, one can see the house's frame is slanting. Garage is much worse with a failed roof and boarded up door. **NO PARTY APPEARS ENTER ORDER TO**

## DEMOLISH

4905 Linden Avenue: Owner listed as Lott. Fire damaged frame house (January 2015 fire) with boarded up doors and windows. Owner appears, he has no money to fix it and admits it burned over a year ago. He wants to sell it. **ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH.**

47 Mason Street: Owner listed as Tichenor. Single story frame house with an overgrown lot. Rear is boarded up and soffit and fascia are failing. Porch steps seems to be sloping to the side. Petition from Neighbors complaining about the house. Owner sends a letter. **CONTINUE TO MARCH 3, 2016** for hearing.

1115 Moss Street: Owner listed as Jarrett. Two story framed house with a failed roof. Yard is overgrown. Owner here, she has no money to repair it and may even self-demolish but wants to get personal items out of the house. **ENTER ORDER but no DEMO PERMITS UNTIL 4-28-16**

6618 Ohio Avenue (GARAGE): Owner listed as Parlor. Garage has essentially collapsed and caved in on itself. Safety issue. Owner appears does not object to demo of garage but please don't take the house in the process, they live there. **ENTER ORDER TO DEMO GARAGE.**

1557 River Drive (GARAGE) Owner listed as Loomis. Garaged burned in November 2015 and no action has been taken to remove the debris. Fire damaged the siding on the house as well. Yard is full of debris. **NO PARTY APPEARS ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH GARAGE**

4407 Sheffield Avenue: Owner is Midwest Investment (Kogler). Rehab Agreement has been entered. **CONTINUE TO APRIL 28, 2016.**

4409-11 Sheffield Avenue: Owner is Midwest Investment (Kogler). Rehab Agreement has been entered. **CONTINUE TO APRIL 28, 2016.**

4401-03 Sheffield Avenue: Owner is Midwest Investment (Kogler). Rehab Agreement has been entered. **CONTINUE TO APRIL 28, 2016.**

1134 Sibley Street: Owner is Koroluk. House is a boarded up frame house with an overgrown yard full of debris. Tree has damaged the roof. **NO PARTY APPEARS ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH**

7409 Southeastern Avenue: Owner listed as Riley. Photos show a boarded up frame house, missing soffits, overgrown yard with a garage that has a failing roof. **NO PARTY APPEARS ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH**

: Owner listed as Dawkins. Photos show a really odd shaped two story frame house with boarded up and broken windows and a failing roof. Graffiti on side. **NO PARTY APPEARS ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH**

946 State Street (GARAGE ONLY): owner listed as Munoz. There is an apartment which burned and a garage which did not. He is going to self-demolish the apartment and fix the garage.

**CONTINUE TO APRIL 28, 2016.**

840 Truman Street: Harbor Portfolio is the owner. Photos show a two story frame house with a large amount of debris in the yard and boarded windows. Owner's sister appears says her sister won't do anything on the property. Property is vacant. **ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH.**

842 Willow Court: Owner listed as Hollis. Photos show a fire in the rear of the frame house Rear stairs are bad. Owner appears, says the fire happened in 2015, before June. Not sure if he can afford to make repairs. May sell it. **ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH.**

5424 Wood Avenue: Owner listed as Schleicher Smith Ward, but is owned by the Mortgage Company according to the inspector. Howe is a single story frame house with boarded up windows and graffiti on side. **NO PARTY APPEARS ENTER ORDER TO DEMOLISH.**

All demolition hearings at (Ins. No. 16-095)

Rental registration hearing for the property located at 7521 White Oak Avenue. Property Danny Chapman appears and states he moved out in 2006, parents moved in 2014 until January 2015 and has been empty and plans to sell. He received collection notice from Smith Sersic. He was advised to fill out an affidavit stating no one lives there. No action taken. Motion by Ms. Garay to dismiss; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-096)

Rental registration hearing for the property located at 6330 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Long appears and states it was not rented in 2015. Mr. Kearney states he would like to inspect. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue for status until March 10, 2016 so an inspection can be made; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-097)

Amusement Devices submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Ms. Garay; second by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-098)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 1116 Moss (Final Extension) submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve final extension; second by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-099)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 7419 Jarnecke Avenue submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Ms. Garay; second by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-100)

Plat of Survey for the Luke's The Spot Addition submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Ms. Garay; second by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-101)

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 10:06 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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