

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – absent; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. Long, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2023; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Under Correspondence, Correspondence received from Dean Button, Capital Improvements Board, requesting \$249,466.3300 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Florida Avenue Infrastructure and Agreement. Mr. Button requests the approval of the funding and the contract. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-129)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police, advising that Officers Joseph Drzich and Michael Ciccotelli have completed Evidence Technician training and request they receive ET Specialty Pay effective March 3, 2023. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-130)

Correspondence received from Captain Rob Bunner advising that Master Sergeant Russell Moore and Sergeant David Pardonek have been transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division and will therefore relinquish their FTO Specialty Pay. Additionally, Master Sergeant Moore will return to the rank of Sergeant. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-131)

Correspondence received from Rieth-Riley requesting the closure of the western approaches of Sibley Street and Russell Street beginning March 17, 2023 through May 5, 2023 for the Hohman Avenue Reconstruction project. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-132)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting road closures of 174th St. (Kennedy East to alley), 175th (J.F. Mahoney East to Alabama) and J.F. Mahoney Dr. to the Ice Kube facility. These closures will last approximately two months. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-133)

Correspondence received from Rex Winful, 7514 Jackson, requesting a new rental registration hearing as he was out of the county on March 2, 2023. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for March 30, 2023; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-134)

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Under Matters from Other Board Members, Ms. Greenwell presents correspondence received from HWC Engineering requesting the bid for the Community Crossing Paving Program be awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction Co. who is the apparent low, responsive, and responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,721,998.80. Mr. Button states this is for JF Mahoney, 177th /179th. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-136)

Under New Business, Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Department of Redevelopment for the transfer of property located at 5517 Walter Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. Res. No. 4133 (Ins. No. 23-137)

Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Department of Redevelopment for the transfer of properties located at 5513, Sohl Ave., 5517 Sohl Ave., and 5519 Sohl Ave. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. Res. No. 4134 (Ins. No. 23-138)

Agreement with Consolidated Claims Management and City of Whiting for the litigation matters regarding Federated Metals submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this is a shared cost for the investigation of Robertsdale clean up. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-139)

Request for Right of Encroachment into Public Right of Way for the existing gate located west of the westerly Hammond Courthouse property line along Clinton Street. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-140)

Right of Way Permit received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-141)

Request through SeeClickFix requesting no truck signs for the Grover Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to refer to Streets and Engineering for review; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-142)

Notice of Violation Hearing for Property located at 5341 Kent Avenue. Owner does not appear. Mr. Castro states he became aware there was an issue with the basement and performed an inspection in December. Mr. Castro found many violations such as ceiling height, fire separation, and no permits to add the 2nd unit. Mr. Castro states owner is aware and requests the removal of the 2nd unit and approve the Findings and Order. Mr. Smith requests the approval since no one appeared. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-143)

Under Old Business, Status - 90-day status on temporary stop signs at the Corner of Vine and Arizona. Mr. Button requests to be continued another 90 days. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status - 847 117th Street – Mr. Smith states Mr. Ciers is present and this is an ongoing rehab. Mr. Ciers states he has a contractor for the door, the outside is complete, and has bids to fix the metal roof and requests additional time. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on June 22, 2023; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

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Status – 5235 State Line – Mr. Smith states the site plan needs to be approved by zoning. Owner states they are working on the parking issue and wants to remove the 2nd addition. Mr. Smith requests approval to demo the back structure in order to keep moving. Mr. Castro suggests putting up no parking signs since cars are parking on property. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on March 30, 2023 and approval of the demolition of the rear 2nd addition; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status - 4440 Torrence – Mr. Lewter inspected property and states some work was done by the previous owner without permits. Mr. Lewter will update the inspection report. Mr. Soto will be the licensed contractor, will discuss rehab agreement, and property not in bad shape. Reset for the 30th and sign rehab. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on March 30, 2023; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status – 5554 Walter - Mr. Smith states they were previously here for the request to waive the bond. Ms. Botello states she changed her address at County to reflect the Dyer address. She also states she is trying to get a surety bond. Mr. Smith requests the Board approve the rehab agreement and check back in two weeks to see if the bond has been posted. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina approve the Rehab Agreement and set for status on March 30, 2023; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-144)

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 7240 Harrison. Owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-145)

1315 Lakeview - Owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-145)

1109 Field St. - Owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-145)

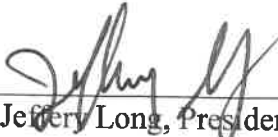
Under Open to the Public, Mr. Rex Winful asks about his request for new hearing regarding his rental registration. He was told it was scheduled for March 30, 2023.

Councilman Torres is requesting trucks to go east to Indianapolis from Michigan Street. This will be referred to Engineering and Police Department. Mr. Button is working on truck route signs. Also, as for Michigan and Tell, the double signs were removed. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to send to Engineering; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 23-146)


There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary