

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JANUARY 29, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:03 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Krusa - present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2015; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Demolitions on property located at 7404 Beech Avenue, 7974 Birch Avenue, 5516 Calumet Avenue, 4319 Clark Avenue (garage only), 3150 Cleveland Street, 6430 Madison Avenue (rear house), 914 Merrill Street, 514 Mulberry Street, 6419 Nebraska Avenue, 1135 – 164th Place, 2718 – 164th Place, 722 – 165th Street, 255 – 173rd Place, 1680 – 174th Place (garage only), 1033 Spruce Street, 4307 Torrence Avenue (garage only), 7732 Walnut Avenue, 7446 White Oak Avenue (house & garage), 814 Willow Court and 728 Willow Court. Bids received as follows:

Clark Cleveland Street, house), 6419 164 th Place, 255 – Torrence Walnut Avenue and (house and garage)	RSR Demolition	\$128,913 – No bids received for 4319 Avenue (garage only), 3150 6430 Madison Avenue (rear Nebraska Avenue, 1135 – 173 rd Place (garage only), 4307 Avenue (garage only), 7732 7446 White Oak Avenue
	KLF Enterprises	\$243,700 – Bid all properties
	Actin Contracting, LLC	\$176,040 – Bid all properties
	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$125,134 – Bid all properties
Calumet (rear house), and 728	Gary Material Supply, LLC	\$138,650 – No bids received for 5516 Avenue, 6430 Madison Avenue 4307 Torrence Avenue (garage only) Willow Court.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer the bids to Code Enforcement and the Engineering Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4020)

Request for advertising dates of February 5, 2015 and February 12, 2015 with a bid opening date of February 26, 2015 for the 2015 Hammond and Whiting Resurfacing Program (Res. No. 4021) and the 2015 Hammond and Whiting Sidewalk Program (Res. No. 4022). Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. Nos. 4021 and 4022)

License agreement for environmental monitoring at B&R Oil, Co., 2300 Indianapolis Boulevard, submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES

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Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the promotion of Private Jason Rogers to the rank of Captain Inspector effective January 20, 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-064)

Correspondence received from Attorney Curtis Vosti requesting a thirty (30) day continuance for the hearing on property located at 4841 Elm Avenue. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, requested if the request is granted it be as a final continuance, as this is the ninth (9) time it has been continued. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, stated she prepared Specific Finding of Fact and Decision as Mr. Vosti has requested specific information and not yet received it from Code Enforcement. Ms. Kantar requested the Board sign the order and per the order set no new hearing date until the information is provided. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the Specific Finding of Fact and Decision; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-065)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews requesting a two (2) to three (3) week continuance on property located at 40 Warren Street, 222 Hanover Street, 4930 Cedar Avenue and 4139 – 41 Sheffield Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue these matters to February 19, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-066)

Status hearing on property located at 4504 – 10 Hohman Avenue. Attorney Michael Muenich appears for the property owners and gave a report on the status of repair progress made.

Mr. Muenich also requested an additional 120 days for the property owner to complete the repairs. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to April 16, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-067)

Status hearing on property located at 7404 Beech Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised an Agreement to Rehabilitated Property has been signed by the property owner. Ms. Kantar requested this Agreement be approved by the Board. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. NO. 15-068)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1630 Indianapolis Boulevard. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said there is an illegal second floor apartment that has been vacated and a deed restriction will be recorded indicating the building is a single family residence. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-069)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 710 Willow Court. Property owner, Mr. Seth Jones, appears and state he bought the property in May of 2014, the property is vacant now and Mr. Jones will be moving into the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Ins. No. 15-070)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7546 Jackson Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Christine Mikula, appeared, stated her husband took care of the paperwork for the property and that he died in April of 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-071)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2718 Birch Avenue. Property owner appears by property manager who said the owner is in Florida, is a first time renter and has already paid for the 2015 sticker. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-072)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1035 Cherry Street. Property owner

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1035 Cherry Street. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to deny the appeal assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-073)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing on property located at 4415 – 4417 Hickory Avenue, set for January 22, 2015, be reheard as the property owner appeared after the meeting ended. Motion by Mr. Smith to reset this matter to February 12, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-074)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing on March 26, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-075)

Agreements to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1033 Spruce Street, 7629 Howard Avenue and 5516 Calumet Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the three (3) agreements; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-076)

Correspondence from Attorney Lakeisha Murdaugh requesting the Business License Revocation Hearing for Grand Food Mart, set for today, be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to February 12, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-077)

Amusement Device Listing for the week ending January 26, 2015. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-078)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting the house in the rear of 838 Ames Street be placed on the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to Code Enforcement; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-079)

Mr. Krusa recognizes Councilwoman at Large Janet Venecz.

Correspondence received requesting street closures and traffic control along the Hammond 10K Charity Run, Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve and refer to the Hammond Police Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-080)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Water Department requesting permission for lane closure north of Sibley Street on the Hohman Avenue bridge beginning today and continuing to Tuesday, February 3, 2015 for main and valve replacement. Mr. Dostatni said he gave verbal approval for the closure to begin this morning. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-081)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Smith requested two (2) speed limit signs be installed on Sheffield Parkway. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this to Public Works and the Port Authority; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Xavier Alvarez inquired about property he owns by Cabela's and that he would like to use the area as a paintball field. Mr. Dostatni stated the property may, or may not, be used as he believes it is in the floodway but Mr. Alvarez can speak with Mr. Don Novak in Zoning. Ms. Kantar then reminded Mr. Alvarez that there is an Agreement to Rehabilitate on property located at 5516 Calumet Avenue and if repairs are not made the property will be demolished in June of this year.

Property owner of 5415 Tell Avenue appeared and said he bought the property through

Property owner of 5415 Tell Avenue appeared and said he bought the property through tax sale and has been told it is on the demolition list. Ms. Kantar said there is a demolition lien on the property but she believes it is only for the coach house that was demolished. Property owner said he bought the property in March of 2014 and the demolition order was not picked up on the title search as it was not recorded until September of 2014. Ms. Kantar advised the property owner to contact Attorney Kevin Smith to have the lien released and that she will release the demolition order on the property.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Dostatni to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Smith. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED: February 12, 2015

By: _____
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary