

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**APRIL 9, 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 defer approval the minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2015 and April 2, 2015; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. advising Schneider Avenue is now open and Osborne Avenue will be closed for pipework which is part of the 171st Street road project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-243)

Correspondence received from Construction-CAD Solutions, Inc. Requesting permission to install underground innerduct and aerial overlash on 173rd Street, Parrish Avenue and Orchard Drive. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-244)

Disposal Authorization received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-245)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the promotion of Engineer Dennis Betusak to the rank of Captain and Private Mark Vicari to the rank of Engineer and the appointments of Juan Gonzalez, Martin Padilla, Jaime Ramos, Edward Wagner and Darnell Walker to the Hammond Fire Department. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-246)

5th Avenue Dedication Plat and 5th Avenue Temporary Easement submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Dedication Plat and tentatively approve the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Temporary Easement as it has not yet been submitted in final form; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-247)

Correspondence received from the Housing Authority requesting Flagstone Drive be made one way from east of 174th Place to Wilson Place and angle parking on the south side of Flagstone Drive. Mr. Dostatni said the ordinances regarding one (1) way streets and angle parking will need to be modified to include these streets. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-248)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1050 Moss Street. Property owner, Mr. Gary Romano, appears and said that since he did not receive notification the fee was due he forgot to pay. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, advised Mr. Romano registered late in 2012 but has been timely all other years. 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. 15-249)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7521 Catalpa Avenue. Property owner, Shelby Dockery, fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said this case has been turned over to collections. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 15-250)

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Rental registration hearing on property located at 541 Gostlin Street. Property owner, Ms. Nelida Rodriguez, appears. Ms. Rodriguez said her sister, who is her tenant, does pay rent and then said she forgot to pay rental registration. 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. 15-251)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4614 Henry Avenue, 4724 Towle Avenue and 973 Michigan Street. Property owner, Mr. Martin Carreon, appears and stated he was out of town and forgot to pay. Ms. Kantar that Mr. Carreon had the late fee waived in 2012. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess one (1) \$500 late fee and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-252)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 831 Cherry Street. Property owner, Mr. Tony Warfield, fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess the late fee of \$500 per unit and rental registration of \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-253)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4417 Torrence Avenue. Property owner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thebault, appear. Mrs. Thebault said Mr. Thebault had surgery this year and she forgot to pay the fee. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration has been paid timely in the past. 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. 15-254)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1748 Brown Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Mary Gomez, appears and said nonpayment was an oversight on her part. Ms. Kantar advised that Ms. Gomez was granted a waiver of the late fee in both 2008 and 2010. 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—255)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1223 Lakeview Street. Property owner, Ms. Fanny Mangan's property manager, appears and said there is water in the basement of the property and it has not been rented. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said there have been no permits issued to do any work on the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to take no action until the water damaged is assessed; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-256)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 608 Locust Street. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-257)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1518 – 174th Street. Property owner's daughter appears and stated that she lived at the property in 2014 but did not pay rent and it is now being rented to a man and his three (3) sons. 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. 15-258)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5405 Howard Avenue. Property owner, Isidro Sida, appears and stated that he did not receive notice the fee was due. 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. 15-259)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7345 Northcote Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Daniel Roose, appears and stated that he mailed a check on April 14, 2015 which was not received by Code Enforcement until after the due date. 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. 15-260)

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Rental registration hearing on property located at 1138 Morris Street. Property owner, Ms. Daisy Andrews, appears by Attorney Lonnie Randolph. Mr. Randolph said the property is still in probate and the daughter of Ms. Andrews lives there and pays no rent. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this matter; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-261)

Hearing on property located at 6609 Jefferson Avenue. Attorney Curtis Vosti appears for the property owner. Corporation Counsel, Kristina Kantar, advised this matter is currently in litigation and requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 9, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-262)

Hearing on property located at 4111 Torrence Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, advised an order was already entered on March 26, 2015 to remove the illegal apartment. (Ins. No. 15-263)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set ½ for May 21, 2015 and the other ½ on May 28, 2015; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-264)

Agreements to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6239 Monroe Avenue, 1116 Moss Street and 531 Cherry Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve all three (3) agreements; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-265)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 4744 Columbia Avenue, 4815 Magnolia Avenue and 4618 Oak Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-266)

Correspondence received from Purdue University Calumet requesting permission to hold its second annual live outdoor concert, Friday, April 24, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. NO. 15-267)

Correspondence received from First Baptist Church of Hammond requesting permission to close State Street from Oakley Avenue to Willow Court from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, May 2, 2015 for their Annual Junior and Senior Banquet. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-268)

Correspondence received from Hessville Little League requesting permission to hold their annual Opening Day parade, Saturday, May 2, 2015, with the Hammond Police and Fire Departments participating and permission to a fireworks display at the end of the day's ceremonies. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve and to notify the Police and Fire Departments; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-269)

Correspondence received from Hammond Parks and Recreation requesting the rerouting of J.F. Mahoney Drive for the City's Indoor Garage Sale, Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-270)

Correspondence received from World of Pentecost Ministries requesting approval to hold a block party Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the 700 block of State Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Hammond Police Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried (Ins. No. 15-271)

Garage Sale permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-272)

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Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a request from Purdue University Calumet requesting permission to hold the Spring Fling 5K Ramp Run Saturday, April 18, 2015. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-273)

Mr. Dostatni also received a request from Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church to hold a Vacation Bible School parade on Saturday, June 13, 2015 with route. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-274)

Under Old Business, Findings on property located at 4927 Beech Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-275)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Attorney Curt Vosti appeared and said the property located at 584 Sibley Street does not have a lighted common hallway and the basement lights do not work. Mr. Kurt Koch, Commissioner, Building Department, advised the common hallway should be on a public meter. Mr. Koch also said the property owner may not be paying the bill.

Lastly, Ms. Shelly Alvarez requested information on a demolition property. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, advised Ms. Alvarez to speak with someone in his department after the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Smith to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

APPROVED: June 18, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stanley Dostatni, Vice President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary