

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2017, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay - absent; Mr. Margraf- present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Garay, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf approve the minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2017 and October 5, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Joint Use and Maintenance Agreements for lighting on the US-41 Bridge, approximately 1.95 miles south of I-90 received from INDOT. Mr. Dostatni advised that this agreement is done yearly for maintenance

Ms. Garay appeared for the meeting. Normal rules of procedure are reinstated.

Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-829)

Correspondence received from CSX Transportation requesting a time extension on the closure on Sheffield Avenue to Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-830)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting to perform work on 125th Street. Mr. Dostatni said the work is for a pedestrian bridge that will cross Calumet Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-831)

Correspondence received from Gough, Inc. requesting permission for road closure on 167th Street from October 16, 2017 through October 18, 2017 for water main installation. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-832)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$150,000 of gaming funds be used for the 2017 Overlay Program. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-833)

Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Hammond Board of Public Works & Safety and the Hammond Port Authority Regarding Payment of Invoices for Engineering and Consulting Work for Utility Investigation for Lost Marsh Residential Project. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said this agreement is being entered into in order to pay invoices to Nies Engineering \$2,000 for work the company is doing. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-834)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Police Department approving the Community Outreach by the New Salem M.B. Church, Inc., Saturday, October 28, 2017, at 452 Sibley Street and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-835)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 10 Lawndale Street – two (2) units. Property owner, Ms. Karen Neace, appears. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner, said Ms. Neace just purchased the property last year and was not aware of the fee for rental registration. Mr. Prieto then requested the Board waive the late fee. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-836)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, recommending placement of “Residential Parking Only” signs on the 6200 block of Jefferson Avenue due to a school in the area. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-837)

Correspondence received from Mr. Mamoon Kishta requesting a hearing due to the denial of a Business License for an auto dealership. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for October 26, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-838)

Correspondence received from Xavier Research, 6040 Hohman Avenue, requesting the removal of a “No Parking” sign and the installation of a “No Parking from 4PM – 6PM” sign to allow customer safety when entering the business. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works for recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-839)

Correspondence received from the Christmas Committee of the City of Whiting requesting the assistance of the Hammond Police Department or EMA’s at the Whiting Christmas Parade, Friday, December 1, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-840)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-841)

Order to Rescind Order on 6353 Forest Avenue. Ms. Kantar said the \$18,000 lien on the property had been paid months ago but the order had not been rescinded. Motion by Ms. Garay to rescind the order; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-842)

Agreement with First Group Engineering for design engineering services in the Downtown-Grand Marquette Connector Trail at a cost of \$225,300 to be paid by the Hammond Sanitary District, Redevelopment Commission and the Hammond Common Council. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-843)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received an Order to Rescind Order to Demolish on property located at 7009 Chestnut Avenue (garage). Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-844)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property at 6345 Calumet Avenue. Ms. Kantar said the property has been demolished. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-845)

Mr. Dostatni also received a Special Warranty Deed conveying property owned by the Board of Public Works & Safety to the Hammond Department of Parks and Recreation, Board of Parks Commissioner. Ms. Kantar advised that this deed conveys the property that is Amy Park from the Board of Public Works and Safety to the Park Department. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-846)

Next, Mr. Dostatni received a cover sheet for the Hybrid Pedestrian Crossing Signal, Project No. 1601164. Mr. Dostatni said the signals will be put on Douglas Street and the Erie Lackawanna Trail and 150th Street and the Grand Marquette Greenway. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-847)

Correspondence received from Leopardo Companies, Inc. requesting lane closure on Hohman Avenue between 139th Street and Gostlin Street on October 13, 2017 for the installation of ten (10) Cobra lights. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-848)

Mr. Dostatni then received Change Order Nos. 5 and 10 for the Chicago Street Widening and Reconstruction Project. Mr. Dostatni said Change Order No. 5 is an increase in cost of \$16,101.92 for the shifting of traffic and Change Order No. 10 is for the installation of EZ valves in the 8” water main at an increase in cost of \$3,927.85 with no change in time. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-849)

Lastly, Mr. Dostatni received a contract with Hawk Enterprises, Inc. for the 6th District Local Street Project – Illinois Avenue and Idaho Avenue Lighting Improvements 169th Street to 165th Street. Mr. Dostatni said the contract has not been reviewed by Corporation Counsel and requested that it be signed subject to Law Department approval. Mr. Dostatni then said the cost to the City is \$418,855.44. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to Law Department approval; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-850)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Peter Stofcik, 1803 Brown Avenue, said a truck hit a guard rail at Strack’s on Calumet Avenue. Mr. Stofcik said the damage is an eyesore and requested it be repaired. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Noble Ladella, owner of Super Subs on Kennedy Avenue, requested the “2 Hour Parking” sign in front of his business be replaced with a “15 Minute Parking” sign. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 9:19 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary