

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, 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 to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2017 and October 26, 2017: Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in the 173rd Street – Indianapolis Boulevard to Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Crossing – project. Mr. Dostatni said an agreement regarding the same work was approved but an error in the agreement was discovered and has since been corrected in this agreement. Mr. Dostatni requested the first agreement approved on October 19, 2017 with First Group Engineering, Inc. for construction engineering services in the 173<sup>rd</sup> Street – Indianapolis Boulevard to the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Crossing be rescinded and the agreement submitted today be approved. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to rescind the agreement approved on October 19, 2017 and to approve the agreement submitted today; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-886)

Correspondence received from BP Pipelines, Inc. requesting permission to perform a repair of an existing pipeline on public right of way at 6804 and 6830 Wicker Avenue beginning November 7, 2017 with a completion date of November 22, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-887)

Correspondence received from Superior Construction requesting permission for lane restrictions on Hohman Avenue over the Grand Calumet River beginning October 30, 2017 for bridge reconstruction. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-888)

Correspondence received from Superior Construction requesting permission to occupy the vacant lot owned by the City on the southwest corner of Hohman Avenue and Wilcox Street during the reconstruction of the bridge on Hohman Avenue and also offering the City any excavated materials not reincorporated into the bridge project. . Mr. Dostatni said Superior Construction has offered to donate any excavated material not reincorporated into this project to the City. Mr. Dostatni advised that the material will come from culverts which have not been cleaned, could contain contaminated material and will need to be tested for such. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the use of the parking lot located at Hohman Avenue and Wilcox Street and the donation of excavated material subject to a complete analytical testing for solvents, oil, heavy metals, petroleum, lead or any other type of contaminate prior to the City accepting the excavated material; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-889)

Request for Permit received from Comcast requesting permission to install new CATV cable between an existing pole on the right of way of Ann Avenue and the building at 130 Rimbach Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-890)

Amended Request for Permit received from Comcast requesting permission to install new CATV cable at a depth of 36" along 173rd Street and Northcote Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-891)

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$18,000 of gaming funds be allocated for the installation of French Drains in the 1st District. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-892)

Correspondence received from 4th District Councilman Bill Emerson, Sr. requesting \$24,000 of gaming funds be allocated for the installation of French Drains in the 4th District. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-893)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$6,000 of gaming funds be allocated for the installation of French Drains in the 2nd District. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-894)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-895)

Hearing on property located at 10 Rimbach Street. Attorney James Dal Santo appears for the property owner. Mr. Dal Santo said he has spoken to Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, and Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, regarding the repairs that need to be completed. Mr. Prieto said the repair involves the removal of multiple units and will take time to complete. Mr. Prieto requested this matter be set for status. Mr. Dal Santo requested additional time for the property owner to make repairs. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on January 25, 2018; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-896)

Hearing on property located at 6637 Harrison Avenue. Attorney David Weigle appears with property owner, Mr. Shawn Azaria. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said this property was before the Board in 2015, the property was revisited on October 17, 2017 and there have been no improvements made. Mr. Farrell said neither the 1<sup>st</sup> floor rear apartment nor the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment have been removed in addition to other violations listed. Mr. Weigle said the purpose of the re-inspection was to know how to return the property back into a single family home and an inspection was done in 2015 but not brought before this Board. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the property owner needs to have a general contractor look at the property and give an estimate on the cost of the work to be done. Mr. Weigle said meeting at the property on October 17, 2017 was a waste of time. Mr. Azaria asked if all walls need to be fire resistant and does all the electric need to be changed. Mr. Kearney replied that if Mr. Azaria received an estimate from a general contractor he would go over the estimate with him. Mr. Azaria said there has been no communication from Inspections or the Building Department and no one has answered any of the

questions posed. Mr. Weigle said Mr. Azaria wanted to be told how the property can be returned to a single family home in order to determine the cost. . Mr. Dostatni said contacting a general contractor and getting an estimate is the first step in getting cost figures to have the rehab done. Mr. Margraf asked Mr. Kearney if he could be at the property when a general contractor is giving an estimate on the cost to rehab. Mr. Kearney said that yes, he would be there. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on February 8, 2018; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-897)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 704 Willow Court. Mr. Kearney advised that the property will be returned to a single family home. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-898)

Correspondence received from Ms. Amy Smith, Insurance Coordinator, requesting approval for Walmart to offer flu immunizations to active City of Hammond employees. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-899)

Correspondence received from Pastor James E. Ford, Word Made Flesh Ministries, 700 Sibley Street, requesting a tree next to his church property be cut as its branches are allowing small animal to get on the roof and the roots are growing into the church wall. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Park Department, Engineering and Inspections; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-900)

Correspondence received from Ms. Therese Gyure, 3033 171st Street, requesting “No Parking on Street When 2” of Snow or More Present”. Mr. Prieto said the City had signs like this but were taken down years ago. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to Public Works; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-901)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-902)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a bid recommendation from United Consulting for the Lindberg Avenue Lighting Project – 173<sup>rd</sup> Street to 169<sup>th</sup> Street – to low bidder Midwestern Electric at \$168,730.08. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-903)

Mr. Dostatni also received a disciplinary action from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-904)

Under Old Business, request received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting permission to place signs throughout the City. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-904)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, the property owner of 505 Highland Street requested a time extension on the Agreement to Rehab for the property. Mr. Prieto said he would take her to the Building Department and speak with her there.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; Mr. Dostatni concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary