

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2017, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay – absent; Mr. Margraf- present.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Agreement with HWC Engineering for engineering services for the Hermits Park Road Extension submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni advised the amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$27,500. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-928)

Contract with First Group Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$46,095.86, for consulting services for the Des. No. 1601164 - Bike/Pedestrian Signal Facilities, Three Hawk Signals, Various Locations. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-929)

Change Order No. 10 received from American Structurepoint, Inc. for the Chicago Street Widening and Reconstruction Project. Mr. Dostatni said the amount of the change order is an additional \$2,330.85 for additional EZ valves installed in the water main. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-930)

Change Order No. 1 received from United Consulting for the 174th Street and Kennedy Avenue Intersection Improvements with an increase in cost of \$237.91 for HDPE conduit. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-931)

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Hammond Port Authority regarding payment of invoices for engineering and consulting work for utility investigation for the Lost Marsh Residential Project. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-932)

Correspondence received from 1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman Mark Kalwinski and Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. each requesting \$13,750 of gaming funds be allocated to fund the Hermits Park Road Extension Design Contract with HWC Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-933)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$237.91 of gaming funds be allocated for Change Order No. 1 of the 174<sup>th</sup> Street and Kennedy Avenue Intersection Improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-934)

Correspondence received from Councilman Bill Emerson, Sr. requesting \$3,055.89 of gaming funds be allocated to finalize the 2017 Sidewalk Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-935)

Correspondence received from Midwestern Electric, Inc. Button requesting approval to replace a 30' wood pole and service at the intersection of 136th Street and Sheffield Avenue at a cost of \$2,380. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-936)

Service Agreement with First Communications, LLC for telephone service at Hammond Public Works. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-937)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith regarding a personnel matter. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-938)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. for the demolition of properties located at 6116 Alexander Avenue, 245 Conkey Street, 474-478 Fayette Street (2 parcels), 3006 Kenwood Street, 7616 Linden Avenue, 829-31 May Street, 2064-2102 Sherman Street, 5438 Calumet Avenue, 744-48 Sibley Street (corner building), 5450 Calumet Avenue and 5458-60 Calumet Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$91,100. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-939)

Hearing on property located at 7234 Jarnecke. Attorney Kvachkoff appears with the property owner, Mr. Callahan. Corporation Counsel Ms. Kristina Kantar said that this demolition hearing was originally set for November 9, 2017 but continued in order to have the property owner appear. Ms. Kantar called Mr. Tom Novak, Inspector, Code Enforcement, to the podium and swore Mr. Novak in. Mr. Novak said that the utilities have been cut, there is no water service, the electric someone is stealing or tampering with the inside electric service and squatter have been removed from the property three (3) to four (4) times by the Police Department. Mr. Novak then said he drove past the property this month and took photograph on November 13, 2017 and said this property is set for court this afternoon. Ms. Kantar asked Mr. Novak if he recognized the photos she had shown him of the property. Mr. Novak replied that it was the same property. Mr. Callahan then addressed the Board. Mr. Callahan said the police were called on September 7, 2016, a copy of the report was given to the Board, to this property while he was there and was told by police that he was trespassing and was not allowed to come back. Mr. Callahan then said he was charged three (3) times for the same board up. Ms. Kantar said the police report says nothing about trespassing or that Mr. Callahan cannot go back to the property. Ms. Kantar then said drugs had been found at the property during a police call. Mr. Kvachkoff then asked Mr. Callahan when he was able to last make repairs at the property. Mr. Callahan said September 7, 2016, the day the police were called by Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections. Mr. Callahan then said Mr. Kearney is the individual who told him that he was not allowed to go back to the property. Mr. Kvachkoff asked Mr. Callahan for the date payment was made for board ups and any permit fees. Mr. Callahan said he paid in January of 2017 but was not credited until yesterday. Mr. Kvachkoff said the drugs that were found was due to a police call made by Mr. Callahan due to squatters being there, three (3) board ups were paid for when only one (1) has occurred and the property has been broken into several times. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to take this matter under advisement and issue findings on November 30, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-940)

Hearing on property located at 229 Doty Street. Property owner appears. Ms. Kantar

advised that Attorney Sorge has requested this matter be continued and asked the property owner if Mr. Sorge represented him to which he answered yes. Ms. Kantar the matter was continued to December 14, 2017. No action taken. (Ins. No. 17-941)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1722 Brown Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said there are bedrooms in the basement that do not constitute a pre-existing legal non-conforming use and must be removed by licensed contractors in the City of Hammond. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board affirm the Findings. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-941)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2027 Davis Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised that she has received a letter from Attorney Robert Sorge requesting this matter be continued to December 14, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-942)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 3233 173rd Street Amended submitted for approval. Ms. Kantar said the property has just been purchase and there is a new owner. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-943)

Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-944)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-945)

Correspondence received from Ms. Cindy Rivera, North Township Trustees Office, requesting permission to use the empty lot across the street from their location at 2835 165<sup>th</sup> Street for extra parking for meetings and community events. Ms. Dostatni said he is not sure whether the parking lot is City owned which needs to be determined first. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to Zoning and the Law Department; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-946)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason stating Public Works does not install “Do Not Block Driveway” signs but will paint yellow on each side of the driveway. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-947)

Plat for Shared Use Path (Part of the Marquette Greenway Trail). Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-948)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Fire Chief Jeff Smith requested permission for the Fire Department to use the parking lot behind City Hall for aerial testing. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Under Old Business, rally on Indianapolis Boulevard and Cabela Drive to be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Parties fail to appear with confirmation from INDOT that they may use INDOT property to stand on during the rally. Mr. Dostatni advised that there is no City owned property in the area the group wants to hold a rally. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to take no

action; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Under Meeting opened to the Public, Mr. Antonio Alvarez asked the Board if a decision was made regarding the request he made to change the signage in front of 6040 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Dostatni replied that the request has been referred to the Police Department and the Board has not yet received an answer.

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 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary