

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES DECEMBER 7, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2017, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf- present.

Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 30, 2017; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Construction-CAD Solutions, Inc. requesting permission to install underground fiber optic cable at 4726 Calumet Avenue. Mr. Dostatni advised that Calumet Avenue is a State highway and approval must be obtained from INDOT prior to proceeding. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to INDOT approval; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-972)

Correspondence received from Construction-CAD Solutions, Inc. requesting permission to install underground fiber optic cable at 1836 Summer Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-973)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting installation of 30 minutes parking restrictions at two (2) spaces in front of 6942 and 6948 Indianapolis Boulevard per a request from 5th District Councilman Dave Woerpel. Mr. Dostatni said Mr. Button has also included a letter to be sent to the State from the Board. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve and send the letter to the State; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-974)

Correspondence received from Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspection, requesting one (1) west bound lane of 165th Street at State Line Avenue be closed and one (1) north bound lane of State Line Avenue, north of 165th Street, be closed on December 7, 2017 for a garage demolition. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-975)

Resolution of the Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Hammond, Indiana Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property Under Indiana Law. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4058) (Ins. No. 17-976)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-977)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 945 Hoffman Street. Property owner appears. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said the property owner bought the two (2) unit building in 2016, paid rental registration in 2016 and was not aware that the fee was payable yearly. Mr. Prieto then said the property owner lives in one (1) of the units. Motion by Ms. Garay to have the property owner complete an affidavit regarding his residency, waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-978)

Mr. Dostatni recognized Councilwoman Janet Venecz in the audience.

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for January 4, 2018; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-979)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, advising Public Works has put slag on the 4900 block of Paxton Avenue but the business owners are requesting a different solution to the condition of the roadway. No action taken. (Ins. No. 17-980)

Correspondence received from the Knights of Columbus #1696 requesting street closures and “No Parking” signs placed on 119th Street and Atchison Avenue for a “Pierogi Drop” Sunday, December 31, 2017 through Monday, January 1, 2018. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to clarification with Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works regarding the request to make 119th Street a dead end; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-981)

Correspondence received from resident, Mr. David Pustek, requesting permission to post “Deer Xing” signs on the 2500 block of New York Avenue. Mr. Pustek appeared before the Board and said there are many deer crossing the street resulting in deer almost being hit by vehicles in his neighborhood and that he has bought signs to alert motorists to the deer. Mr. Dostatni said the signs must meet the guidelines in the Uniform Traffic Control Manual that sets the standard of signs placed in the public right of way. Mr. Pustek said he would email pictures and dimensions of the signs for the Board’s review. Motion by Ms. Garay to send the information to Public Works for review; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-982)

Local Funded Chicago Street Water Main Design Engineering Agreement with American Structurepoint at a cost of \$17,800 to be paid out of Shared Gaming. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-983)

Under Old Business, correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty regarding Correctional Officer promotions and pay adjustments. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-984)

Change Order received from RSR Demolition, LLC. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said asbestos was found in the pad of the building and had to be removed which caused some employees to lose time. Mr. Kearney then said he will get a copy to the Board regarding the lost time. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to receipt of documents regarding the loss of pay for workers; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-985)

Mr. Kearney then said a contractor hit a water line resulting in down time for a demolition crew working on 816 Summer Street. Mr. Kearney said a change order will be coming before the Board regarding the same.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, property owner of 238 Doty Street appeared, said she

cannot receive a handicap sign as she had a garage, people park their cars blocking her driveway, Public Works has painted the curbs yellow and there is a “Do Not Block Driveway” sign on Jefferson Avenue. Mr. Prieto said the “Do Not Block Driveway” signs were taken down and the one on Jefferson Avenue must have been left up unintentionally. The property owner said it is the taxpayer’s to use and again requested a “Do Not Block Driveway” sign. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-986)

Mr. Antonio Alvarez, 6040 Hohman Avenue, asked the Board if a decision has been made regarding signage in front of his building. Mr. Dostatni said the Board has not received a response from the Police Department yet. Motion by Ms. Garay to request a status from the Police Department regarding the signage; 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 9:31 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary