

1 CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
2 BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

3 BOARD MEMBERS

4 Milton Reed, President
5 Richard Trembczynski, Vice President
6 Thomas Davis, Member

7 Regular Meeting Minutes
8 Wednesday, September 25, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.
9 Reported for Fissinger & Associates
10 By: Lisa Pena

11 Call to Order: 5:28 p.m.

12 Pledge of Allegiance:

13 Roll Call: Present: Milton Reed, Richard Trembczynski,
14 Thomas Davis.

15 Approval of Minutes: None.

16 Correspondence: None.

17 New Business:

18 MR. REED: We will move on to New Business from the
19 Building Department.

20 MR. SMITH: Good evening, Board, Mr. President. We do
21 have several matters before the Board this evening. And we
22 can go in the order of the agenda because Mr. Arafat is here
23 for 3912 Deodar.

24 Mr. Arafat is here. Work is progressing. And it
25 is the Building Commissioner's request that this be continued
to November 13 which is the date that we're going to use for
all business in November I believe, Mr. President.

Mr. Arafat, you're in agreement with that, November
13?

The next matter is 3809 Ivy. Also next on the
agenda. This is working out great. Mr. Hemmingway is here
on behalf of 381 Investments. He has indicated and we have
documentation that he is the tax certificate owner of that
property.

1 The hearing for all county tax certificates is
2 tomorrow. And he intends on getting an inspection
3 immediately thereafter.

4 Given that representation Mr. Portalatin has
5 indicated he is fine with December 11 as the status date.

6 Mr. Hemmingway, you're in agreement with that?

7 MR. HEMMINGWAY: Yes. Thank you.

8 MR. SMITH: Thank you, sir. 4416 Baring is the next
9 matter on the agenda. Mr. Vargas was actually here earlier.
10 The good news is that substantial work has been completed.
11 And the Building Commissioner has requested this be removed
12 from the Demolition List.

13 We will file something with the Recorder's Office
14 rescinding that Demolition Order that was placed on his
15 property back in May. So good news.

16 Next matter is 3605-07 Euclid. This is owned by
17 the White Family or Mr. White. The owner has appeared. He
18 has owned it for ten years. He said he uses it for storage.
19 It's been vacant the whole time. He lives on 16442 Wood
20 Street which I believe is in Illinois.

21 We entered the Demolition Order back awhile ago.
22 No work has been performed on this property. So I believe
23 it's the Commissioner's request that this be allowed to go to
24 bid.

25 Next matter is 4126 Magoun. This is only garage by
the way. You may recall that the photo showed a yard full of
debris and a brick garage with a rotting roof and rotting
wood. There was a boat parked in the alley line.

The owner did call Mr. Portalatin, but didn't
appear at the hearing back in May. There's been no work
performed. It's in real tough shape. We would request it go
to bid.

Next matter is 4759 Drummond. This is the Almanza
property. It's boarded up, collapsed porch, garage has
rotting siding, plywood. No work has been done. The
Commissioner is requesting that this be set for bid.

4117 Euclid. This is front and garage. The
Calverts own this. There is work since the Board first heard

1 this. There is work in progress. So we're going to set this
2 over for status to November. So that will be November 13
3 we'll be setting that over for status.

3 3831 Hemlock. Mr. Riddle was here. The property
4 owner was approved for assistance from the Department of
5 Redevelopment. And Mr. Riddle informed us that construction
6 is set to begin immediately. The Building Commissioner has
7 requested that this be removed from the Demolition List.

6 So I think that's another feel good story for the
7 City that the Redevelopment Department was able to help them
8 and it's coming off the list.

8 Lastly, Mr. President and Board, we have 4009
9 Melville. The Coopers are the owners of this.
10 Mr. Portalatin has indicated that work is in progress.
11 Therefore we're going to set it for another status for that
12 November date. So we'll have it for November 13.

11 And that completes my report I believe to the
12 Board. I don't believe anyone else is here for any of the
13 properties. Thank you.

13 MR. REED: Thank you. May we have a recommendation to
14 accept the report of the Building Department?

14 Motion to accept Building Department Report made by Thomas
15 Davis. Second by Richard Trembczynski.

16 Questions/Comments: None.

17 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

18 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

18 MR. REED: I do have a question. The City has done
19 quite a few efforts for the revitalization of this Main
20 Street Corridor. And I know we had a property on Main Street
21 that I hadn't really heard any update on, the lounge. So if
22 in the next meeting or via e-mail we can kind of get an
23 update.

22 I visit the District as you know from time to time.
23 I haven't seen any work done. We want to see continued
24 momentum in that with the Facade Program.

24 I know the funding cycle, they need to know what
25 they're going to have to put in for next year as far as the
Planning and Economic Development Departments. So I want to

1 get very aggressive in our thoroughfare there because we have
2 a lot of investment in there. So if you could let me know
3 what's going on there.

3 MR. SMITH: Mr. President, do you know the hundred
4 block? Is that 38 or 39?

4 MR. REED: I believe that's 38.

5 MR. SMITH: We'll take a look at our list and make sure
6 we have the right address.

7 MR. REED: And all properties in what I refer to as the
8 T of the District. There's major investment. And we want to
9 make sure we stay on top of that area. Thank you.

9 Old Business:

10 MR. REED: As a matter of Old Business we have before us
11 an Order that the City of East Chicago Board of Public Safety
12 pursuant to what I will refer to as Employee A did make
13 appeal to her status. And in this Order their recommendation
14 is to accept this Order Returning Employee A to work on
15 September 26, 2019.

13 Is there a motion to approve the Order that we have
14 in front of us?

15 Motion to approve Order Returning Employee A to Work made by
16 Thomas Davis. Second by Richard Trembczynski.

16 Questions/Comments: None.

17 MR. REED: If there are no questions we will consider
18 this motion approved and please notify HR as well that
19 employment should be reinstated.

19 MR. MORRISROE: I believe her Department has been
20 notified.

21 MR. REED: Our approval of the Order?

22 MR. MORRISROE: That she may return tomorrow if she is
23 able.

23 Other/Audience Participation:

24 MR. REED: As far as Audience Participation if there's
25 anyone in the audience that would like to speak you are free

1 to speak.

2 We ask you to limit it to a couple minutes. But we
3 will not be able to respond. This is only public comment.
4 We may not have an answer or response at this time on our
5 agenda.

6 Anyone that would like to speak you are able to
7 speak to the Board if you would care to.

8 MS. KEY: How you all doing? My name is Marcia Key. I
9 would just like to know if my time would keep on going?

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11 MR. REED: So that would be an HR question. You can
12 talk to HR about any questions.

13 MS. KEY: Thank you.

14 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 9,
15 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

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17 Motion to adjourn made by Richard Trembczynski. Second by
18 Thomas Davis.

19 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

20 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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22 * Meeting ended at 5:38 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Approved and Signed _____

Milton Reed, President

Richard Trembczynski, Vice President

Thomas Davis, Member

Olga Cosme, Board Secretary

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5 court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in
6 machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my
7 shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were
8 thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal
9 direction.

10 I further certify that the foregoing
11 typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of said
12 proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to
13 be transcribed.

14 Dated at Portage, Indiana, this 7th day of
15 October, 2019.

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