

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

BOARD MEMBERS

Milton Reed, President
Richard Trembczynski, Vice President
Thomas Davis, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Present: Milton Reed, Richard Trembczynski,
Thomas Davis.

STAFF PRESENT: Olga Cosme, James Portalatin, Kevin
Smith.

MINUTES: Special Meeting December 9, 2020

Motion to approve December 9, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
made by Richard Trembczynski. Second by Thomas Davis.

Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

Motion to approve January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
made by Thomas Davis. Second by Richard Trembczynski.

Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. REED: It is now time for our annual election of

1 officers. We will take nominations for the Office of
President.

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MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: I nominate Milton Reed.

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MR. REED: Are there any other nominations for the
4 Office of President?

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If not we will close the nominations. Is there a
6 motion to elect Milton Reed as President of the Board of
Public Safety for 2021?

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7 Motion to Elect Milton Reed as 2021 Board of Public Safety
President made by Thomas Davis. Second by Richard
8 Trembczynski.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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MR. REED: Thank you, gentlemen, for your vote of
12 confidence.

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We will open the floor for nominations for the
14 position of Vice President.

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MR. DAVIS: I make a motion to maintain Mr. Richard
15 Trembczynski.

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MR. REED: Anymore nominations? If no nominations,
17 we'll close the floor to nominations. We will further
entertain a motion for the Office of Vice President for
18 Richard Trembczynski.

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Motion to Elect Richard Trembczynski as 2021 Board of Public
19 Safety Vice President made by Thomas Davis. Second by Milton
Reed.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
22 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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MR. REED: We will move on to the Fire Department
24 Reports.

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Motion to approve December 2020 Fire Department Reports made
25 by Richard Trembczynski. Second by Thomas Davis.

1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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MR. REED: Now we will accept the motion to approve
4 Resolution 2021, 3844 Carey Street and Release of Lien.

5 Motion to approve Resolution 2021, 3844 Carey Street and
Release of Lien made by Richard Trembczynski. Second by
6 Thomas Davis.

7 Questions/Comments: None.

8 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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MR. REED: Would the Building Department like to come
10 forward with their presentation now or would they like us to
rescind this Release Order to Demolish?

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MR. SMITH: That would be fine. We can do that first.

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MR. REED: We will entertain a motion for the Order to
13 Rescind and Release Order to Demolish 4916 Olcott.

14 Motion to approve Order to Rescind and Release Order to
Demolish 4916 Olcott Avenue made by Thomas Davis. Second by
15 Richard Trembczynski.

16 Questions/Comments: None.

17 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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MR. REED: Now we will turn the meeting over to the
19 Building Department.

20 MR. SMITH: Good evening, Mr. President and Board.

21 MR. REED: Good evening, sir.

22 MR. SMITH: Sorry about that. Kevin Smith on behalf of
the Building Department. Mr. Portalatin is here. He is
23 currently in the hallway dealing with a property owner. But
I am happy to report on the properties that are on your list.
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25 Tonight these are just statuses. So status
properties that have been before you at least one time.

1 If it would please the Board, Mr. President, I
2 would like to just simply go through them. If you have any
3 questions as we go through, I'm happy to stop if that's okay
4 with you.

5 MR. REED: That will be fine, sir.

6 MR. SMITH: 4735 Alexander Avenue, garage. This is
7 owned by a gentleman named Peterson who lives at 3010 Ivy
8 Street.

9 This is this in poor condition. There's been no
10 permit pulled since we were before you last. No progress.
11 And the Building Department will move forward with bidding
12 out the work.

13 4757 Alexander Avenue. Miss Beatrice Williams and
14 Mrs. Long were outside in the hallway earlier. They have
15 discussed with Mr. Portalatin the fact that the 50/50 Program
16 may be available to them after the garage is demolished. And
17 so they acknowledged the fact that we're going to moved
18 forward with the bid.

19 And I've been in contact with Miss Williams
20 regarding the fact that we want to try to get the property
21 correctly titled. And I am going to be helping them with
22 that separately. But this will go forward to bid.

23 5008 Alexander. The permit has been received for
24 the interior work. And therefore we're requesting this be
25 set over for status for March 24.

 3927 Deodar Street. I am happy to report that the
work has been completed. And there's a request to remove
this from the demo list. So I have presented Miss Cosme with
the Order to Rescind.

 And we would request that that be entered this
evening by the Board. And then we'll have that recorded with
the Lake County Recorder.

 3613 Grand Boulevard. There has been a permit for
tuck pointing, window fitting and pane. The exterior work
has been completed.

 We're pending some followup with the owner to
schedule an interior inspection. Therefore we request a
status for March 24.

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1 MR. REED: Excuse me, Kevin.

2 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir.

3 MR. REED: Is it safe to say that our audience member is
4 with your staff and not a homeowner?

5 MR. SMITH: Yes. This is Miss Sullivan. Madelyn is at
6 the doctor's office this evening. So I have Sandy with me
7 tonight.

8 MR. REED: Okay. Sandy, how are you? I didn't want to
9 make her wait if it was a homeowner.

10 MR. SMITH: Thank you. 4714 Kennedy. I talked with
11 Mr. Sanchez whose the family owns this. Filipe Sanchez is an
12 attorney. His family also owns this property.

13 He has pulled a permit. And Actin is going to be
14 starting demolition Monday. We'll set this over for status
15 March 24.

16 So that demolition will be paid for by the owner
17 which is great.

18 4830 Kennedy Avenue, garage. We show work in
19 progress. And this will be set over for March 24.

20 4842 Kennedy Avenue. I believe Mr. Portalatin just
21 met with the owner. He may have a report.

22 MR. PORTALATIN: Yes. Owner's daughter came in said
23 that they're in the process of getting a proposal to self
24 demo. It will be done by March 24. So we could set it for
25 status for March 24. We can enter the Order to Bid.

MR. SMITH: The Order has been entered. We'll move
forward with bidding this. But hopefully by the time we roll
around to March 24 it will be done.

MR. REED: I prefer that. That could get us behind the
eight ball in March. Thank you.

MR. SMITH: So we'll bid that one out as well. But we
do want to acknowledge that the owner's daughter did appear
and they believe that they're going to self demo. And
hopefully they will.

MR. REED: Great.

1 MR. SMITH: 4812 McCook. Work is in progress on this
2 property owned by the Hurd Family. And this will be set over
for March 24 for status.

3 4816 McCook. There was a little bit of a glitch
4 with the owner trying to pull a permit. Mr. Portalatin
required that there be a licensed contractor to do the work.

5 Meyers Builders just pulled a permit. So we're
6 moving along now. And it will be set for status on March 24.

7 4842 McCook. The demolition of the garage is
complete. And this will be removed.

8 I am sorry. 4842 McCook.

9 MR. PORTALATIN: The one that we just did.

10 MR. SMITH: I am sorry. 4842 McCook, garage only. This
11 property is not complete. And therefore we will be bidding
out the work and setting it for status on 3/24.

12 3932 Melville Avenue, front. There has been no
13 permit and no progress. Mr. Draper is the owner. Actually
the owner lives in Merrillville.

14 There has been no permit, no progress. We're going
15 to move forward with bidding this property out.

16 4751 Melville, front and garage. Also the owner
17 came and requested a Rehab Agreement. However there's been
no permit, no progress. Move forward with the bid on that
property.

18 MR. PORTALATIN: Kevin.

19 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir.

20 MR. PORTALATIN: Correction. I'm sorry. I wrote down
21 the note at 4842 McCook.

22 MR. SMITH: I was right originally, right?

23 MR. PORTALATIN: You're right. So 4842 Kennedy is the
one that came in. I'm sorry.

24 MR. SMITH: So just clarifying Mr. Portalatin was out
25 meeting with the owner. My report on 4842 Kennedy was
accurate. Mr. Portalatin's report on 4842 Kennedy was

1 accurate that the owner's daughter came. They hope to self
2 demo. And it's going to be going to bid anyway. But it's
also set over for status and March 24.

3 The incorrect report was given on 4842 McCook,
4 garage. That property, the demolition of the garage is
complete. And we will be removing the Demolition Order.

5 MR. REED: We did that or they self-performed?

6 MR. SMITH: Self demo. So 4842 McCook self demo. We'll
7 be removing the Demolition Order.

8 I think I was down at 47 -- I'm sorry. I did 4751
9 Melville. I'm now at 4913 Melville, garage. This is owned
by the Brooks Family. They have pulled a permit. And we're
going to set it over for status for March 24.

10 And the last property is 4926 Northcote. Although
11 there's been no permit or no progress this property appears
to be a total reconstruction and part of it is finished.
12 Therefore Mr. Portalatin has requested a status for March 24.

13 That completes the Report of the Building
Department on the status items, Mr. President.

14 MR. REED: Are there any questions for the Building
15 Department?

16 We'll entertain a motion to accept the Report. I
don't know. Do we need to acknowledge anything or is it just
17 statuses?

18 MR. SMITH: It would just be those items where we
requested the removal of the Order.

19 MR. REED: Is there a motion to accept the Building
20 Report on the statues that needed action.

21 Motion to approve Building Department Report made by Richard
Trembczynski. Second by Thomas Davis.

22 Questions/Comments: None.

23 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
24 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

25 MR. REED: Thank you.

1 OTHER/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

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3 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Wednesday, February
4 10, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

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5 Motion to adjourn made by Thomas Davis. Second by Richard
6 Trembczynski.

7 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
8 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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10 * Meeting ended at 5:43 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Approved and Signed _____

Milton Reed, President

Richard Trembczynski, Vice President

Thomas Davis, Member

Olga Cosme, Board Secretary

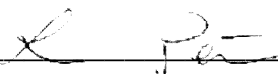
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Dated at Portage, Indiana, this 8th day of February, 2021.



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