

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 26, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Milton Reed, Richard Trembczynski
and Thomas Davis

MR. REED: Need a motion to approve
regular meeting minutes of May 12, 2021.

MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: So moved.

MR. DAVIS: Second

MR. REED: Properly moved and second.
Any questions? (None) Hearing no questions, we'll take
a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries. There is no
correspondence before us, so we'll move on to New
Business.

From the Fire Department, we have
the Fire Civil Service Commission/hours and shifts. And
I would like to ask if we can read this letter into the
record before taking any action.

Mr. Morrisroe or Olga, one of you
like to read this in the record.

MR. MORRISROE: This is addressed today,
May 26, 2021 -- addressed to the Fire Civil Service
Commission, 3901 McShane, East Chicago, concerning
firefighters hours of work.

"Dear Fire Civil Service Commissioners: It's come
to the attention of the Board of Public Safety

1 that there have been discussions regarding what
2 entity has the authority to approve firefighter
3 hours of work. See Indiana code 36-8-3-3G and the
4 East Chicago Municipal Code, Section 35.047.
5 Neither the Fire Civil Service Commission rules,
6 nor the statute which created and authorized the
7 Commission, granted the Commission to the able to
8 set the hours of work, per Indiana code 36-8-3-3G
9 and reflected in the East Chicago Municipal
10 ordinances. The authority to set schedules and
11 hours of work for firefighters belongs to the
12 chief of the fire department, subject to the
13 approval of the Board of Public Safety. Thus by
14 this communication the Board of Public Safety
15 respectfully requests that the Commission adheres
16 to the law and refrain from entering any
17 resolution or motion on this matter over which the
18 Commission has no authority."

19 And this is respectfully submitted by
20 Milton Reed, our president, members Richard
21 Trembczynski, Thomas Davis and myself as the attorney
22 for the Board of Public Safety.

23 MR. REED: Okay. Is there a motion to
24 accept this letter and send it over to the Fire Civil
25 Service Commission?

MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: Make a motion.

MR. DAVIS: Second.

MR. REED: Properly moved and second.
Any questions? (None) Hearing no questions, we'll take
a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Next on the agenda is the
termination letter, with this being a personnel issue, I
think the only thing we do today is accept the
recommendation of the Fire Department. Is that
accurate, Mr. Morrisroe?

MR. MORRISROE: I believe so. I believe
the chief wants to be advised of this and that the
termination is to take place with the person involved,
who has a right to appeal. This to the Fire Civil
Service Commission; is that correct, Chief?

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1 CHIEF ROSARIO: That's correct.

2 MR. REED: Do we need to formally adopt
3 for the authority?

4 MR. MORRISROE: So you accept rather than
5 adopt, if I understand correctly.

6 MR. REED: Is there a motion to accept
7 the letter provided from the Fire Department for the
8 termination letter?

9 MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: Make a motion.

10 MR. DAVIS: Second.

11 MR. REED: Properly moved and second.
12 Any questions? (None) Hearing no questions, we'll take
13 a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

14 Motion carries.

15 Now we have Resolution 2021-17, 3829
16 Alder and Release of Lien. Is there a motion to adopt
17 Resolution 2021-17?

18 MR. DAVIS: So moved.

19 MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: Second

20 MR. REED: Properly moved and second.
21 Any questions? (None) Hearing no questions, we'll take
22 a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

23 Motion carries.

24 MR. MORRISROE: Mr. President, I'd like
25 to point out as we begin the second one, the Recorder of
Deeds now requires that we have a separate Release of
Lien for each lien. We used to be able to put it in a
combined document -- like this one has two and some of
them are more than that -- we now have the extra one.
Just to note that in your file, that's the new procedure
of the Lake County Recorder.

MR. REED: Okay. Thank you for sharing
that. Is there a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-18,
3724 Deodar and Release of Lien?

MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: So moved.

1 MR. DAVIS: Second

2 MR. REED: Properly moved and second.
Any questions? (None) Hearing no questions, we'll take
3 a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)
4 Motion carries.
Next Resolution 2021-19, 3904 Grace,
5 Release of Lien.

6 MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: So moved.

7 MR. DAVIS: Second

8 MR. REED: Properly moved and second.
Any questions? (None) Hearing no questions, we'll take
9 a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)
10 Motion carries.
Is there a motion to adopt
11 Resolution 2021-20, 4224 Wegg, Release of Lien.

12 MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: Make a motion.

13 MR. DAVIS: Second

14 MR. REED: Properly moved and second.
Any questions? (None) Hearing no questions, we'll take
15 a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)
16 Motion carries.
Resolution 2021-21, Release of Lien,
17 4329 Baring, motion to adopt.

18 MR. DAVIS: So moved.

19 MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: Second.

20 MR. REED: Properly moved and second.
Any questions? (None) Hearing no questions, we'll take
21 a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)
22 Motion carries.
All right, thank you. I'm sure
23 we'll have plenty to sign today.

Next we have our report from the
24 Building Department.

25 MR. SMITH: Kevin Smith. Mr. President

1 and Board, I have the binder that we usually give you
2 with photographs of the properties. If I could
3 approach?

3 MR. REED: Yes, please: Thank you. I'll
4 share with my colleagues.

4 MR. SMITH: And just to let the Board
5 know, on every one of these addresses that we are
6 requesting an order, we do have good service and there
7 has been proper notice, both on the property and in the
8 newspaper, and by certified and regular mail, to the
9 property owner and anyone with substantial property
10 interest.

8 Of note, the first property on the
9 list, 2312 Columbus Drive, I would request we move that
10 and continue to June 23rd.

10 Then if you like, Mr. President, I
11 can go right down the rest of the list.

11 MR. REED: Yes, please do. And so you
12 are holding it over for status, right?

12 MR. SMITH: On June 23rd, that's going to
13 notice up for that date or is it over for status?
14 Actually, first notice. We are actually removing that
15 from today's hearing and we are going to notice it and
16 set it for initial hearing at that date. So some of
17 these are -- first time I'm seeing some of these.

16 MR. REED: All of these -- first time we
17 are seeing them?

17 MR. SMITH: Correct. But the first on
18 the list, 2312 Columbus Drive was not for today and will
19 be noticed for June 23rd.

19 3915 Main Street -- I guess I
20 misspoke, couple of these have been before the Board
21 years ago and there are before the board again. This is
22 one of those. This property is listed owner as old
23 Granny's Sweet Spot had a demolition order before the
24 Board in 2016, bid out in 2017, rehab agreement was
25 proposed. It was not signed by the owner. Donation
agreement was prepared, which was never signed and the
demolition order eventually expired. As you can see
from the condition of the property, it has not improved
from that time. We are again requesting that this
matter be affirmed and we'll bid out the property for
demolition for July 7th.

1 MR. MORRISROE: I would just mention, if
2 I may, I recall on numerous occasions calling the
3 attorney -- Highland based attorney -- and never
4 received an answer or any clarification as to what they
5 were doing.

6 MR. SMITH: That's reflected in our old
7 file, Mr. Morrisroe -- absolutely.

8 1026 138th, the the owner listed are
9 Georgia Smith. There is also a lien on -- mortgage lien
10 on the property. There is a homestead exemption on the
11 property, which probably should be removed. Purchased
12 on a tax sale in 2020 by Salena Maconia, from New
13 Jersey. Two-story home with a boarded up front door and
14 windows on the first floor. Significant repairs are
15 needed, but the structure is intact. There we had no
16 notice -- I'm sorry -- no response to our notice. We
17 request that the order for demolition be affirmed and
18 we'll set it for bid for July 7th.

19 MR. REED: July 7th is when you plan to
20 go out with the package?

21 MR. SMITH: I believe any action that we
22 were asking -- and all of these -- accept I believe one
23 -- is to affirm the demolition as presented.

24 Next matter is 514 East 148th
25 Street. The owner is listed as Gonzalez, who has an
address on Homerlee and Olcott. There is a previous
demolition against Brandy Thornberry and Mark Jordan
Acevedo. No work had been done on the property since
that date and the property was deeded to Miss Gonzalez
late last year. As you can see, there is significant
deterioration around the building, the eaves are
falling, and the garage is in significant distressed
state. We request that the order be affirmed as
presented. It is also set for bid July 7th.

Next, 417 East Chicago Avenue, this
is garage only. The owners live on 151st Street.
Garage is in poor shape. Request the order be affirmed
as presented.

3830 Main Street, we requested
demolition order on this property in 2018. No work has
been done since that time, so we'd like to renew the
demolition order. As you can see, it's in poor
condition and not improved since that time.

Next property is 602 East 151st
Street. This would be the rear building owned by Hess &
Hess LLC, of Greenwood, Indiana. The property shape, as

1 you can see, open door, windows, the holes in the side.
2 We would request that the order be affirmed as
presented, also bid out July 7th.

3 510 East 51st Street, rear of this
property. Actually the permit has been pulled for self
4 demolition. We request the order be entered as
presented. We probably will hold off on bidding to make
5 sure that the property is demolished as requested by the
owner.

6 And that's all we have regarding
those. Those are the brand new ones we have for status,
7 Mr. President. Again, I misspoke earlier, the last two
are status properties. 4826 McCook you may recall that
8 this is owned by Madeline Span since 2019. There is
progress on this property. It's continuing to move
9 forward and request a status set for June 23rd to again
check progress.

10 4863 Northcote is owned by a trust,
the Donna K. Pilliac Trust, and this also is work in
11 progress I'm happy to report, and we would request a
June 23rd status. That completes our request on demos.

12 MR. REED: Okay. Let me just ask,
sometimes we hold the status for two months, sometimes
13 one month. How do you make that determination how long
you hold the status, based on the progress or amount of
14 work?

15 MR. PORTALATIN: We base that on your
recommendation. We are trying to do it at a monthly
16 basis as much as we can.

17 MR. REED: All right. Thank you. And
then we have demolition orders to be rescinded?

18 MR. SMITH: All those -- these are all
19 matters that have already been demoed or have been
rehabbed. There is one additional property I would like
20 to add to the list and that is 1311 East Columbus Drive.
We'd ask that to be added to that list and request the
21 Board to approve the orders to rescind because of
compliance and/or demo.

22 MR. REED: Okay. On Columbus Drive, I
23 think they came before us and pretty much meets your
satisfaction?

24 MR. PORTALATIN: The rear unit was
25 demolished.

1 MR. REED: Okay. Thank you. Is there
anything else?

2 MR. SMITH: No, sir.

3 MR. REED: All right. Is there a motion
4 to accept the Building Department report as presented?

5 MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: I make a motion.

6 MR. DAVIS: Second.

7 MR. REED: Are there any questions?
(None) Hearing no questions, properly moved and second.
8 We'll take a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

9 Motion carries.

10 There's no audience participation.

Next meeting, Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

11 There is no other business before us.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

12 MR. DAVIS: So moved.

13 MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: Second.

14 MR. REED: All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

15 Motion carries. Meeting is

16 adjourned.

*** Meeting Adjourned ***

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes
of May 26, 2021
Approved and Signed, Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Milton Reed, President

Richard Trembczynski, Vice President

Thomas Davis, Member

Olga Cosme, Board Secretary s

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I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

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

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 4th day of June, 2021.

Peggy S. LaLonde



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR