

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY AND STORMWATER BOARD
MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2018, GOSHEN, INDIANA**

The Board of Public Works and Safety and Stormwater Board of the City of Goshen met in the Council Chambers, 111 East Jefferson Street on February 26, 2018, at 2:00 P.M. for their weekly Board meeting. Board Member Landis was the presiding officer with members of the Board present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Board Member Day, Board Member Landis

ABSENT: Mayor Stutsman

OTHERS: Clerk-Treasurer Administrative Assistants, City Attorney, Assistant City Planning and Zoning Administrator, Assistant Fire Chief, Police Chief, Assistant Building Commissioner, Building Inspector, Assistant Street Commissioner, Legal Compliance Administrator, Mayor's Administrative Assistant, Parks and Recreation Superintendent.

Minutes of the meeting of February 19, 2018 were presented. On motion of Board Member Day and second by Board Member Landis, the minutes were approved as presented.

CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT—M.D. MILLER

Legal Compliance Administrator Shannon Marks requested Board approval to extend a conditional offer of employment on behalf of the Goshen Fire Department to Myron D. Miller and execute the Agreement which sets forth the prerequisites to beginning employment as a probationary firefighter. Myron must first complete and pass the baseline statewide physical and mental examinations. The Board will be requested to confirm the offer of employment when a position opening becomes available in the Fire Department.

Myron will be required to enroll in and successfully complete a paramedic training course, and obtain an Indiana paramedic certification/license as a condition of employment. If Myron leaves employment before becoming certified/licensed, he agrees to reimburse the City's actual cost for him to attend the paramedic training course (not to exceed \$15,000.00). If Myron does not serve as an active paramedic for at least three full years, he agrees to repay the City a prorated portion of \$15,000.00 for the paramedic training course.

Board Member Day moved to approve the request. Second by Board Member Landis and motion passed unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Cathy Lovely requested Board approval to move the handicap parking spaces in City Parking Lot J from the middle of the parking lot to closer to the ADEC building located at 112 East Lincoln Avenue in order to make ADEC more accessible to both clients and caregivers. Ms. Lovely also requested a short term loading/unloading zone in front of the ADEC building in order to further facilitate accessibility. Finally, she requested that the handicap parking spaces be painted blue in order to make them more recognizable. The requests were presented at the Traffic Commission meeting, but there was no information from them available at this time.

Board Member Landis suggested that the request be put on the meeting agenda for a later date so that City staff would have time to discuss the request.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY:
311 NORTH NINTH STREET

Board Member Landis opened the Public Hearing:

City Attorney Larry Barkes asked if there was anyone present on behalf of the property. Attorney Ian Flora, representing Select Portfolio Servicing on behalf of Deutsche Bank, was the only party present. The previous owners, Daniel and Sheryl Stanley, are deceased. Attorney Flora verified that the property was currently unoccupied before asking the Board for whatever time they could allow the Bank to have.

Building Inspector Steve Bice stated that there had been no compliance with the property. There was accumulated water in the basement that was unrelated to the recent flood event. The property was unsecured and open to looters and animals. The following is a list of violations:

1. Roof soffits and fascia are loose, open, and creating a nesting area for birds.
2. The concrete approach to the front porch is cracked and stands out of level creating multiple “tripping” points.
3. The stone type foundation has loose stones and open joints allowing soil to wash out and rodents into the structure.
4. There are discarded flammable materials throughout the house.
5. The rear entry doors have been removed and needs to be replaced.
6. Windows throughout the house are standing open and need to be secured.
7. Three windows on the north and south sides are boarded due to damage and need to be properly repaired.
8. The mortar joints on the field stone type foundation are open and need re-mortared.
9. The front porch is damaged and needs to be replaced.
10. The concrete steps in the front of the house are severely cracked and separated.
11. The basement and the bathroom could not be accessed due to trash and appliances blocking the entries.
12. The electrical service drop wires are hung too low on the rear side of the house and are within arm’s reach of the walkway.
13. The house and two sheds are not secured.

Board Member Landis moved to find the property unsafe for all of the above listed violations. Second by Board Member Day and motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Landis moved to refer the property to the Legal and Building Departments for either receivership or demolition with a return to the Board of Public Works and Safety on March 26, 2018. Seconded by Board Member Day and motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Board Member Landis moved to process claims and then to adjourn. Second by Board Member Day and motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY AND STORMWATER BOARD:

MAYOR JEREMY STUTSMAN _____

BOARD MEMBER MITCHELL DAY _____

BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL A. LANDIS _____

ATTEST _____
CLERK-TREASURER ANGIE MCKEE