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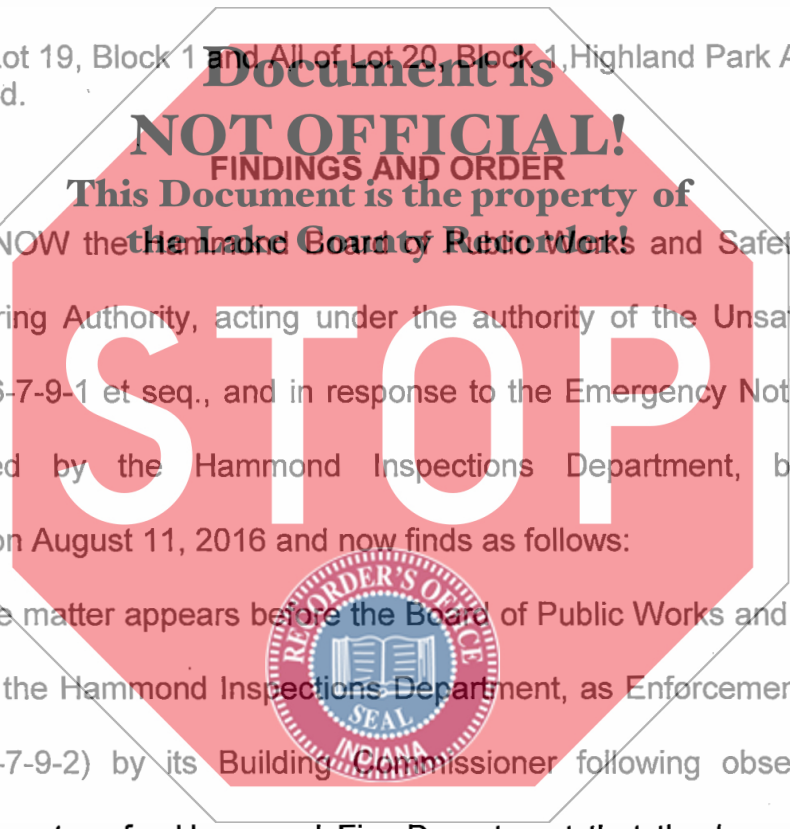
STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
AND SAFETY
CITY OF HAMMOND, INDIANA

IN RE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 420 Lewis Street, Hammond, IN 46320

Key Number: 45-06-01-255-006.000-023

Legal: West 1/2 Lot 19, Block 1 and All of Lot 20, Block 1, Highland Park Addition,
Hammond.



COMES NOW the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety, the statutory designated Hearing Authority, acting under the authority of the Unsafe Building Act, Indiana Code 36-7-9-1 et seq., and in response to the Emergency Notice to Repair or Demolish issued by the Hammond Inspections Department, by its Building Commissioner, on August 11, 2016 and now finds as follows:

1. The matter appears before the Board of Public Works and Safety, brought by the Hammond Inspections Department, as Enforcement Authority (I.C. 36-7-9-2) by its Building Commissioner following observation by Fire Inspectors for Hammond Fire Department that the house was a health, safety and fire hazard requiring immediate action and remediation.
2. The City of Hammond, through its Enforcement Authority, has identified the above listed property as being a building or structure that is unsafe to person or property; a fire or health hazard; a public nuisance due to

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condition or vacancy in violation of City Ordinance concerning Building Condition or Maintenance. (I.C. 36-7-9-4)

3. Pursuant to these findings, and acting to eliminate blight and protect public health and safety, the Enforcement Authority issued notice of the condition of the above listed property, and required that the above listed property be vacated, repaired or demolished, pursuant to I.C. 36-7-9-5.
4. This Emergency Notice to Repair or Demolish complied with I.C. 36-7-9-5 and contained the required information including in part, the name of the person to whom the ordered was issued, a legal description and common address of the unsafe premises, the action requested on the unsafe property, the time frame permitted for compliance and notice of the time, date and place of a scheduled hearing before the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety. A copy of the Notice was mailed and to owners at all addresses known, as well as posted on the property and sent to the owner's attorney who appeared at the hearing.
5. Service was made upon all parties possessing a known or recorded fee interest, life estate interest, substantial property interest, or equitable interest in the above listed property, as determined from information maintained by the Lake County Recorder, Hammond Fire Department and City of Hammond citation information on the property.
6. Service on the above listed property was attempted upon the following

persons with a recorded interest in the property by first class mail:

Mary Catherine Mierlak, regular mail and posting;

Dennis Jennings, regular mail and posting;

Curtis Vosti, attorney, via email.

This above manner of service complies with the statutory requirements, and the Hearing Authority determined that a reasonable effort has been made to obtain service in light of the emergency nature of the demolition action and the danger the property in the present condition poses to neighborhood and in light of neighbor complaints.

7. A hearing on the Notice and Order to Repair or Demolish was held before the Hammond Board of Public Works, pursuant to I.C. 36-7-9-7 on Thursday August 18, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., and conducted on that date by the hearing authority at a public meeting.
8. The owners appeared at the hearing before the Board of Works by Attorney Curtis Vosti, and Fire Inspector Rich Wheel appeared and offered testimony and photographs showing the condition of the property, and based upon the condition of the property, as documented by photographs, the Board affirmed Vacating, Sealing, Exterminating and Demolition of the infested property.
9. The property listed above was not substantially repaired, abated, cleaned nor secured to protect neighboring occupied residential structures, nor demolished by the property owner prior to the scheduled hearing and the Emergency Notice and Order to Repair or Demolish issued by the

Hammond Inspections Department is reasonably related to the condition of the property, the failure of the owners of the property to remedy the condition, and given the nature and use of nearby properties and the danger posed to those properties. (36-7-9-5)

10. Demolition of the unsafe property is necessary and reasonable in relation to the present condition of the property, located in a residential neighborhood, which is adversely affecting the surrounding houses in the neighborhood and which requires services of the government in excess of ordinary property, and which creates a negative effect on property values, as well as affects the safety, quality of life and use, of the surrounding area in the City of Hammond.

NOW THEREFORE it is the finding and decision of the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety to AFFIRM the Notice and Order to Repair and Demolish issued by the Enforcement Authority on the above named unsafe building. This affirmation shall be an ORDER to VACATE, SEAL, EXTERMINATE AND DEMOLISH the structures (house and garage) which shall be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana, with demolition of the property to subsequently follow once bid or proposals sought. The costs of this demolition shall be assessed against the property, and shall constitute a lien.

SO ORDERED this 18th day of August 2016

Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety
By: Stanley Postatni
President

Vice President

Kim [Signature]

Member

Attest: *[Signature]*

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each and every Social Security Number in this document, unless required by law.

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