MEETING NOTES
Board of Local Improvements
Tuesday March 14, 2017
2:00 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge, Room #2402

Members Present: David D. Stoneback, Martin Lyons, Lara Biggs, James Maiworm,
Members Absent: Rodney Greene, Robert Bauer
Staff Present: Mario Treto, Dan Manis, Paulina Albazi
Presiding Member: David D. Stoneback

I. Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum
D. Stoneback called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
J. Maiworm made a motion to approve minutes from January.
L. Biggs seconded the motion. All in favor.

III. Public Comment
Karen Healy Stover from 1418 Leonard was present to protest her alleys special assessment. This will be further discussed in New Business.

IV. Alley Projects Update
D. Manis provided the board with an update on the status of completed and ongoing alley projects. Payments for the 2016 alleys will be finalized in the next couple months. 2017 Public Hearing dates have been added to list. All other petitions have expired and have been removed from the list. No new petitions will be issued until 2019.

V. Alley Project Budget Summary
D. Manis provided the board with an update. Modifications were made based on feedback from last month’s meeting.

VI. New Business
a. Special Assessment Protests
   i. Alley North of Simpson, East of UP Rail Road ROW – 1418 Leonard
   Karen Healy Stover was present to protest the current special assessment at her property, 1418 Leonard. Ms. Stover provided the board with a Plat of Survey exhibiting that she does not have access to the alley. The board reviewed the Plat of Survey and determined that plans for the alley improvement confirmed a short 15 foot length of unusable area adjacent to the alley.

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1418 Leonard Place will be removed from the petition and will not be included in special assessment 1522. All other residents will be informed at tonight’s Public Hearing that this property has been removed from the special assessment. A guard rail will be installed to prevent any future alley access from this property.

M. Lyons will work with Legal to craft language to exclude properties that do not have a use or are currently not buildable due to zoning codes to be excluded from alley improvement petitions by the board.

The maximum not to exceed cost will remain the same for the rest of the property owners. As it stands now, the alley will be constructed as plan as long as the petition passes at tonight’s public hearing. Resident, Ms. Stover asks the board if the removal from the petition will come to her in writing. Mr. Lyons informed her the minutes will include this discussion and she will not be receiving a special assessment bill. Also the ordinance will mention that this property is not a part of the assessment.

M. Treto will include language in ordinance of the removal of 1418 Leonard Place from the special assessment.

M. Lyons makes a motion to exclude 1418 Leonard Place from the special assessment project and petition completely.

L. Biggs seconds the motion.

All in favor.

ii. Alley North of Lyons, East of Ashland Avenue – 1823 Ashland

Property owner at 1832 Ashland is protesting the 2014 special assessment that was assessed to his property as a two-unit. Property owner is stating this is a one-unit property. Property owner was given conflicting information regarding his property. This information has been provided to Legal for review.

b. Amending City Code Title 7, Chapter 15, “Board of Local Improvements”

M. Treto is working on the amending the City Code, Ordinance 21-O-17 to update the language used for the Board of Local Improvements composition in accordance with the Illinois State Statute.

M. Lyons makes a motion to have the board President present amended ordinance 21-O-17 to City Council.

L. Biggs seconds the motion. All in favor.
c. **Review of Plan and Estimate – Alley North of Grove, East of Chicago**

D. Manis provided the board with the plans and estimates for the alley construction at north of Grove, east of Chicago. This location was discussed at last month’s board meeting.

M. Lyons made a motion to accept the plans and estimates for alley north of Grove, east of Chicago.

L. Biggs seconds the motion. All in favor.

VII. **Old Business**

D. Manis will be providing plans and estimates for the Garnett Place parking lot and also the CDBG funded alley that is north of Brummel, east of Elmwood which will be the last for this year. D. Manis is waiting for the infiltration testing results.

X. **Roundtable Discussion**

No roundtable discussion.

XI. **Adjournment**

L. Biggs made a motion to adjourn.

M. Lyons seconded the motion. All in favor.

**NEXT MEETING – April 11, 2017**