

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
HAMMOND DIVISION

IN RE:)
)
B-3 PROPERTIES, LLC,) CASE NO. 13-20432 jpk
) Chapter 11
Debtor.)

ORDER FOR HEARING REGARDING DISMISSAL OF CASE

This Chapter 11 case was initiated by a voluntary petition filed on February 20, 2013. The petition was signed solely by Robert Stiglich, who designated himself as a “Managing Member” of the debtor. The petition was not signed by an attorney authorized to practice before this court.

An LLC is an entity other than a natural person, and, as such, an LLC is not allowed to represent itself without an attorney in matters before this court; N.D.Ind.L.B.R. B-9010-1(e). In order to litigate in any manner in a federal court, an LLC must be represented by an attorney in all matters presented to the court; *United States v. Hagerman*, 545 F.3d 579 (7th Cir. 2008). An LLC is not allowed to proceed as the debtor in a voluntary bankruptcy case unless it is represented by an attorney authorized to practice before this court, and the lack of an attorney who represents the LLC is a ground for dismissal of the petition/case; *In re IFC Credit Corporation*, 663 F.3d 315 (7th Cir. 2011).

IT IS ORDERED that a hearing will be held on **April 10, 2013, at 10:00 A.M.**, concerning dismissal of this Chapter 11 case. At that hearing, the petition/case will be dismissed unless by that time an attorney authorized to practice before this court has entered his/her appearance in this case on behalf of the debtor and an application to employ that counsel has been filed in proper form in accordance with N.D.Ind.L.B.R. B-2014-1 and other applicable law/rules.

Dated at Hammond, Indiana on March 5, 2013.

/s/ J. Philip Klingeberger
J. Philip Klingeberger, Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court

Distribution:
Debtor, Attorney for Debtor
Trustee, US Trustee
All creditors and parties in interest