

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:	STAFF:
John Bakota, President	Winna Guzman
Henry Ventura, Vice-President	Anthony Herrera
Joseph Ochoa, Member	Bill Biller
Anthony Askounis, Member	Doug Cunningham
Ray Lopez, Member	

Reported by: Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: John Bakota, Henry Ventura, Ray Lopez, Anthony Askounis

MR. BAKOTA: First on agenda is election of officers. I will open up the nomination for president.

MR. LOPEZ: I nominate John Bakota.

MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

MR. BAKOTA: Nominations closed. All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.
Next, nomination for vice-president.

MR. ASKOUNIS: I nominate Henry Ventura.

MR. LOPEZ: Second.

MR. BAKOTA: Nominations closed. All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.
Next, nomination for secretary.

MR. LOPEZ: I nominate Anthony Herrera.

1 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

2 MR. BAKOTA: Nominations closed. All in
3 favor signify by saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

4 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

5 Congratulations to all. We don't
6 have any minutes for approval.

Next, check warrants.

7 PAYROLL WARRANTS:

Warrant 122719 - \$33,161.62

8 Dates of 12/7/19 to 12/20/19

9 Motion to approve Warrant 122719, amount of \$33,161.62,
10 dates of 12/7/19 to 12/20/19, made by Ray Lopez. Second
11 by Anthony Askounis.

12 MR. BAKOTA: All in favor signify by
13 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

14 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

15 Warrant 122019 - \$9,666.68 - Payroll Bonus

16 Dates of 12/20/19 to 12/20/19

17 Motion to approve Warrant 122019, amount of \$9,666.68,
18 made by Anthony Askounis. Second by Henry Ventura.

19 MR. BAKOTA: All in favor signify by
20 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

21 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

22 Warrant 122719 - \$28,209.74 - Utilities Payroll

23 Dates of 12/7/19 to 12/20/19

24 Motion to approve Warrant 122719, amount of \$28,209.74,
25 Utilities Payroll, for dates of 12/7/19 to 12/20/19,
made by Ray Lopez. Second by Henry Ventura.

MR. BAKOTA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

Warrant 122019 - \$5,900.00 - Payroll Bonus

Dates 12/20/19 to 12/20/19

1 Motion to approve Warrant 122019, amount of \$5,900.00,
2 for dates of 12/20/19, made by Henry Ventura. Second by
3 Anthony Askounis.

3 MR. BAKOTA: All in favor signify by
4 saying aye?

4 (All signify aye.)

5 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.
6 Filtration Report.

6 MR. EL HARIT: I don't have nothing at
7 this time, except for the chemical bids. So we open
8 them last time so we could evaluate each one of them.
9 So the winner is right there. Anthony is distributing
10 those. So we checked and they're the same from last
11 year, except for the phosphates, which changed to Chacon
12 Chemical Corporation. That's the only company. We
13 don't want to change for this year. They have the same
14 concentration with last year and lower price, lower than
15 the one we had last year. Those are the winners.

11 MR. BAKOTA: All right. Do you you guys
12 need time to read this, otherwise I'll ask for a motion.
13 Motion to approve bid for chemicals made by Ray Lopez.
14 Second by Anthony Askounis.

14 MR. HERRERA: I'll just read them.
15 Polyphosphates from Chacon Chemical Corporation; citric
16 acid, Viking Chemical Company; poly-aluminum chloride,
17 a/a/ Brenntag Great Lakes; sodium hydroxide, RO Chemical
18 Corporation; sodium hydrochloride, RO Chemical
19 Corporation; sulfuric, RO Chemical Corporation; sodium
20 bisulfate, 38 percent, Viking Chemical; and aluminum
21 sulfite, Usalco LLC.

19 MR. BAKOTA: Thank you. Any comments or
20 questions? (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
21 (All signify aye.)

21 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

22 MR. EL HARIT: That's what I have.
23 Beginning of the year, wait till we get in the middle,
24 then we start asking for money.

24 MR. BAKOTA: Water Report. Winna is not
25 here. Distribution Report. Nobody to comment on that.
New Business. We have RMS Utility Service/Hasse
Construction. This is a quotation of \$152,000. Can we

1 have an explanation of that? Anybody here?

2 MR. HERRERA: I'm not sure where this is
3 located. This happened last week. Hasse Construction
4 was the company that performed the work. And what it
5 is, it's a 24-inch valve insertion installed.

6 MR. VENTURA: This is under emergency?

7 MR. HERRERA: This is what we have so far
8 for just the valve. I don't think the labor or anything
9 is included in this, I'm not sure, but I was told there
10 might be more paperwork on this matter.

11 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Why don't we table this?
12 Let's table it till we get a better understanding.

13 MR. BAKOTA: Do I have a motion to table
14 RMS/Hasse Construction?

15 Motion to table RMS/Hasse Construction made by Henry
16 Ventura. Second by Mr. Lopez.

17 MR. BAKOTA: Any additional questions?
18 (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
19 (All signify aye.)

20 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

21 Just to clarify things, we won't
22 discuss anything until there is a motion and a second.
23 So no comment from anybody until we get a motion and
24 second, and then there will be discussion, that way we
25 can clarify things.

Next, Hasse Construction
emergencies: 149th and reading, at \$9,665.52 and 1007
W. Chicago Avenue, total of \$22,340.58.

Motion to approve emergencies in the amount of
\$22,340.58 to Hasse Construction made by Henry Ventura.
Second by Anthony Askounis.

MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions?
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

Next, Hessville Plumbing. We have
got 4408 Olcott Avenue, amount of \$3,839 and 4023
Pulaski, amount of \$975, for total of \$4,814.

Motion to approve payment to Hessville Plumbing for

1 emergencies in the amount of \$4,814.00, made by Anthony
2 Askounis. Second by Henry Ventura.

3 MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions?
4 (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

5 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

6 Next we have Calumet City Plumbing.
7 We have 5400 Cline Avenue, \$4,500; Animal Control at
8 \$1,481.00; Fire Station Number 1, at \$2,496.19; Animal
9 Control again at 2829 Gary Road, at \$1,045.00; Railroad
10 and Columbus Drive, at \$1,306.40; 3844 Guthrie Street at
11 \$4,763.70; 900 Shell Street, at \$3,351.30; 709 West
12 Chicago Avenue, at \$5,325.88; 529 West 144th Street, at
13 \$4,046.60; 529 West 144th Street, second one at 529 West
14 144th Street, at \$1,206.24; 2611 East 140th Place, at
15 \$13,069.00. The total for Calumet City Plumbing is
16 \$41,752.33.

17 Motion to approve Calumet City Plumbing emergencies in
18 the amount of \$41,752.33, made by Henry Ventura. Second
19 by Anthony Askounis.

20 MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions?
21 (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

22 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

23 Next is Distribution Foreman

24 Agreement.

25 MR. HERRERA: I would ask the Board to
table this.

Motion to table Distribution Foreman Agreement made by
Henry Ventura. Second by Anthony Askounis.

MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions?
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

Next we have Northwest Indiana
Properties Rreserve, at \$878.

MR. HERRERA: This was for additional
materials at the Water Department renovation, the
flooring.

Motion to approve Northwest Indiana Reserve, in the
amount of \$878.00, made by Henry Ventura. Second by Ray

1 Lopez.

2 MR. BAKOTA: Any other comments or
3 questions? (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

4 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.
5 Next one looks like a change order,
Northwest Indiana Property Reserve for \$320.00.

6 MR. HERRERA: That's also for same
7 location, same renovations, just additional materials
8 that were needed at a separate time.

9 Motion to approve Change Order in the amount of \$320.00,
10 to Northwest Indiana Property Reserve, made by Henry
11 Ventura. Second by Ray Lopez.

12 MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions?
13 (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
14 (All signify aye.)

15 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.
16 Next, past due invoice for Grainger,
17 in the amount of \$96.32. It says that invoices were
18 being sent to former AP clerk, who is no longer employed
19 with the City of East Chicago.

20 MR. HERRERA: Yes. They were being
21 e-mailed to a former person who handled all the AP, and
22 they are no longer employed with the City of East
23 Chicago. We just want to get them paid up.

24 MR. LOPEZ: Did the person retire, quit?

25 MR. HERRERA: I'm not sure. I believe
resigned, but I am not sure.
Motion to approve past due invoice to Grainger, in the
amount of \$96.32, made by Henry Ventura. Second by
Anthony Askounis.

MR. BAKOTA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.
Financial Report. (None)
Unfinished Business. (None) Public Comment. (None)
Our next meeting will be
January 29th, at 5:00 p.m., here in the Council
Chambers.

1 Do I have a motion to adjourn?

2 Motion to adjourn meeting made by Henry Ventura. Second
3 by Anthony Askounis.

4 MR. BAKOTA: All in favor signify by
5 saying aye?

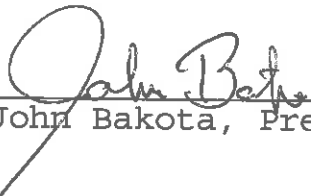
(All signify aye.)

6 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.
7 Meeting adjourned.

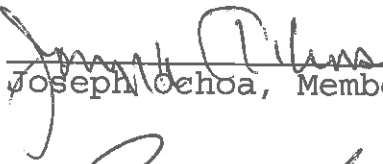
8 ***** Meeting adjourned *****


9 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
10 January 6, 2020


11 Approved and signed _____


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13 John Bakota, President

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15 Henry Ventura, Vice-President

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18 Joseph Ochoa, Member

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21 Ray Lopez, Member

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24 Anthony Askounis, Member

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Anthony Herrera, Secretary

C E R T I F I C A T E

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 13th day of January, 2020.

Peggy S. LaLonde

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