

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

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- Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 2, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates  
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Present: Miguel Rivera, Loreto Gonzalez, Alojzy Moricz, Anthony Herrera, Keith Selvie.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 4, 2019

Motion to approve April 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

APPROVAL OF CHECK WARRANTS:

Sanitary District, Wastewater Division

MR. RIVERA: Next item is Check Warrants for the Sanitary District, Waste Water Division. Warrant Number 050219 SW for the amount of \$83,132.50.

Motion to approve Check Warrant 050219 SW made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

1 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 041819 Sanitary  
Board Payroll 3/30/19 to 4/12/19.

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3 Motion to approve Check Warrant 041819 Sanitary Board Payroll  
3/30/19 to 4/12/19 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy  
Moricz.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

5 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
6 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

7 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 041819 Utilities  
Board Payroll 3/30/19 to 4/12/19.

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9 Motion to approve Check Warrant 041819 Utilities Board  
Payroll 3/30/19 to 4/12/19 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second  
by Alojzy Moricz.

10 Questions/Comments: None.

11 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
12 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

13 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 041819 Wastewater  
Payroll 3/30/19 to 4/12/19.

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15 Motion to approve Check Warrant 041819 Wastewater Payroll  
3/30/19 to 4/12/19 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy  
Moricz.

16 Questions/Comments: None.

17 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
18 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

19 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

20 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Warrants for the Sanitary  
District, Solid Waste Division. Warrant Number 051719 SS for  
21 the amount of \$1,946,840.07.

22 Motion to approve Check Warrant 051719 SS made by Loreto  
Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

23 Questions/Comments: None.

24 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
25 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

1 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 050219 SS for the  
amount of \$103,478.02.

2 Motion to approve Check Warrant 050219 SS made by Loreto  
3 Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

5 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

6 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 041819 Solids  
7 Payroll 3/30/19 to 4/12/19.

8 Motion to approve Check Warrant 041819 Solids Payroll 3/30/19  
to 4/12/19 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

9 Questions/Comments: None.

10 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
11 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

12 REPORTS FROM WASTEWATER DIVISION: None.

13 REPORT FROM UTILITY DIVISION MATTERS: None.

14 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE: None.

15 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT:

16 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from Financial  
17 Consultant, Bill Biller. The Cash Report for March 2019 I  
have in front of me.

18 Receipts for March \$613,255. Disbursements for  
19 March were \$458,444. Consisted of Payroll Costs \$160,900,  
NIPSCO \$160,068, Debt Service \$78,547, Contractual Services  
20 \$18,491, Micro Labs \$12,509, First Group Engineering \$3,228,  
Sludge Removal \$6,232 and Chemicals \$9,840.

21 March ending cash balances were Operations and  
22 Maintenance Fund \$1,689,126 and Replacement Fund \$1,498,915.

23 That concludes his report.

24 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

25 NEW BUSINESS:

1 MR. RIVERA: We have three Lawn Maintenance Agreements.  
2 The first one is R & D Construction.

3 MR. HERRERA: These are landscaping services for I  
4 believe is it Public Works or Sanitary?

5 MR. SELVIE: Sanitary Department and Filtration.

6 MR. HERRERA: Filtration and Sanitary Wastewater. They  
7 have to choose these vendors every year. Public Works  
8 basically lines up the vendors and gives them the proposals  
9 to work with those two departments.

10 They're at the same prices as last year, correct?

11 MR. SELVIE: That's correct.

12 MR. HERRERA: We need a motion please.

13 Motion to approve R & D Construction 2019 Lawn Maintenance  
14 Agreement made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

15 Questions/Comments: None.

16 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
17 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

18 MR. RIVERA: The next agreement is for Regional  
19 Services. This is also for a Lawn Maintenance Agreement.

20 Motion to approve Regional Services 2019 Lawn Maintenance  
21 Agreement made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

22 Questions/Comments: None.

23 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
24 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

25 MR. RIVERA: The third one is from STM Enterprises.

26 Motion to approve STM Enterprises 2019 Lawn Maintenance  
27 Agreement made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

28 Questions/Comments: None.

29 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
30 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

31 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Kemira Agreement for 2019.

1 Do you want to elaborate on this? I've never seen it  
before.

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3 MR. HERRERA: It's on the agenda. The document I just  
gave you was a rate sheet that Lily forgot to include in that  
4 agenda. It belongs with the agreement that was listed on the  
agenda. So basically we need a motion for the agreement and  
5 the rate sheet.

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6 The rate sheet is just basically for all  
emergencies that may happen during the year until 2020. We  
7 need a motion for both of those please. It's a part of the  
agreement. Can you state on the motion to agree on the rate  
8 sheet as well?

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9 MR. RIVERA: Say that again.

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10 MR. HERRERA: Can you make a motion to agree on the rate  
sheet?

11 MR. RIVERA: The rate sheet?

12 MR. HERRERA: Yeah. They belong to each other.

13 MR. RIVERA: We don't have a rate sheet.

14 MR. HERRERA: It's part of the agreement.

15 MR. RIVERA: Also we would like to include the rate  
16 sheet for the same Kemira Agreement for 2019.

17 Motion to approve Kemira 2019 Agreement and Rate Sheet made  
by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

18 Questions/Comments: None.

19 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
20 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

21 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Past Due Memo for Kemira for  
the amount of \$6,586.65. And it states here the reason for  
22 the delinquency sole proprietor for chemical for ferric  
sulfate waiting for OEM letter rate sheet.

23 Motion to approve Past Due Memo for Kemira made by Loreto  
Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

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25 Questions/Comments: None.

1 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
 2 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

3 MR. RIVERA: Next is a Proposal for the purchase of a  
 4 Scrubber, Atlas Toyota for Public Works for the amount of  
 \$46,045.

5 MR. SELVIE: Good evening. Keith Selvie, Director of  
 6 Public Works. What you have before you is three proposals  
 for a scrubber machine that we're going to utilize over in  
 the City Barn.

7 We're recommending Atlas. Of course you can see  
 8 they were the lowest bidder. If you have any questions,  
 we're happy to answer.

9 MR. RIVERA: Any questions?

10 Motion to approve Atlas Toyota Proposal for Scrubber made by  
 11 Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

12 Questions/Comments: None.

13 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

14 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Resolution SD 19-05.

15 MR. DeBONIS: Good afternoon. Sorry I'm late.  
 16 Conditions east of here are a lot worse than here.

17 The Resolution before you is for the purchase of  
 18 eight categories of equipment. Many of these or several of  
 them or more than one -- I am glad Mr. Selvie is here because  
 he is the architect or the culprit depending on how you want  
 to look at it.

19 This is a rather large equipment purchase. I think  
 20 it comes to like 8.7 million.

21 MR. SELVIE: That's correct, sir.

22 MR. DeBONIS: This is being done basically for the  
 23 Solids Waste Division. Although one item is to serve the  
 Wastewater Division. So let me take you through this.

24 Item Number 1 is four dump trucks with plows and  
 salt spreaders. These are landscape type dump trucks.  
 25 They're not the real huge ones. But they're very useful

1 vehicles because of their size and their ability to do many  
2 things well like plow snow, spread commodities, et cetera.  
3 Four of these have been quoted at \$504,396.

4 Item Number 2 is one Ford F350 equipped with a  
5 snowplow. This is a big four-wheel drive pickup truck with a  
6 snowplow. That's \$43,575.

7 Item Number 3 is a bobcat. One of those little it  
8 looks like a miniature bulldozer. But it has attached to it  
9 a trash bag. It's a vacuum cleaner that picks up trash off  
10 of concrete and pavement, et cetera. This is a very useful  
11 piece of equipment. And there's going to be one of these  
12 purchased at \$102,702.

13 Number 4 is another bobcat. But this is a sand and  
14 salt spreader. It also has detachable attachments, a snow  
15 blade and an angle broom.

16 For example one of these can go into a park in the  
17 wintertime and actually plow the sidewalks inside the parks.  
18 If someone likes being out in the cold and wants to walk  
19 through the park, this machine makes it easy to plow the snow  
20 in these limited areas.

21 There's also a 68-inch angle broom which allows it  
22 to sweep the streets or the walkways and debris, leaves, that  
23 sort of thing. That's \$75,829.

24 Number 5 is a side loading garbage truck, four of  
25 these. These are the big items in this purchase. These are  
basically going to give us a new garbage truck fleet. Am I  
right about that?

MR. SELVIE: That's correct, sir.

MR. DeBONIS: So there's four side loaders. And this  
side loader drives up and a thing comes out and grabs the  
container and dumps it and puts it back. They're automated.  
So the driver stays in the seat. Nobody has to lift a can.  
And we save a load of money on worker compensation claims and  
injuries.

We did this in Hobart a few years ago. And it was  
amazing what we saved. And in manpower too because all of a  
sudden you've got a guy who used to ride the truck with the  
driver who is now released to do other things.

Number 6 are four rear loader garbage trucks with

1 shift power takeoff and hydraulic pump. This is instead of  
2 approaching the can from the side. For example if you're on  
the street people bring their garbage to curb and you use the  
side loader.

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4 But like in an alley where people still have cans  
the helper simply moves the can behind the truck and an  
automatic lift comes out and grabs the can lifts it and puts  
5 it in the truck. Again saves wear and tear on the back.

6 Four of those are \$605,121. The four other ones,  
7 the side loaders, I don't know if I read that, was \$755,178.

8 Now, those items are Solid Waste. The one item for  
Wastewater is a new vacuum truck. I think we're all familiar  
with those. This is \$517,415.

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10 Now, all of these that I've read about so far have  
been quoted through something called Source Well. Source  
Well is a buying consortium. It's an organization. It used  
11 to be referred to as the National Joint Powers Alliance.

12 Municipalities and counties and local governments  
can join this organization. And they bid, they competitively  
13 bid contracts for almost anything a city needs, all kinds of  
equipment, et cetera.

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15 And under the law if you buy through them you're  
already getting a competitively bid price and you don't have  
to do your own bid. That saves a lot of time and work.

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17 And this is a national organization. And they have  
participating dealers in all parts of the country which send  
proposals to them. And they pick the ones, the price at  
18 which they're going to sell each product through a bidding  
process. That's all explained down here in the whereas at  
19 the bottom of page 2.

20 So we have quotes on all of these through Source  
Well. And for that reason this is called a Special Purchase.  
21 We do not have to do a public bid or a sealed bid.

22 Now, there is one item that is not covered by a  
Source Well quote. And this is a specialized item. This is  
23 a Duralift bucket truck. This is mounted on a Ford chassis.  
This has got the scissor arm with a bucket on the end so  
24 someone can reach high on top of a high structure.

25 This was something we quoted ourselves. We found



1 three dealers. And one was in Hodgkins, Illinois. One was  
2 in St. Paul, Minnesota and one in Homestead, Florida.

3 The one in Illinois was the low bidder, \$118,174.  
4 That company is Runnion Equipment Company of Hodgkins,  
5 Illinois.

6 This is a not a formal bid because it's less than  
7 \$150,000. It's a sealed bid or sealed quote I should say.  
8 So the lowest quoter is this Runnion Equipment Company from  
9 Hodgkins.

10 That's it. We're asking the Board to approve this  
11 Resolution which authorizes the purchase of all this  
12 equipment.

13 All this money has already been appropriated. All  
14 we have to do now is put in the orders for this equipment.  
15 Some of these items are ready for delivery. But the larger  
16 ones -- I think some of the garbage trucks are ready.

17 MR. SELVIE: There are a couple that are ready. And  
18 then the other ones are probably about six months out.

19 MR. DeBONIS: So you see will all this stuff probably  
20 finally in six months. The smaller items are usually faster.

21 So are there any questions?

22 MR. RIVERA: I believe you answered my question about  
23 purchase. It's approved and the money is available, correct?

24 MR. DeBONIS: Yes.

25 MR. RIVERA: Any questions?

Motion to approve Resolution SD 19-05 made by Loreto  
Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

MR. DeBONIS: There will be one more item we're going to  
come to, the purchase of a small item.

MR. SELVIE: I spoke on it.

1 MR. DeBONIS: Mr. Selvie already told you about it.  
We'll do that next meeting.

2 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

3 MR. DeBONIS: Thank you.

4 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS:

5 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from John Martinez.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: The only thing I have at this moment is  
7 what we're all going through is water. We've got water  
8 everywhere. We're trying to deal with it.

9 Compared to what you see on the News East Chicago  
10 is doing great. That's all I can say. We're working on it  
11 everyday.

12 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

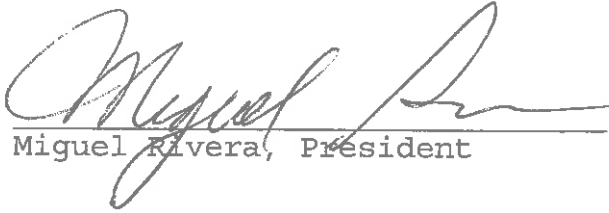
15 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, May 16,  
16 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.

17 Motion to adjourn was made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by  
18 Alojzy Moricz.

19 \* Meeting ended at 4:57 p.m.

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1 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
2 Thursday, May 2, 2019  
3 Approved and Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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5 Miguel Rivera, President  
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9 Anthony Galindo, Vice President

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11 Tia Cauley, Member  
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14 Loreto Gonzalez, Member  
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18 Alojzy Moricz, Member

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20 Anthony Herrera, Board Secretary  
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lisa Pena, 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 said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Portage, Indiana, this 14th day of May, 2019.

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