

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEMBERS

Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President
Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Vice-President
Tia Cauley, Member
Loreto Gonzalez, Member
Steven Flowers, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates, Ltd
By: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Miguel Rivera
Telephonic: Loreto Gonzalez
Ben Moricz
Steve Flowers
Tia Cauley

Also Present: Anthony Herrera, Secretary
Telephonic: Joseph Allegretti, Legal Counsel
Dr. Abdul Zehraoui, Director of Utilities
Keith Selvie, Director of Public Works

MR. RIVERA: I will now call to order the meeting of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners. Today's date is December 3rd, 2020. This meeting will be conducted via phone conference. We can also stipulate that the members delegate the president the authority to execute all warrants, documents, minutes, etcetera, on behalf of the Commission, eliminating the need to collect signatures from the members participating electronically.

The next item is a motion needed to approve minutes held November 19, 2020.

Motion to approve minutes of November 19, 2020, made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Ben Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None

MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

1 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next item is Check Warrants.

2 Sanitary District, Wastewater Division.

3 WARRANT 120320 SR - \$8,260.00

4 Motion to approve Warrant 120320 SR, in the amount of
\$8,260.00 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Ben
5 Moricz.

6 Questions/Comments: None

7 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.

(All signify aye.)

8 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

9 WARRANT 120320 SC - \$4,225.00

10 Motion to approve Warrant 120320 SC, in the amount of
\$4,225.00 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Ben
11 Moricz.

12 Questions/Comments: None

13 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.

(All signify aye.)

14 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

15 WARRANT 120320 SW - \$118,287.82

16 Motion to approve Warrant 120320 SW, in the amount of
\$118,287.82 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Ben
17 Moricz.

18 Questions/Comments: None

19 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.

(All signify aye.)

20 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

21 Next we have Warrant 112520,
Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of 11-7-20 to 11-20-20.

22 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion to approve.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: Second.

24 Questions/Comments: None

25 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next is Warrant 112520, Utilities

1 Payroll, dates of 11-7-20 to 11-20-20.

2 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to approve.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: Second.

4 Questions/Comments: None

5 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

6 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

7 Next, Warrant 112520, Wastewater
Payroll, dates of 11-7-20 to 11-20-20.

8 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion to approve.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: Second.

10 Questions/Comments: None

11 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

12 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

13 Next is Sanitary District, Solids
Waste Division.

14 WARRANT 120320 SS - \$25,795.82.

15 Motion to approve Warrant 120320 SS, in the amount of
\$25,795.82 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Steve
16 Flowers.

17 Questions/Comments: None

18 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

19 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

20 Next we have Warrant 112520, Solids
Payroll, for dates of 11-7-20 to 11-20-20.

21 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion to approve.

22 MR. MORICZ: Second.

23 Questions/Comments: None

24 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

25 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Report from Utility Division, Dr.

1 Zehraoui.

2 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Mr. President and members,
3 the only point that we have is the Alder Street cleaning
4 is going this week, so this is -- we are starting the
5 project.

6 Also, we are working with NIPSCO.
7 It's very hard to work with these guys. So you have on
8 agenda today the application fee to be approved by the
9 Board. This is what they have for today. Thank you.

10 MR. RIVERA: Any questions for Dr.
11 Zehraoui? (None)

12 Thank you. Field operations: No Report.

13 MR. HERRERA: John Martinez has retired
14 as of last Monday, so that will be changed for next
15 meeting. I just got the word on that yesterday, so I'll
16 go ahead and remove his name from the agenda.

17 MR. RIVERA: Next item is report from
18 Solid Waste, Keith Selvie.

19 MR. SELVIE: Mr. President, Solid Waste
20 has no report at this time.

21 MR. RIVERA: Thank you, sir. Next we
22 have Mr. Biller, Financial. You have no report,
23 correct?

24 MR. BILLER: Correct.

25 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Next we have
report from legal counsel, Attorney Joe Allegretti.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: I really have nothing to
report. Dr. Zehraoui and I are negotiating some items
with the regulatory agency of the Department of
Environmental Management. We are in good shape. We are
making some amendments to the outsource assignments from
outside engineers for some future Public Works projects
and to modify the long term CSO. In the minds of our
regulators it's a very important document. We are
working through that and we are doing what we have to
do. Everything is okay right now. So thank you, that's
all I have to say

MR. RIVERA: Any questions for Attorney
Joe Allegretti? (None)

1 Our next item is New Business.
2 Resolution SD 20-12.

3 MR. BILLER: Mr. President, this
4 Resolution 12 is requesting Board approval for the
5 Utility Administration fund for the year 2021, in the
6 amount of \$1,181,920.00. The key highlights are, this
7 is for the billing people in the Water office that
8 handle the billing and the collection for both
9 departments. The change from this year's budget is an
10 increase of two part-timers from the current staffing,
11 and then actually a decrease in what we had in the
12 current budget. The maintenance people we had in
13 Utilities, we have moved those back to either the Water
14 Department or to the Wastewater Department during the
15 year.

16 So, we are asking your approval for
17 the budget of \$1,181,920.00 for calendar year 2021.

18 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Any questions in
19 regards to Resolution SD 20-12? If there aren't any, I
20 would entertain a motion.

21 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to adopt
22 Resolution SD 20-12.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: Second.
24 Questions/Comments: None

25 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next is Resolution SD 20-13.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Well, this subject
matter was discussed at the last meeting or the meeting
before last by Winna Guzman, that this is the same item
-- mirror image -- of this resolution already adopted by
the Water Board because either in some cases these are
identical or joint write offs. We discussed this last
time. This is an accounting activity sanctioned by the
State Board of Accounts.

What this does, is that these items
no longer will be carried on the books as accounts
receivable for the reason they are no longer collectible
as indicated because of bankruptcy, bad debt, vacancy,
tax sales, Sheriff deeds. If a property becomes tax
delinquent and deed is conveyed from the County sale, we

1 no longer have the right to collect it from a new
2 purchaser who comes into the property. The new
3 purchaser is no longer responsible for the old debt from
4 the previous owner.

5 So, this is just kind of a
6 housekeeping measure, cleaning up our books. I think we
7 discussed this last time. Anybody have any questions?

8 MR. RIVERA: I understand this is done
9 every year. Thank you. Are there any questions in
10 reference to Resolution SD 20-13? (None) Is there a
11 motion to accept?

12 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion to accept
13 Resolution SD 20-13.

14 MR. GONZALEZ: Second.

15 Questions/Comments: None

16 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
17 (All signify aye.)

18 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
19 Next is Resolution SD 20-14.

20 MR. BILLER: This resolution is asking
21 for Board's approval for the Wastewater debt service for
22 calendar year 2021, in the amount of \$1,039,730.00.
23 This is the payments on our outstanding bond issues that
24 we have; one from 2015, one from 2019, and on the long
25 term control plan, and then also for the bond which we
took out last year. This covers both principal and
interest and any miscellaneous cost associates with
those outstanding bonds. We ask for Board's approval.
Thank you.

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to accept
Resolution SD 20-14.

MR. GONZALEZ: Second.

Questions/Comments: None

MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next we have Agreements, three of
them. First one is Ace Exterminating for the pump
stations, Alder, Michigan, Roxana, and Magoun.

1 DR. ZEHRAOUI: This is monthly pest
control that Ace is doing for the four pumping stations.
2 The second one is for our main office here and also the
remaining pumping station. So this is done every month.
3 We are asking the Board for approval.

4 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to approve.

5 MR. MORICZ: Second.

6 Questions/Comments: None

7 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

8 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

9 Next one is Ace Exterminating for
the main building. As Dr. Zehraoui stated, this is for
10 the main building, pumping stations: Main, Northside
and Alder.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion to approve.

12 MR. GONZALEZ: Second.

13 Questions/Comments: None

14 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

15 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

16 Next we have NIPSCO, extension of
facility, 145th and Cline, amount of \$41,257.00.

17 DR. ZEHRAOUI: This is -- we are working
on the extension of the project. So at the 145th
18 pumping station, we have to change the transformers. So
this amount is just like construction deposit for that.
19 So we have to change the transformer that is there.
It's like 1100, very small, need to replace with another
20 one that's 2500. I'm asking the Board to approve this
deposit so we can start project.

21 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

22 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to approve.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: Second.

24 Questions/Comments: None

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1 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

2 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

3 Next item is rate sheets for 2021.
4 I was advised by the secretary that I can bundle them
5 all together and we'll make one motion. The rate sheets
6 for 2021 are from R & R Visual (Sanitary), Standard
7 Equipment (Sanitary), R & D Construction (Sanitary),
8 Millwright Machine Inc. (Sanitary), Overhead Door
9 (Solids), Best Equipment (Solids), Midwestern Electric
10 (Solids), Standard Equipment (Solids), Mechanical
11 Concepts (Solids), Liberty Tire (Solids), Turn-Key
12 Environmental (Solids).

13 I need a motion to accept the rate
14 sheets just mentioned for the year 2021.

15 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

16 MR. GONZALEZ: Second.

17 Questions/Comments: None

18 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

19 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

20 Next item is purchase order for Tri
21 Electronics in the amount of \$1,996.00.

22 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: Second.

24 Questions/Comments: None

25 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next we have past due invoices.
First one is USA Bluebook, for the amount of \$564.70.
The reason for delinquency, it states here the vendor
never sent invoices. Vendor had wrong address for
Sanitary/Storm Water Building. Invoice was received
November 18th.

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion to approve.

MR. GONZALEZ: Second.

Questions/Comments: None

1 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

2 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
Next one is Praxair for the amount
3 of \$91.45. And it states here the delinquency reason,
received invoice from vendor on November 18th after
4 third request.

5 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion to accept.

6 MR. MORICZ: Second.

7 Questions/Comments: None

8 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

9 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
Unfinished Business: None
10 Public Comment: None
Next meeting date is December 17,
11 2020, at 4:30 p.m., at the East Chicago City Hall
Council Chambers. Need a motion for adjournment.

12 Motion to adjourned made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by
13 Ben Moricz.

14 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.
(All signify aye.)

15 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned.

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17 ***** Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. *****

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 2020

Approved and signed _____



Miguel Rivera, President

(S) Ben Moricz

Ben Moricz, Vice-president

(S) Tia Cauley

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(S) Loreto Gonzalez

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(S) Steve Flowers

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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 7th day of December, 2020.

Peggy S. LaLonde



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR