

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Flowers, President  
Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Vice-President  
Tia Cauley, Member  
Jawann Jones, Member  
Miguel (Mike) Rivera, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes  
(Via Telephone Conference)  
Thursday, May 20, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates  
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

MR. FLOWERS: We can also stipulate that the Members delegate the President the authority to execute all warrants, documents and minutes on behalf of the Commission eliminating the need to collect signatures from the Members participating electronically.

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Steve Flowers

Present Via Telephone: Ben Moricz, Tia Cauley, Mike Rivera, Jawann Jones.

Also Present: Present in Chambers: Winna Guzman.

Present Via Telephone: Ken Myers, Joe Allegretti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 6, 2021

Motion to approve May 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes made by Tia Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

CHECK WARRANTS:

Sanitary District, Wastewater Division

1 MR. FLOWERS: (A) 051321 SC total \$15.  
2 Motion to approve Check Warrant 051321 SC made by Mike  
Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.  
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4 Questions/Comments: None.  
5 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
6 Opposed: None Motion Carries.  
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8 MR. FLOWERS: (B) 052021 SC total amount is \$43,151.56.  
9 Motion to approve Check Warrant 052021 SC made by Mike  
10 Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.  
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12 Questions/Comments: None.  
13 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
14 Opposed: None Motion Carries.  
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16 MR. FLOWERS: (C) 052021 SR total amount is \$23,470.  
17 Motion to approve Check Warrant 052021 SR made by Ben Moricz.  
18 Second by Mike Rivera.  
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20 Questions/Comments: None.  
21 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
22 Opposed: None Motion Carries.  
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24 MR. FLOWERS: (D) 052021 SW total amount is \$64,818.16.  
25 Motion to approve Check Warrant 052021 SW made by Ben Moricz.  
Second by Mike Rivera.  
Questions/Comments: None.  
Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.  
MR. FLOWERS: (E) 051321 SW total amount is \$91,307.21.  
Motion to approve Check Warrant 051321 SW made by Tia Cauley.  
Second by Ben Moricz.  
Questions/Comments: None.  
Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

1 Payroll Warrants

2 MR. FLOWERS: Payroll Warrants. (F) 051421 Sanitary  
District Board Payroll 4/24/21 to 5/7/21.

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4 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 051421 Sanitary District  
Board Payroll 4/24/21 to 5/7/21 made by Mike Rivera. Second  
by Ben Moricz.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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

8 MR. FLOWERS: (G) 051421 Wastewater Payroll 4/24/21 to  
5/7/21.

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10 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 051421 Wastewater Payroll  
4/24/21 to 5/7/21 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

11 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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14 MR. FLOWERS: (H) 051421 Utilities Payroll 4/24/21 to  
5/7/21.

15 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 051421 Utilities Payroll  
4/24/21 to 5/7/21 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Mike Rivera.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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

19 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

20 MR. FLOWERS: Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division.  
(I) 033121 SS total amount is \$225.

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22 Motion to approve Check Warrant 033121 SS made by Mike  
Rivera. Second by Tia Cauley.

23 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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1 MR. FLOWERS: (J) 052021 SS total amount is \$2,716.97.

2 Motion to approve Check Warrant 052021 SS made by Ben Moricz.  
3 Second by Mike Rivera.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

7 MR. FLOWERS: (K) 051421 Solids Payroll 4/24/21 to  
8 5/7/21.

9 Motion to approve Check Warrant 051421 Solids Payroll 4/24/21  
10 to 5/7/21 made by Mike Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

11 Questions/Comments: None.

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

14 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS:

15 MR. FLOWERS: Report of the Field Operations, Ken Myers.

16 MR. MYERS: Yes, Commissioners. I will try to keep this  
17 brief.

18 With regard to our collection systems our  
19 maintenance people have completed two manhole replacements  
20 and have completed concrete repairs at six locations within  
21 the last two weeks, since our last meeting.

22 Our maintenance people are continuing to assist  
23 with the CSO Phase 2 construction activities as they're  
24 required by our contractor, Kokosing.

25 They plan on taking down the two clarifiers that  
are inoperable and plan to service those for repairs next  
week as well.

And then our big project, the CSO Phase 2, just to  
bring you up to speed. Most of the work that has been  
completed within the last two weeks involves installing the  
48-inch force main along the north side of 152nd Street.  
That work was progressing and should undergo electrostatic  
testing for documenting that it does not leak next week.

At the CSO lagoon on our input side there may be an

1 issue for additional piping. They poured the concrete wall  
2 and actually stripped the floors. They poured through the  
3 concrete wall to make the new addition of the 48-inch force  
4 main to the piping that they installed.

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6 At the 145th lift station the work there is on  
7 hold. They're waiting for delivery of pumps which are  
8 expected the first or second week of June.

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10 And the next big part of the work is at Roxana.  
11 One of the pumps has already been replaced. It has been  
12 tested. And they plan on bringing it on line next week.

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14 That work on the Phase 2 construction is roughly 40  
15 to 45 percent complete.

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17 That completes my report.

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19 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Myers.

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21 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE: None.

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23 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: None.

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25 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

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27 NEW BUSINESS:

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29 MR. FLOWERS: New Business Items. Services, SL  
30 Technologies \$14,290.

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32 Motion to approve SL Technologies made by Tia Cauley. Second  
33 by Ben Moricz.

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35 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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40 MR. FLOWERS: Bakertilly Rate Analysis Study.

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42 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Just explanation Bakertilly is the  
43 successor to Umbaugh. They have been our financial advisers  
44 for probably decades.

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46 We are in the middle of a Cost of Service Study  
47 Rate Analysis Study in preparation for filing our rate case  
48 with the IURC.

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1 Staff has had numerous, numerous conferences and  
2 coordination efforts with Bakertilly to accomplish that goal.  
3 We've talked often and every week. And they're working on  
4 it. We hope to get the case filed in four or five weeks.

5 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.

6 Motion to approve Bakertilly Rate Analysis Study made by Tia  
7 Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

8 Questions/Comments: None.

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

11 MR. FLOWERS: Gatlin Plumbing Basins \$22,000. In the  
12 packet, Commissioners, the scope states to remove and replace  
13 existing catch basins at the above location.

14 We will connect to existing pipe. Connections  
15 north, east and west right outside manhole. Backfill with  
16 soil and top 18 inches with number 53. Lump sum \$11,000  
17 each. Total amount as stated \$22,000.

18 Motion to approve Gatlin Plumbing Basins made by Tia Cauley.  
19 Second by Mike Rivera.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

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

23 MR. FLOWERS: Rate Sheet, Gatlin Plumbing 2021.

24 Motion to approve Gatling Plumbing 2021 Rate Sheet made by  
25 Mike Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Resolution SD 21-05.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: I think this Resolution was prepared by  
Mr. Biller who apparently is tied up right now.

This is routine. This is a transfer of money among  
different line items to accommodate, to put the money where

1 it's needed so that the bills and claims approved by this  
2 Board can be appropriately paid by the Controller's Office.  
3 It's kind of a routine activity that we engage in often.

3 Motion to approve Resolution SD 21-05 made by Mike Rivera.  
4 Second by Tia Cauley.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

7 MR. FLOWERS: Testing, Element Materials Technology not  
8 to exceed \$30,000.

8 MR. MYERS: Commissions, this is for approval of an  
9 additional \$30,000 to pay our analytical services. Element  
10 Materials was awarded that contract. It's a yearly contract.  
11 And they've had it for the last two years.

11 They have continued to bill us at the existing rate  
12 that was quoted last year. But that contract has expired.  
13 We're just looking for approval not to exceed \$30,000 to  
14 continue to use Element Materials for our ongoing analytical  
15 services for pretreatment and the wastewater plant.

14 Motion to approve Element Materials Technology made by Mike  
15 Rivera. Second by Tia Cauley.

15 Questions/Comments: None.

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

18 MR. FLOWERS: Past Due, Element Materials \$11,017.28.  
19 In the packet, Commissioners, it states that vendor's  
20 contract for analytical testing expired 2/28/21. Invoices  
21 are in the interim of a new bidder for services.

20 Motion to approve Element Materials Past Due Invoice made by  
21 Mike Rivera. Second by Tia Cauley.

22 Questions/Comments: None.

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

24 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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1 MR. RIVERA: Mr. President, I believe you started the  
meeting by stating May 19. It should be May 20.

2 MR. FLOWERS: There's a typo here. You're right. Thank  
3 you, Commissioner.

4 I'm going to go back to the beginning of the  
meeting. On my agenda it says May 19. But it should be May  
5 20. Thank you, sir.

6 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

7 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, June 3,  
8 2021 @ 4:30 p.m., East Chicago City Hall Council Chambers.

9 Motion to adjourn made by Mike Rivera. Second by Tia Cauley.

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

12 \* Meeting ended at 4:51 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
Thursday, May 20, 2021  
Approved and Signed \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Steve Flowers, President

*/s/ Alojzy Moricz*  
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Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Vice-President

*/s/ Jawann Jones*  
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Jawann Jones, Member

*/s/ Tia Cauley*  
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Tia Cauley, Member

*/s/ Mike Rivera*  
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Miguel (Mike) Rivera, Member

  
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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 29th day of May, 2021.



Lisa Pena  
Notary Public Porter County  
Certified Shorthand Reporter  
License Number 084-003483

