

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, June 3, 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, etc. 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: Anthony Herrera.

Present Via Telephone: Ken Myers, Joe Allegretti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 20, 2021

Motion to approve May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes made by Jawann Jones. 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: Sanitary District Wastewater Division
Check Warrants. (A) 060321 SC \$1,567,464.62.

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3 Motion to approve Check Warrant 060321 SC made by Tia Cauley.
Second by Ben Moricz.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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7 MR. FLOWERS: (B) 060321 SW \$99,723.07.

8 Motion to approve Check Warrant 060321 SW made by Mike
Rivera. Second by Jawann Jones.

9 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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12 Payroll Warrants

13 MR. FLOWERS: Payroll Warrants. (C) 052821 Sanitary
District Board Payroll 5/8/21 to 5/21/21.

14 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 052821 Sanitary Board
Payroll 5/8/21 to 5/21/21 made by Ben Moricz. Second by Tia
15 Cauley.

16 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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19 MR. FLOWERS: (D) 052821 Wastewater Payroll 5/8/21 to
5/21/21.

20 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 052821 Wastewater Payroll
5/8/21 to 5/21/21 made by Mike Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

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22 Questions/Comments: None.

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

24 MR. FLOWERS: (E) 052821 Utilities Payroll 5/8/21
5/21/21.

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1 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 052821 Utilities Payroll
2 5/8/21 to 5/21/21 made by Jawann Jones. Second by Ben
Moricz.

3 Questions/Comments: None.

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

6 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

7 MR. FLOWERS: Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division
8 Check Warrants. (F) 060321 SS \$44,196.29.

9 Motion to approve Check Warrant 060321 SS made by Ben Moricz.
10 Second by Jawann Jones.

11 Questions/Comments: None.

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

14 Payroll Warrants

15 MR. FLOWERS: Payroll Warrants. (G) 052821 Solid Waste
16 Payroll 5/8/21 to 5/21/21.

17 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 052821 Solid Waste Payroll
18 5/8/21 to 5/21/21 made by Jawann Jones. Second by Tia
Cauley.

19 Questions/Comments: None.

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

22 REPORT FROM SANITARY DISTRICT:

23 MR. FLOWERS: Report from Sanitary District, Ken Myers,
24 Director of Wastewater Operations.

25 MR. MYERS: Thank you, Commissioners. I will make it
brief. Plant Operations, right now our maintenance crew are
working on clarifier number 1.

As I had reported at the last meeting two of our
clarifiers are down. They drained it. And hopefully
complete repairs on clarifier 1 tomorrow. (Audio connection
lost)

1 (Audio connection picked back up) So final
2 comments are due tomorrow on that. And we just have to
3 provide IDEM additional information to supplement that permit
4 issuance.

5 Next week IDEM and USCPA are going to complete an
6 audit of our pretreatment program. So they will be reviewing
7 our files with regard to our industrial users and our
8 permittees that discharge into our plant and our program for
9 enforcing any type of violations.

10 We continue to be short staffed both in the
11 operations area. We have a posting for an assistant
12 wastewater operator that's been vacant since August. We need
13 to start (audio connection lost).

14 MR. FLOWERS: Mr. Myers, you're fading out.

15 MR. MYERS: I'm sorry about that.

16 MR. FLOWERS: That's okay. You're fading in and out.

17 MR. MYERS: Our Chief Operator, Nelson Cardona, is
18 planning to retire July 1. And what I hope to do is transfer
19 or promote one of our existing Class 4 Licensed Operators to
20 fill that position.

21 I will move our one Class 4 Assistant Operator into
22 an operating position. And that will leave us a need for two
23 assistant operators to be filled as quickly as we can.

24 The short staffing since August on the assistant
25 operator side is really a detriment to our operations.

26 Same could be said for our Maintenance Department.
27 We have at least three vacancies that we would like to fill.
28 They were positions that were in our budget and have not been
29 filled for a period of time.

30 And with all the work that we have going on as far
31 as maintenance repairs and assistance with Kokosing and the
32 CSO project those positions are really needed.

33 With regard to the progress on our CSO Phase 2
34 Construction, Hasse Construction, the subcontractor, has been
35 working on the valve vault on 152nd Street.

36 At Roxana the installation of the second pump has
37 been completed. Tomorrow it's going to go through some

1 testing. And our maintenance workers will be trained on it
tomorrow afternoon.

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3 They've completed the plumbing on the CSO lagoon
4 influent channel. They've completed the backfill, flowable
fill and the placement of the concrete decking on top of the
5 pipe extensions that were installed.

6 That continuing work will be then focused on
7 completing the 48-inch force main from the head works through
the tent in front of the Sanitary District and then all the
8 way up to the CSO lagoon.

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10 And that completes the update for both the plant
operation and CSO Phase 2.

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

12 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE: None.

13 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: None.

14 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

15 NEW BUSINESS:

16 MR. FLOWERS: New Business. Resolutions/Agreements/Rate
17 Sheets. Bosak Ford Rate Sheet for the Jet Truck Maintenance.
18 And that's in the packet on the last page.

19 It says City of East Chicago Wastewater 2021
20 Vehicle Five-Year/75,000 Mile Premium Maintenance which
21 includes eight visits. And it says \$2,710 per unit times one
22 unit \$2,710.

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24 MR. ALLEGRETTI: The Administration has decided that
25 it's most cost effective to get extended warranties for newer
vehicles in the fleet. And Bosak is the largest dealer and
the closest dealer able to provide those services.

26 And this would be consistent with what the Civil
27 City and other Departments are doing for the City's fleet of
28 vehicles. Thank you.

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

30 Motion to approve Bosak Ford Jet Truck Maintenance Rate Sheet
31 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Jawann Jones.

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1 Questions/Comments: None.

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

4 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5 MR. FLOWERS: Mr. Allegretti.

6 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes, sir.

7 MR. FLOWERS: I received the e-mail from you in
8 reference to the Governor. It just says basically,
9 Commissioners, from what I gather the Health Public Emergency
10 may be renewed again.

11 It seems like at the end of the month that the
12 Governor is taking off or rescinding the Health Maintenance
13 Care which means from what I gather that past June 30 of 2021
14 I guess the restriction is going to be lifted. And I guess
15 we'll be meeting sometime in July in person here at the
16 chambers.

17 Is that right, Mr. Allegretti?

18 MR. ALLEGRETTI: That's fundamentally correct. The
19 Executive Order does give a little leeway and does allow the
20 Utility or Boards to adopt a resolution establishing some
21 guidelines and some direction for continuing to allow remote
22 participation.

23 In anticipation and consideration of that I was
24 going to prepare a draft or a couple drafts of resolutions,
25 just some suggestions. And we can discuss it at the next
meeting.

President Flowers, what you say is correct.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: One more thing. Next meeting we are
receiving bids for renewal of our disposal and solid waste.
And we expect to get at least two of them hopefully. And we
can continue to do this cost effectively. Thank you.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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1 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, June 17,
2021 @ 4:30 p.m., East Chicago City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

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6 * Meeting ended at 4:45 p.m.

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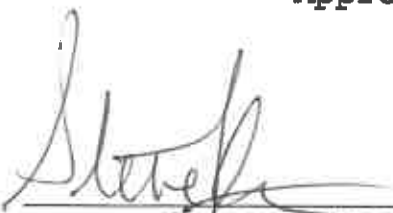
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
Thursday, June 3, 2021
Approved and Signed _____



Steve Flowers, President

/s/ Alojzy Moricz

Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Vice-President

/s/ Jawann Jones

Jawann Jones, Member

/s/ Tia Cauley

Tia Cauley, Member

/s/ Miguel Rivera

Miguel (Mike) Rivera, Member



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 11th day of June, 2021.



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

