

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

Val Gomez, President  
William Allen, Vice-President  
Winna Guzman, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Richard Morrisroe  
Olga Cosme

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Val Gomez, William Allen, Winna  
Guzman

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd  
like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board  
of Public Works for January 12, 2023.

First I'd make a motion to approve  
minutes of meeting from Thursday, December 8, 2023.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Any comments or questions on  
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?  
(Val Gomez and William Allen signify  
aye. Winna Guzman abstain.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

There is no correspondence so we'll  
move on to New Business. First item is election of  
officers. Nominations are open for President.

MR. ALLEN: I would like to nominate Val  
Gomez.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other nominations for  
President? (None)

All in favor of Val Gomez for  
President?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Next is nominations for

Vice-President.

MS. GUZMAN: I nominate Mr. William Allen.

MR. GOMEZ: Second. Any other nominations for Vice-President? (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

First item under New Business. National Industrial Maintenance, this is from Bus Transit. This is the firm that disinfects their buses. This is an annual contract and they have been using this vendor since COVID for sanitation of transit buses, continuing with the same arrangement. He did send us a letter that they are keeping the rates the same. Any questions or comments on this proposal? (None)

I'd make a motion we accept this proposal.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next item is Sounds & Graphics, Multi Media. This was passed before. This is actually an amendment. The difference in here was the postage rates went up, that's the only difference.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposal? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd make a motion we accept this amended proposal from Multi Media.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Northwest Industrial Specialists, Multi Media also. This is for their signs, sizes of signs and banners. They have a not-to-exceed of \$38,000.00. This is the same company that they have been using for the past several years according to Steve Segura and he'd like to continue with them.

1 Any questions or comments on the  
Northwest Industrial Specialists? (None)

2 No further questions or comments,  
3 I'd like to make a motion we accept Northwest Industrial  
Specialists proposal for Multi Media, with a  
4 not-to-exceed of \$38,000.00.

5 MR. ALLEN: Second.

6 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

7 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

8 Next we have 2023 rate tables from  
Public Works. I am going to read them all first and  
then we'll do one acceptance motion. First one is Cam's  
9 Tree Service. This is with a not-to-exceed of  
\$200,000.00.

10 Next one is Calumet Waste &  
Recycling. This has a not-to-exceed of \$10,000.00.

11 Next we have Midwestern Electric,  
LLC, not-to-exceed is \$75,000.00.

12 Pest Control, this is the Bug Guy  
for five locations. It's a cost of \$46,080.00  
not-to-exceed yearly.

13 Next we have East Chicago Safety,  
their not-to-exceed is 2472 per month.

14 Then we have STM Enterprises, LLC,  
not-to-exceed of --

15 MR. ALLEN: It's \$20,000.00.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Make sure we put that on the  
17 original, it wasn't on the proposal. And this is for  
emergency board up services?

18 MR. ALLEN: Correct.

19 MR. GOMEZ: STM not-to-exceed of  
20 \$20,000.00 for emergency board up.

21 Next we have NWI Property  
Preservation, LLC. This is banner, remove and install.  
22 Their not-to-exceed --

23 MR. ALLEN: Should be 50,000.

24 MR. GOMEZ: We have to add that to that  
one too.

25 We have Service Sanitation Inc.,  
basically for port-a-potties and wash stations. Their

1 not-to-exceed is \$10,000.00.

2 That concludes the rates sheets for  
3 2023 for Public Works. Any questions on the  
4 aforementioned proposals?

5 MR. ALLEN: We have Alert Alarm too.

6 MR. GOMEZ: That was actually a  
7 maintenance agreement, that was not a rate.

8 MR. ALLEN: I see that.

9 MR. GOMEZ: So as far as the rate tables,  
10 any questions or comments? (None)

11 I'd like to make a motion we accept  
12 the aforementioned 2023 rate tables for Public Works.  
13 Do I have a second?

14 MR. ALLEN: Second.

15 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
16 (All signify aye.)

17 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

18 Now we come to Alert Alarm. This is  
19 a maintenance agreement for fire and burglary. This is  
20 for 15 city locations, each location has a different  
21 price. The billing amount is billed quarterly and you  
22 can see in the proposal the prices are listed for each  
23 individual locale.

24 Any questions or comments on this  
25 alarm agreement for Alert Alarm?

MS. GUZMAN: This is a three-year term?

MR. ALLEN: Yes, for three years.

MR. GOMEZ: The rates are good for three  
years. Are there any other questions or comments.  
(None)

There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd make a motion we accept Alert Alarm  
maintenance agreement for fire and burglary monitoring,  
for three-year proposal in 15 City locations.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

1 True Green, this is for lawn  
2 service. The amount is \$23,915.84, for ten locations.  
3 The different service times and the amounts are included  
4 in the proposal.

5 Are there any questions or comments  
6 on this proposal?

7 MS. GUZMAN: Need to strike out under the  
8 standard terms and conditions, item number three,  
9 service fee and late service fee, 15 percent per month.

10 MR. GOMEZ: We can scratch that out and  
11 I'll initial that later. Any other questions or  
12 comments on True Green's proposal? (None)

13 I'd like to make a motion we accept  
14 True Green's proposal for these aforementioned  
15 locations, amount of \$23,015.84.

16 MR. ALLEN: Second.

17 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
18 (All signify aye.)

19 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

20 We are going to come back to award  
21 proposal for 822 West Chicago Avenue from Building, we  
22 do need James here for that one.

23 Okay. We have a proposal from  
24 Thomason Reuters, the Police Department. The  
25 explanation from the Police Department, and this from  
the IT officer, this is the investigative platform.  
This is a trial agreement with the Software Detective.  
This data will provide fast and more efficient way to  
gain intelligence and gain leads on cases. There is no  
cost to this trial agreement. Kevin Klocek, IT  
Director, also has reviewed the documents. So it's a  
trial agreement and there is no cost to it.

Any questions or comments on this  
software agreement?

MS. GUZMAN: How long is the trial for, a  
year or couple of months? I don't see it on here.

MR. GOMEZ: We'll make a note to find out  
the timeline. The good thing, it's free.

Any other questions or comments?  
(None)

There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept the trial

1 agreement for the Police Department with Thomason  
2 Reuters investigative firm.

3 MR. ALLEN: Second.

4 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

5 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 We'll move on to Richardson  
7 Disposal, 4825 and 4837 McCook Avenue, remove canopy,  
8 support beams, and concrete floor, and ten by ten block,  
9 remove all concrete. The cost is \$4,000.00. James did  
10 send a letter, please present at the next Board of Works  
11 meeting, and he has requested the approval of the  
12 proposal submitted by Richardson Disposal for removal of  
13 the concrete -- basically what I already mentioned. He  
14 did put all the information in the letter. It's like a  
15 minor proposal for \$4,000.00 for this location, to  
16 remove the things associated with concrete.

17 Do you have any questions or  
18 comments, or you wish to wait for James on this one?

19 MR. ALLEN: I think it's fine.

20 MS. GUZMAN: I think we can go ahead.

21 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further  
22 questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion we  
23 accept the proposal from Richardson disposal for 4835  
24 and 4837 McCook concerning concrete disposal.

25 MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have several Notices to  
Proceed. These were already bid out and contracts were  
approved. This is just the Notice to Proceed. We have  
first Notice to Proceed with contractor JM Industrial  
Service, 3916 Evergreen Street.

Next Notice to Proceed from  
contractor Actin, 2815 Alder.

Next Notice to Proceed is also with  
Actin, 117 138th Street.

Next one, Notice to Proceed is for  
Richardson Disposal, 4858 Alexander. Then we have  
another one for Richardson Disposal. This is for 4802  
Alexander.

1                                   And the final Notice to Proceed is  
2 for C. Lee Construction Services, 2312 East Columbus  
3 Drive.

4                                   Are there any questions or comments  
5 on the Notices to Proceed for these properties? (None)  
6                                   There being no further questions or  
7 comments, I'd make a motion we accept the aforementioned  
8 Notices to Proceed.

9                                   MR. ALLEN:    Second.

10                                  MR. GOMEZ:   All in favor say aye?  
11                                   (All signify aye.)

12                                  MR. GOMEZ:   Motion carries.

13                                  Mr. Portalatin is present now so  
14 we'll go back to the proposal for 822 West Chicago  
15 Avenue.

16                                  MR. PORTALATIN:   So we received three  
17 proposals. One from American Asbestos Abatement, doing  
18 business as Midwest Service Group. Their base bid was  
19 \$19,983.00, daily rate was \$2,100.00.

20                                  M & O Environmental Company, base  
21 bid of \$14,200.00, daily rate \$2,050.00.

22                                  And Safe Environmental Corporation,  
23 base bid was \$18,450.00, daily rate of \$2,200.00.

24                                  So the lowest most responsive bidder  
25 is M & O Environmental Company.

                                MR. GOMEZ:    Is that your recommendation?

                                MR. PORTALATIN:   Yes.

                                MR. GOMEZ:    Any questions or comments on  
this proposal? (None)

                                There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd like to make a motion we award 822 West  
Chicago Avenue, based on the lowest bid, to M & O  
Environmental Company.

                                MR. ALLEN:    Second.

                                MR. GOMEZ:   All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

                                MR. GOMEZ:   Motion carries.

                                Next we have proposal from Fire  
Service, Inc., for the Fire Department. This is a rate  
schedule proposal for repair of engine number 5, which  
is number 2518, and of these items listed, they are only

1 doing three. And the first one is for a drain fill tank  
2 drain clog. Then we have replace leaking cab lift  
3 cylinder. And then we have a final one, replace  
4 steering gear box. The total is \$12,925.66.

5 Are there any questions or comments  
6 on this proposal for repair of Engine 5? (None)

7 There being no further questions or  
8 comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept the  
9 proposal from Fire Services Incorporated to repair  
10 Engine 5 for \$12,925.66.

11 MR. ALLEN: Second.

12 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

13 (All signify aye.)

14 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

15 Next we have Breathing Air Systems.  
16 This is for their service quote and for their  
17 maintenance quote. These are two annual items that they  
18 bring before the Board. This is for the breathing  
19 system, when they refill their air packs. The service  
20 quote is \$2,273.36. Maintenance quote is \$895.23.

21 Are there any questions or comments  
22 on these two items? (None)

23 There being no further questions or  
24 comments, I'd like to make a motion we accept Breathing  
25 Air Services proposal for service and proposal for  
maintenance with the East Chicago Fire Department.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have proposal from Chicago  
Communication, Fire Department. This is their  
maintenance contract for all their portable radios and  
their base radios. The amount is \$4,749.00.

Are there any questions or comments  
on this proposal from Chicago Communications? (None)

There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd make a motion to accept Chicago  
Communications proposal with the East Chicago Fire  
Department for their communication radios in the amount  
of -- maintenance contract -- \$4,749.00.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?



1 (All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next we have, also from the Fire  
3 Department, Cintas. This is their quote for their heart  
4 monitors, AEDs. They have 26 and this is for two checks  
5 per year, every six months, at a unit price of \$39.95,  
6 for 26 of them, for a total of \$1,038.70, twice a year,  
7 so that makes it -- that would make it \$2,077.40.

8 Any questions or comments on this  
9 proposal from Cintas for servicing the Fire Department's  
10 AED heart monitors? (None)

11 There being no further questions or  
12 comments, I'd make a motion we accept the proposal from  
13 Cintas for the East Chicago Fire Department.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

11 Next we have from Heartline Fitness,  
12 this is the proposal for \$750.00 per visit, for two  
13 visits, which amounts to \$1,500.00. This is for all  
14 their cardiovascular equipment, treadmills, elliptical,  
15 bikes, steppers, etcetera; basically their exercise  
16 equipment. This is preventative maintenance service.

17 Any questions or comments on this  
18 proposal? (None)

19 There being no further questions or  
20 comments, I'd like to make a motion we accept Heartline  
21 Fitness's proposal with the Fire Department for their  
22 preventative maintenance for their exercise equipment.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Next we have MacQueen Equipment,  
24 Fire Department. This is for their rescue tools,  
25 preventative maintenance for the tools they use to pull  
26 people out of trapped cars, houses. This is their  
27 maintenance of \$1,849.50 for their annual visit on these  
28 pieces of equipment. Just for your information, these  
29 specialized tools are carried by every fire company.

30 Any questions or comments on this  
31 proposal from MacQueen? (None)

32 There being no further questions or  
33 comments, I'd like to make a motion we accept the

1 proposal from MacQueen Equipment and Emergency Services  
2 for the Fire Department.

3 MR. ALLEN: Second.

4 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

5 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Next is from Northwest Psychological  
7 Services. This is consultant services. This is annual  
8 agreement that the Fire Department brings to us every  
9 year, and this is for counseling for firefighters and  
10 their families that are having issues. Everything is  
confidential and there are medical restrictions on it.  
The cost is \$100.00 per hour. We might get more  
clarification, but we'll pass it. The clarification is  
because Section F says that services will be charged at  
a rate of \$100.00 per hour, and then on Section G it  
says, under compensation, that it's \$125.00 per hour.

11 So, I suggest that we pass the form,  
12 but in the motion we put that we get some clarification  
13 on whether it's 100 or 125. Is that okay with the  
14 Board?

15 MS. GUZMAN: That's fine.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Are there any other questions  
17 or comments? (None)

18 There being no further questions or  
19 comments, I'd like to make a motion we accept the  
20 consultant contract with Northwest Psychological  
21 Services for the Fire Department for their annual  
22 psychological services with the one question that we  
23 clarify whether its 100 per hour or 125 per hour.

24 MR. ALLEN: Second.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Hastings Air Energy  
Control, Inc., and this is for their emergency vehicle  
exhaust system. Just for the record, every fire truck  
has an exhaust system that has a large hose attached to  
it so that all the exhaust of the vehicle is expelled to  
the outside when you start up the engines so there are  
no pollutants inside the station. We have had this  
program with the Fire Department for over 15 years and  
it's worked pretty good keeping the stations clean.

1 This was for 12 units and the maintenance program is for  
2 \$2,043.86.

3 Are there any questions or comments  
4 on Hastings Air Energy Control for the Fire Department?  
5 (None)

6 There being no further questions or  
7 comments, I'd make a motion we accept Hastings proposal  
8 to the Fire Department for the aforementioned proposal.

9 MR. ALLEN: Second.

10 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
11 (All signify aye.)

12 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

13 Next we have the 2023 Emergency  
14 Apparatus Service Policy for the Fire Department. This  
15 is where vendors agree to keep to a rate schedule that  
16 the Fire Department has proposed to them. It includes  
17 the labor rate, shop rate, field rate, travel charge  
18 rate, diagnostic check rate, emergency call out, FM call  
19 out, pick up and delivery rate. We have four vendors.  
20 Fire Service Incorporated out of St. John; Interstate  
21 Power Systems out of Gary; Legacy Fire Apparatus out of  
22 Sherwood, Illinois; Green Emergency out of Aurora,  
23 Illinois. All four have signed agreements and their  
24 signatures are here. This is similar to the City's  
25 vehicle maintenance program and there is a policy that  
services the vehicles where they rotate between these  
companies that have agreed to these terms. The prices  
stay the same.

Any questions or comments on this  
policy?

MS. GUZMAN: Do we need a not-to-exceed  
for each one or not required?

MR. GOMEZ: What they do, they actually  
have been doing this for the past six years, they get a  
PO with the exact same number for each one. The POs are  
similar to vehicles for Public Works. They get a PO for  
each vendor that they have. I know Public Works has a  
higher amount. I think they get \$100,000.00 because  
they have got a lot of vehicles. Fire Department, I  
think it might be 50,000. We can put that in a motion  
form and add it to the proposal, because you're right  
there's not -- it's not on here.

Any other questions or comments?  
(None)

There being no further questions or

1 comments, I'd make a motion we accept the Fire  
2 Department's Emergency Apparatus Service Policy with  
3 these four vendors for the year 2023 with the one  
4 question, or additional information, the not-to-exceed  
5 number amount for each vendor.

6 MR. ALLEN: Second.

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

8 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

9 Now we come to outstanding invoices.  
10 I'm going to read each one first and we'll have one  
11 motion after that.

12 First outstanding invoice from the  
13 Fire Department, Cintas. They have a late invoice of  
14 10-7-22, of \$95.65. Reason, the invoice was never  
15 received from Station 4, actually went to the wrong  
16 station. You recall we send invoices for payment, it  
17 goes to Central Fire Station.

18 Any comments or questions on this  
19 one? (None)

20 The next one is from Stanley  
21 Security Solutions. It's from the Police Department.  
22 Invoice is dated 7-14-22. This is for \$127,120.00.  
23 Police Department's explanation was the invoice was lost  
24 in the mail. Equipment has been received and purchase  
25 order has been on hand for this project since 8-19-2021.  
I did check with the staff in the Controller's office  
and they do have the purchase order since 2021. It  
remains open and it's been appropriated.

My question to them, I didn't  
understand why the company only sent one invoice during  
that whole period, but all the equipment has been  
received. There is no issue with it.

Any other questions or comments?

MS. GUZMAN: That may be because of COVID  
related matters.

MR. GOMEZ: That could be. Any other  
questions or comments? (None)

Next one, Building Department, past  
due Konica Minolta. Invoice dated 7-28-22, amount of  
\$504.74. Explanation, change in hands of who handles  
the account. I did speak with the Building Department.  
They have lost quite a bit of personnel, especially in  
their office, so I think we are going to run into more  
and more of this when we lose people. The amount is

1 \$504.74.

2 Any questions or comments on this  
late invoice? (None)

3 Next one also from the Building  
Department. We have a late invoice from A T & T dated  
4 7-23-22, amount of \$179.46. Explanation is same as the  
one before, change of hands of the personnel handling  
5 the accounts again, and it's the same reason for the  
last one, change of personnel in the office.

6 Any other questions or comments on  
this one? (None)

7 The next late invoice, this is from  
Engineering, Pintos Concrete, dated 9-9-22, amount of  
\$3,336.00. Explanation was that Engineering Department  
8 received the invoice on December 20, '22 when they  
contacted us regarding payment. Services have been  
9 rendered and invoice should be processed. So just came  
at the time when the books were closed basically.

10 Any questions or comments on this  
late invoice? (None)

11 Next is Hasse Construction from  
Engineering Department. Two late invoices dated  
12 9-30-22. First invoice is \$18,000.00 and the second one  
is for \$19,701.18. Explanation, invoice was sent to the  
13 Water Department. Engineering Department did not  
receive the invoice until the contractor requested a  
14 payment on January 3rd, 2023. Services have been  
rendered and invoice should be processed. A little mix  
15 up there.

16 Any questions or comments on this  
late invoice from Hasse? (None)

17 Next CNB Construction, Engineering  
Department dated 9-7-22. Invoice amount of \$25,610.70.  
18 Explanation, Engineering Department received the invoice  
on December 7, 2022 from the engineering company  
overseeing the project. Revisions had to be made prior  
19 to processing. Services have been rendered and invoice  
should be processed.

20 Any questions or comments on this  
late invoice? (None)

21 Next one is from Landmark Signs from  
IT Department. The invoice is dated 10-25-22, amount of  
22 \$230.00. Explanation, contractor sent the invoice to  
prior contact and IT never received the invoice. Sent  
23 information to the building and they sent me the  
appropriate invoice. So just a mix up.

24 Any questions or comments on this  
late invoice? (None)

25 That concludes late invoices. No

1 further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion  
2 we accept the aforementioned late invoices to the  
3 various departments in the City of East Chicago.

4 MR. ALLEN: Second.

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

6 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

7 Now we are going to move to 2023  
8 rate schedules. All these rate schedules are with IT.  
9 I'm going to proceed to read the rate schedules for each  
10 one and then we'll make a motion at the end.

11 The first one is with Dream  
12 Buildings of America, time and material, not-to-exceed  
13 \$80,000.00. When I spoke to the IT director, all these  
14 rate schedules and contracts are annual contracts and  
15 rate schedules for vendors, the same ones for the past  
16 ten years and they have been very satisfied with their  
17 services.

18 The next one is Trocor, time and  
19 material, programming assistance, not-to-exceed  
20 \$90,000.00.

21 Next is Midwestern Electric. Also  
22 rate schedule with contract for fiber optic and conduit  
23 services. Their not-to-exceed is \$90,000.00.

24 Telecom Engineering, rate schedule  
25 and contract for fiber optics and they have  
not-to-exceed of \$60,000.00.

Vermillion Systems, rate schedule  
and contract, not-to-exceed \$50,000.00.

Next we have Nitco, the rate  
schedule and contract, not-to-exceed of \$75,000.00.

Move to Gateway Business Systems.  
This one is just a rate schedule and they do have their  
not-to-exceed of \$5,000.00. This is just a rate  
schedule for 2023 with Gateway Business Systems.

Landmark Signs rate schedule also,  
this is outdoor signage rates, time and material,  
not-to-exceed \$20,000.00.

So are there any questions or  
comments on the aforementioned rate schedules for 2023  
with IT? (None)

There being no further questions or  
comments on the IT rate schedules for 2023, I'd like to  
make a motion we accept the aforementioned rate  
schedules.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

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

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Next we have from IT, public service  
4 agreements from Dream Builders of America. It's a Dream  
5 Builders Safety and Service agreement for criminal  
6 justice information services. The description provided  
7 by the IT Director, they provide services at the public  
8 safety facility, namely for the Police Department, not  
to exclude the Clerk's office or City court. There's a  
federal security requirement for all contractors having  
access to the City that reviews the Spellman Record  
System. In the packet they actually have, with any of  
the contractors, that they have to sign that form and  
that's what the addendumeum is for.

9 Any questions or comments on this  
addendum to Dream Builders of America Service Agreement?  
(None)

10 There being no further questions or  
11 comments, I'd make a motion that we accept the  
12 aforementioned proposal from Dream Builders with the IT  
Department.

13 MR. ALLEN: Second.

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

15 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

16 Next one is from Trocor, Public  
17 Safety Agreement. This is almost the same as the other  
18 one, the Safety Criminal Justice Security Service  
19 addendum. This provides safety mainly to the Police  
20 Department and also the City Court, Federal court  
21 departments, any contractors that have access to the  
22 facility and actively using the Spellman Record System.  
23 This is identical, where the contractor has to sign that  
24 form as the other one, where basically they are saying  
25 that they are following the procedures by the GICS.

Any questions or comments on  
Trocor's addendum? (None)

There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd like to make a motion we accept Trocor's  
proposal with the East Chicago Police Department and IT  
Department.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next we have NITCO phone system  
3 hosting services, IT. This agreement is to have NITCO  
4 hosting the city-wide VOIP phone system at the  
5 contracted rates per service line. This agreement  
6 includes the hosting service desk phone support and any  
7 phone programming that may be requested. This is a  
8 36-month agreement.

9 Are there any questions or comments  
10 on the contract renewal? (None)

11 There being no further questions or  
12 comments, I'd like to make a motion we accept the  
13 proposal for NITCO for the phone service hosting  
14 services.

15 MR. ALLEN: Second.

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

18 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

19 Next we have the Service Express  
20 Hardware Support. This is the agreement for service  
21 support for our server equipment. This is set for  
22 renewal 7-11-22 and the agreement was an automatic  
23 renewal. That being said, the City no longer wishes to  
24 honor the auto renew agreement. This agreement is for  
25 36-months, from 7-8-22 to 6-30-2025. The rates on this  
agreement are for the second billing period of 2022.  
The invoice is to be bi-annually approved and remove the  
auto renew terms, and set the new terms denoting  
36-months. So it's extending and sort of an amendment  
to the original one that was in place because of the  
automatic renew agreement.

Any questions or comments on this  
proposal? (None)

There being no further questions or  
comments, I'll make a motion to approve Service Express  
proposal with IT for aforementioned server equipment.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Vigilant L6Q Portable  
Camera Maintenance. Description of this agreement is  
maintenance support for the 8 portable L6Q cameras that  
were purchased. The terms of this agreement is five  
years. For the record I believe the 8 are the license



1 plate readers that the Police Department purchased,  
2 license plate readers, which I believe two are more  
mobile units and six are stationary.

3 Any questions or comments on this  
proposal? (None)

4 There is a rate schedule that we  
have passed before and I think that's what references  
5 any cost that would be associated with this, but I'll  
check on that.

6 There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the  
7 Vigilant Portable Camera proposal for the Police  
Department, and also to check to add the information on  
the cost and see if it's related to the rate schedule.

8 MR. ALLEN: Second.

9 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

10 (All signify aye.)

11 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

12 Next we have two proposals from A T  
& T Mobility and A T & T IPFlex Renewal. This is a  
13 36-month agreement. And we also have the A T & T  
dedicated internet, ADI, renewal. This agreement is to  
14 provide our dedicated internet service. The price of  
\$1,108.60 per month. This also is a 36-month agreement.  
It's from Kevin Klocek, our IT Administrator.

15 Any other questions or comments on  
these, either one of these A T & T proposals? (None)

16 There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd like to make a motion we accept these  
17 first two A T & T proposals. First one is Firstnet  
Agreement Amendment and the second A T & T IPFlex  
renewal agreement.

18 MR. ALLEN: Second.

19 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

20 (All signify aye.)

21 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

22 Next we have A T & T, the one by  
itself, which is the A T & T Dedicated Internet, ADI,  
23 renewal. That amount of \$1,080.60 a month. This is  
also a 36-month agreement. I make a motion we accept  
this proposal.

24 MR. ALLEN: Second.

25 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

1 (All signify aye.)

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Next we have Gateway, we have two  
4 Gateway Business Systems Konica Bizhub for the  
5 Controller's office. This is printers for the  
6 Controller's office. As a matter of fact we just  
7 received them in the Controller's office and received  
8 two new printers and these are service agreements that  
9 come with them. They both are 36-month agreements for  
10 each one and they are based on a rate of -- actually on  
11 the number of copies. Once again, the maintenance  
12 agreement for two new copiers that the Controller's  
13 office received.

14 Any questions or comments? (None)

15 There being no further questions or  
16 comments, I'd make a motion to approve Systems  
17 Maintenance Agreements for the two aforementioned  
18 copiers.

19 MR. ALLEN: Second.

20 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

21 (All signify aye.)

22 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Next we come to the 2023 legal  
24 contracts. This is from the Law Department. I think we  
25 can go through each contract and do a motion to approve  
all at once.

26 The first one is for Shana Levinson.  
27 This 2023 contract is at \$150.00 per hour and  
28 not-to-exceed \$25,000.00 without authorization. Any  
29 questions or comments on Levinson's contract? (None)

30 Next one is for Darnail Lyles, a  
31 rate of \$225.00 per hour and \$75,000 not-to-exceed. Any  
32 questions or comments? (None)

33 Next we have from Jewell Harris,  
34 Jr., his contract is for \$150.00 for non-litigation  
35 matters and \$160.00 for matters in litigation, with  
not-to-exceed of \$60,000.00. Any questions or comments  
on his?

36 MR. ALLEN: I have a not-to-exceed of  
37 \$40,000.00.

38 MR. GOMEZ: The one before was Darnail  
39 Lyles at \$225.00 per hour. That should be the second  
40 one. Jewell Harris -- actually I probably made a  
41 mistake. I did read that Jewell Harris is \$150.00 for  
42 non-litigation matters and \$160.00 for litigation

1 matters, with not-to-exceed \$40,000.

2 MS. GUZMAN: We need to clarify.

3 MR. GOMEZ: It says \$60,000, and then it  
4 says, not-to-exceed total legal services performed of  
5 \$40,000.00 without prior written authorization. We'll  
6 makes a separate motion. We'll approve it, but with  
7 clarification.

8 Any other questions on Jewell  
9 Harris's contract? (None)

10 I'd like to make a motion we approve  
11 Jewell Harris 2023 contract with the Law Department with  
12 the clarification on his not-to-exceed, whether it's  
13 60,000 or 40,000.

14 MR. ALLEN: Second.

15 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
16 (All signify aye.)

17 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

18 Next one is our favorite attorney,  
19 Mr. Morrisroe. His contract is for \$125.00 for  
20 litigation with not-to-exceed of 65,000.

21 Next one is for Smith Sersic, which  
22 is a little bit different because he has various  
23 amounts. So we have to treat Smith Sersic different  
24 because his billing is the following, not-to-exceed  
25 \$1,500.00 per unsafe property at rate of \$165.00 per  
hour for attorney time and \$90.00 for staff time. Then  
he has legal services prior to support of the completion  
of statutory acquired properties by tax deed for the  
City of flat rate of \$600.00 per property. Quitclaim  
title rate of \$165.00 per hour for attorney time and  
\$90.00 for staff time. Services for quit title work  
billed monthly for each month that the firm provides  
this service. Services related to tax deed work should  
be billed to Law Department and should be billed at  
\$300.00 per property. Other legal services invoiced  
monthly at \$165.00 per hour. The total amount of  
services should be for January 1st, 2023 to December 31,  
2023, shall not exceed \$50,000.00.

26 Any questions or comments on this  
27 Smith Sersic contract? (None)

28 There being no further questions or  
29 comments on the Smith Sersic 2023 contract with the Law  
30 Department for the aforementioned amounts and duties,  
31 I'd make a motion to accept the 2023 contract.

1 MR. ALLEN: Second.

2 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

3 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

4 Final one Tolbert & Tolbert. This  
is for 2023 contract rate of \$195.00 per hour for  
attorneys, \$100.00 for paralegal, \$70.00 for law clerks,  
5 and not-to-exceed \$60,000.

6 Any questions or comments on Tolbert  
& Tolbert contract?

7 MS. GUZMAN: Under the billing hourly  
rate and invoice they have got \$195.00 instead of  
8 \$170.00.

9 MR. GOMEZ: I have \$195.00.

10 MS. GUZMAN: Well, it was 170 and they  
crossed that out and put 195. I just want to make sure  
11 that's clear. It was 170 and they crossed it out.

12 MR. GOMEZ: I saw that too. We can get  
clarification.

13 MS. GUZMAN: Just so we can make sure  
14 that's the agreement.

15 MR. GOMEZ: So we'll treat Tolbert &  
Tolbert separately.

16 Any further questions or comments on  
the Tolbert & Tolbert contract? (None)

17 There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd make a motion we accept the Tolbert &  
18 Tolbert law contract with the Law Department, with the  
one clarification where it had 170 there was a line  
19 through it and somebody wrote in 195. We need to get  
that clarified, that it's 195. They should have  
20 initialed that so we know for sure.

21 MR. ALLEN: There are initials, but I  
can't make it out though.

22 MR. GOMEZ: Anyway we'll get the  
23 clarification.

24 MR. ALLEN: Second.

25 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

1 (All signify aye.)

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 And now for all the other contract  
4 attorneys that we did not make a motion on, I believe  
5 that was the three that didn't have any special or  
6 unique little things in them, I'd make a motion we  
7 accept all the ones we haven't already made a motion  
8 for, whatever their rates are and not-to-exceed.

9 MR. ALLEN: Second.

10 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

11 (All signify aye.)

12 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

13 Next we have proposal from Jones &  
14 Associates court reporters. This is for the Fire Civil  
15 Service and this is Law Department. This is a  
16 professional service agreement. The rates are \$200.00  
17 for the first two hours and \$50.00 for each additional  
18 hour. Jones & Associates will provide transcripts for  
19 normal turn around of ten business days, charge of \$4.50  
20 per page, original one copy and serviceable PDF.

21 Any questions or comments on this  
22 professional service contract for the Law Department  
23 with Jones & Associates Court Reporting?

24 MR. ALLEN: Is there a not-to-exceed  
25 amount? I guess we can approve it and they can add it  
on so they don't shoot themselves in the foot.

MR. GOMEZ: We can get clarification on  
that.

MR. ALLEN: I think it's \$5,000.00 if  
they don't specify the amount.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. There being no further  
questions or comments, I'd make a motion we accept the  
proposal for court reporting services with Jones &  
Associates for the Law Department, in particular Fire  
Civil Service, with the condition that we check to see  
what the not-to-exceed amount would be.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Law Department, 2023

1 Tonkovich Oil fuel contract, similar wording to the  
2 previous year's contract. The particulars would be the  
3 rates. Wholesale rates fluctuate due to market  
4 conditions and supplier agrees to charge only the actual  
5 applicable federal and state taxes and maximum markup  
6 for a gallon of .129 per fuel supply rate sheet. He has  
7 included the price sheet for the different types of  
8 gasoline in regards to octane and the markup on the  
9 final column is the same for each one.

10 Are there any other questions or  
11 comments pertaining to this proposal for fuel supply  
12 contract with Tonkovich Oil Company? (None)

13 There being no further questions or  
14 comments, I'd make a motion we accept the fuel supply  
15 contract with Tonkovich Oil Company.

16 MR. ALLEN: Second.

17 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
18 (All signify aye.)

19 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

20 Next one is contract for legal  
21 services between the City of East Chicago and Kevin  
22 Smith, the law firm of Smith Sersic. This one is  
23 different from the one we passed before because this one  
24 has the work for City by the Board of Port Authority and  
25 its Law Department. This is through the Board of Public  
Works. I spoke with the Law Department and they  
informed me that both us and the Port Authority will  
conduct similar action on this contract. So when I saw  
that it had the Port Authority, I asked them if this was  
going before the Port Authority also, and they said yes,  
with the rates, the billing rates on this one rate of  
\$165.00 per hour attorney time, \$90.00 an hour for  
paralegal and staff. And the total amount period from  
January 1st through December 31, 2023, and shall not  
exceed \$20,000.00. That's the difference. Basically  
it's the same as the other ones. It's combining  
services with the Port Authority and the City.

MS. GUZMAN: Should be before the Port  
Authority as well?

MR. GOMEZ: Well, that's what they told  
me. There will be similar action before the Port  
Authority. Any other questions or comments on this  
contract for legal services? (None)

There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd make a motion we accept the contract for

1 legal services for the City of East Chicago and Attorney  
2 Kevin Smith and the law firm for City of East Chicago  
and for the Port Authority.

3 MR. ALLEN: Second.

4 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

5 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Next we have Resolution 2023-01,  
Lexis Nexis and Resolution 2023-02. They are both  
7 resolutions authorizing the use of Lexis Nexis. This is  
a three-year agreement. It was previously authorized  
8 and approved. The other is resolution authorizing the  
use of Lexis Nexis, which reflects also a three-year  
9 contract which the Board previously authorized and  
approved. The one mentions Lexis Nexis for the purpose  
10 of legal research and statutes. And the other one is  
for continuing use of Lexis Nexis for the purpose of  
11 background checks and searches. That's the difference  
between the two, otherwise they are identical. I don't  
see anything about the amount or anything.

12 I think we'll do like we have been  
doing, we'll make a motion to approve with the  
13 understanding that if we can insert the information on  
what the amount is and a not-to-exceed if that's okay.

14 MR. ALLEN: That's fine.

15 MS. GUZMAN: All right.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions? (None)

17 There being no further questions,  
I'd like to make a motion we accept Resolution 2023-1,  
18 which is resolution Board of Public Works authorizing  
the use of Lexis Nexis and Resolution 2023-02 is a  
19 resolution authorizing the use of Lexis Nexis with the  
conditions that the information is available for the  
20 rates of these two proposals and the not-to-exceed.

21 MR. ALLEN: Second.

22 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

23 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

24 Next we come to the Worker's  
Compensation Agreement. I have a letter from  
25 Professional Claims Management, PCM, will no longer be  
processing the worker's compensation insurance claims

1 effective January 1st, 2023. PCM has researched the  
2 marketplace and recommend Gallagher Basset Services,  
3 Inc., who has an excellent reputation. Gallagher Basset  
will be responsible for injury filing claims, payment,  
and reports, and contract is attached for your review.

4 Professional Health Services, PHS,  
is responsible for searching and coordination of  
5 insurance. This includes tracking, eligibility, case  
management, nurse services, reviewing report for  
6 payments on loss, life insurance eligibility, and  
monthly self billing. The two contracts from PHS are  
attached for your review.

7 In effect Professional Claims will  
no longer manage our workmen's comp, but they will still  
8 be involved in the professional health service part of  
it. These are both effective January 1st, of 2023. The  
9 ones with Professional Health Services, their  
compensation fees for the services provided by PHS  
10 pursuant to agreement, City agrees to pay the sum of  
\$25,000.00 annually and that's set forth in Exhibit A,  
11 payable to PHS main office, four equal payments of  
\$6,250.00. There is also fee forecast management for  
12 services provided by PHS. Pursuant to agreement City  
agrees to pay the rate of \$100.00 per hour plus expenses  
13 as set forth in Exhibit A.

14 And then there is the maintenance of  
group insurance eligibility. PHS pays a fee of  
15 \$4,500.00 as set forth in Exhibit A, and it has the  
arrangement of payment.

16 Are there any questions or comments  
on the Professional Health Services, LLC, that is PHS,  
17 contract for service agreement. That's the second one  
in the letter that I read. That is a two-year contract.

18 MR. ALLEN: Which one is for the  
Professional Health Services?

19 MR. GOMEZ: The \$25,000.00, that's for  
20 the workmen's comp. The case management I believe was  
\$100.00 per hour and maintenance group insurance, that  
21 was a set price of \$4,500.00.

22 MR. ALLEN: I have no more questions.

23 MS. GUZMAN: For the hours not-to-exceed,  
24 for the hourly rate?

25 MR. GOMEZ: We can include that in the  
motion to inquire.



1 MS. GUZMAN: Okay. And the reason  
2 Professional Claims Management is no longer processing  
3 these claims for the City?

4 MR. GOMEZ: PHS is actually a company  
5 that's part of Professional Claims. So if you are  
6 familiar with Laura, who used to be our contact with  
7 Professional Claims, she is actually the one that's  
8 going to be the go between for the new workmen's comp  
9 company and Gallagher Bassett. Just like right now,  
10 it's similar to when we changed insurance to Aetna and  
11 Professional Claims wasn't involved anymore. They have  
12 a similar contract with us, where Laura, under this PHS,  
13 is still our contact. So still helping us with our  
14 health side and not with our workmen's comp. Similar to  
15 what we passed before. And it's good, because Laura is  
16 actually pretty good and she is pretty knowledgeable on  
17 insurance work. She's been there for over 20 years, so  
18 she's helped some.

19 Any other questions?

20 MS. GUZMAN: No further questions.

21 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further  
22 questions, I'd like to make a motion we accept the  
23 insurance agreement between the City of East Chicago and  
24 Professional Health Services.

25 MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next one is the main one with  
workmen's comp. And as you can see, there is the rate  
schedule there with Gallagher Bassett, their proposal  
taking over workmen's comp and basically everything that  
was associated with it. There is a fee per claim. If  
you look at the total work comp fee, and they did break  
it down, approve administrative services, that is  
\$3,240.00. And workmen's comp, medical only, worker's  
comp indemnity \$4,660.00. Projected service fee, data  
conversion integration fees -- some of these fees are a  
one time fee. Net total is \$14,760.00. And then they  
have almost like a schedule of fees, depending on the  
situation of the case.

The way it's set up with the  
Controller's office and approved by the Mayor's office,  
we actually have an account where we set \$50,000.00.

1 It's a blanket. So if there are fees in the first  
2 quarter, they are withdrawn from that. So if that  
3 account goes low, we add more. We are always going to  
try and keep it at 50,000. Any questions or comments?  
(None)

4 There being no further questions or  
5 comments, I'd make a motion we approve Gallagher  
6 Bassett's agreement with the City of East Chicago. And  
7 this is also a two-year contract. And also in this  
8 motion if we could include that the Board president will  
be authorized to sign any future paperwork that comes  
from these two firms because we are constantly getting  
different forms that we have to sign, and all the forms  
are reviewed by the Mayor's office and Law Department.

9 MR. ALLEN: Second.

10 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

11 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

12 Next we have, this is NIPSCO's  
13 proposal to perform utility energy service for the City  
14 of East Chicago. Even though on the agenda it says  
15 NIPSCO, this actually came from the Mayor's office. If  
16 you see, the Mayor actually already signed it and signed  
17 it on the 21st day of December. And this is a proposal  
18 with Mr. Ted Summers, and apparently NIPSCO has gone  
19 before the Utility Regulatory Commission to seek a rate  
20 issue and there are several communities in Northwest  
21 Indiana that are going to go with this proposal as well.  
22 This company will represent us at these rate schedule  
23 hearings and they are going to negotiate on behalf of  
24 the communities in Northwest Indiana. And each company,  
25 each city, or town that's in this is starting with a  
budget of \$100,000.00, the based upon agreement to lend  
support is not-to-exceed \$20,000.00. And that's where  
we are, the Mayor authorized us to pay \$20,000.00 and  
that's not-to-exceed. The rate is actually 275 per  
hour. And if you read the proposals, if there is a  
savings there, that will be a returned to us.

26 So far the towns of Schererville and  
27 Dyer already signed on. Munster and Highland are  
28 already expressing interest. It's a little complex.  
29 Were you aware of this agreement, Mr. Morrisroe?

30 MR. MORRISROE: No, I was not. I'd be  
31 happy to go over this and get back to you.

32 MR. GOMEZ: It actually came to us from

1 the Mayor's office. When I asked him, they said that  
2 the Mayor's financial adviser, Mr. Bennett, had reviewed  
3 it and Joe Allegretti reviewed it; so I figured  
4 everything was vetted. If you read the information, I  
5 guess we entered an agreement, but this agreement before  
6 us is where the City invested \$10,000 and he actually  
7 wrote a check back for the City for 10,000, along with  
8 the investment of savings were negotiated with our  
9 street light proposal for NIPSCO.

10 MR. MORRISROE: We need his help with  
11 NIPSCO as far as trials and other things, where NIPSCO  
12 engineers are taking a very hard line on anything going  
13 anywhere near their facilities, whereas before Rick  
14 Galorski, formerly from Hammond, is now their area rep  
15 man and has been more favorable.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Ted Summers is with the LWGCP  
17 advisers and they are the ones that are leading the way  
18 for this proposal with the different communities. Do  
19 you have any additional questions or comments? (None)

20 I apologize because actually I got  
21 this from the Mayor's office just at the tail end, and  
22 I'm going by their explanation that it's been vetted and  
23 this gentleman has done work for the community before.

24 MR. ALLEN: He's worked with us.

25 MS. GUZMAN: He's worked with the Water  
Department as well.

MR. ALLEN: He gave a presentation to the  
Council as well, kind of engineering them of the plan to  
switch out high pressure sodium lights with LED with  
NIPSCO, and suppose to be working on our City owned  
lights as well.

MR. GOMEZ: Do we have any other  
questions or comments? (None)

There being no further questions or  
comments, then I'll make a motion to approve the  
proposal to perform services for the City of East  
Chicago, right, actually with NIPSCO, before the  
Regulatory Commission by Mr. Ted Summers.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 The Bug Guy, we have a pest control  
3 service agreement from the Bug Guy. It's spraying for  
4 insects, bait and set traps, City Hall and the Mayor's  
5 office. Amount of annual agreement is \$1,500.00.

6 Any questions or comments on the Bug  
7 Guy pest control agreement? (None)

8 There being no further questions or  
9 comments, I'd like to make a motion we approve the Bug  
10 Guy's pest control agreement with Cty Hall and the  
11 Mayor's office.

12 MR. ALLEN: Second.

13 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
14 (All signify aye.)

15 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

16 Next we have Fissinger & Associates.  
17 This is court reporting for Engineering. We have the  
18 agreement before us. Rates are, meeting attendance for  
19 meeting not transcribed attendance is \$90.00 per hour,  
20 with two-hour minimum. Summary of meeting minutes  
21 ordered to be transcribed, \$90.00 an hour, minimum 2  
22 hour charge. Rate of \$6.50 per page, this rate is for  
23 e-mail copy of the transcript. Provide invoices for  
24 services rendered as being transcribed. Cost of  
25 additional copies \$3.00 per page. Transcripts ordered  
expedited will be charged additional rates as noted.  
This agreement is retroactive to January 1st, 2023 to  
December 31, 2023, and not-to-exceed of \$25,000.00. Any  
questions or comments? (None)

There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd make a motion we accept the professional  
service agreement for Fissinger & Associates for  
Engineering for the aforementioned terms.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have from Sargent Electric,  
this is their rate schedule for 2023 with Engineering.  
Is there a not-to-exceed?

MR. ALLEN: It's not stated, but it's  
\$25,000.00, and we'll strike the 15 percent cost and  
fees.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or  
2 comments on Sargent Electric proposal for electric  
service rates for City of East Chicago? (None)

3 There being no further questions or  
4 comments, I'd make a motion we approve the rate schedule  
for 2023, with the added not-to-exceed of \$25,000.00  
and excluding the line where cost and fees of  
5 15 percent.

6 MR. ALLEN: Second.

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

8 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

9 Next we have Notice to Proceed. We  
10 have three Notices to Proceed. First is National Power  
Rodding, First Group Engineering, and this is for sewer  
lining for 2022 Roxana Neighborhood storm and sanitary  
pipe lining, Stage 2.

11 The next Notice to Proceed for  
Grimmer Construction, Robinson Engineering, this is for  
Elm Street reconstruction 2022.

12 The last one is for Milestone  
Contractors, First Group Engineering. Project is mill  
and overlay for the Cline Avenue and Columbus Drive  
13 roundabout.

14 Any questions or comments on these  
three Notices-to-Proceed? (None)

15 There being no further questions or  
16 comments, I'd make a motion to accept the three  
aforementioned Notices to Proceed.

17 MR. ALLEN: Second.

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

19 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

20 Next we have proposal from Thomas  
Irrigation. We have three from Thomas Irrigation.  
21 First one is East Chicago Police Department. The  
description of the work, repair damage two-inch main and  
new sidewalk for the police station, disposal of  
22 concrete, \$538.51.

23 Second proposal, same location, is  
repair of front irrigation in order to winterize police  
station, two-inch main line consisting of two telescopic  
24 fittings. That one is for 327.44.

25 The final one at the police station  
is for restoration of dirt and repair irrigation lines,

1 replace dirt to right level, to existing dirt level.  
This is for \$1,440.00.

2 Any questions or comments on these  
3 three proposals from Thomas Irrigation?

4 MR. ALLEN: This is all work to repair  
the irrigation that got damaged at the Police Department  
5 by doing construction work out there. So we'll approve  
these proposals for work obviously with the intent of  
6 reimbursing ourselves through remaining funds.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or  
comments? (None)

8 There being no other questions or  
comments, I'd make a motion to approve the three  
9 proposals from Thomas Irrigation for the East Chicago  
police station project, parking lot project, for the  
10 aforementioned cost.

11 MR. ALLEN: Second.

12 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

13 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

14 Next we have right-of-way  
applications. I believe that's the last one. We have  
Board of Public Works applications 23-04382 to 23-04391.  
15 Any questions or comments on these Board of Public Works  
aforementioned permit applications?

16 MR. ALLEN: Second.

17 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

18 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

19 We have no other business.

20 Our next regular meeting will be  
Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. That concludes  
our business for tonight. I'd make a motion for  
21 adjournment.

22 MR. ALLEN: Second.

23 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

24 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

25 Meeting adjourned.

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2 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of  
3 January 12, 2023  
4 Approved and Signed January 12, 2023.

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6 Val Gomez, President

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8 William Allen, Vice President

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10 Winna Guzman, member

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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 17th day of January, 2023.

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