CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF STORM WATER COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Flowers, President
Henry Ventura, Vice-President
Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Member
Tia Cauley, Member
Jawann Jones, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 18th, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present In Chambers: Steve Flowers, Henry Ventura, Ben Moricz, Tia Cauley, Jawann Jones

Staff Present in Chambers: Lilia Ramos, Secretary
Allen Lee, Utilities

Staff Present via Zoom: Joseph Allegretti, Legal

MR. FLOWERS: Meeting of Storm Water Commissioners for December 18th, 2025 at 4:30 will now come to order.

Before we get started, do I have a motion to approve the minutes from December 4th, 2025 as written?

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Check Warrants: Warrant 121825 ST, amount of $54,053.31.

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MR. JONES: Make a motion for approval.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Payroll Warrants: Warrant 120525, Storm Water Payroll, dates of 11-15-25 to 11-28-25.
Warrant 251212, Storm Water Payroll, dates of 12-12-25 to 12-12-25.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Report from Legal Counsel, Joe Allegretti.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report, Mr. President.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.
Report from Field Operations: Allan Lee, Utility Director.

MR. LEE: You have the reports.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Lee.
Report from Financial: Rebecca Sliger. Not present, inserted in packet.
New Business: Resolution - City of East Chicago Board of Public Works Resolution 2025-30, a resolution establishing a clothing/footwear policy for certain East Chicago employees.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Resolution ST 25-08, a Resolution appropriating East Chicago Storm Water Fund monies for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the East

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Chicago Storm Water for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

MR. JONES: Make a motion for approval.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Agreements/Proposals/Quotes/Rate Sheets: Xylem Emergency Quote pump repair - $5,000.00.
J.M. Bennett & Associates Financial Services 2026 contract, not-to-exceed $85,000.00.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MR. JONES: I'll second that motion.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Other: Memo - Encumbered Appropriations - balance available year end 2025.
Public Comment: None
Our next scheduled meeting is January 15, 2026, at 4:00 o'clock -- note the time change to 4:00 o'clock -- here in Chambers.
Need a motion to adjourn.

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned. Thank you everyone.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday December 18th, 2025

Approved and signed _____

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Steve Flowers, President

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Henry Ventura, Vice-President

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Tia Cauley

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Ben Moricz

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Jawann Jones

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Lilia Ramos, Recording Secretary

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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 22nd of December, 2025.



Peggy S. LaLonde

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