CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY 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 18, 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
Allan Lee, Utilities

Staff Present via Zoom: Joseph Allegretti, Legal

MR. FLOWERS: I will now call to order the regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of Commissioners of East Chicago for December 18th, 2025. I need a motion to approve minutes from December 4th, 2025 as written.

MR. JONES: Motion for approval.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Check Warrants: Sanitary District Wastewater Division: Warrant 120825 SC, amount of $327,735.00; Warrant 120825 SW, amount of $138,047.73; Warrant 121825 SW, amount of $147,313.20; Warrant 121825 SR, amount of $14,279.00.

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MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MR. JONES: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Payroll Warrants: Warrant 120525, Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of 11-15-25 to 11-28-25; Warrant 120525, Wastewater Payroll, dates of 11-15-25 to 11-28-25; Warrant 251212 Wastewater Payroll, date of 12-12-25 to 12-12-25; Warrant 120525, Utility Payroll, dates of 11-15-25 to 11-28-25; Warrant 251212, Utility Payroll, date of 12-12-25 to 12-12-25.

MR. JONES: Make a motion for approval.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division: Warrant 121825 SS, amount of $442,736.08; Warrant 120525, Solids Payroll, dates of 11-15-25 to 11-28-25; Warrant 251212, Solids Payroll, date of 12-12-25 to 12-12-25.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion for approval.

MR. JONES: I'll second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Report from Solid Waste: Jaylan Robinson. Not present.

Report of Field Operations: Allan Lee, Utility Director.

MR. LEE: I'll make it short. First four pages are what is going on at the plant and what is going to need to be fixed quite quickly and the cost. And then something a little bit new, the next two pages is a 60-day work schedule, what needs to be done in the plant and the pump stations. If you notice, some of them say done, and when we go over our weekly meetings now and discuss where we are in the plant and what needs to be fixed, a lot of that is your maintenance in the

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plants. That way we can find out where we are and what we are getting done each day in the plant.

MR. FLOWERS: This is an awful lot of improvements, correct?

MR. LEE: There's a lot of improvements yet to do.

MR. FLOWERS: Questions?

MR. LEE: All right, thank you.

MR. FLOWERS: Report from Financial Consultant: Rebecca Sliger. Not present, report in packet.

Final report from legal counsel, Joe Allegretti.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: I really have nothing. I just wanted to say that the four budgetary resolutions are a result of a lot of work that staff, the Controller's office, and our financial advisor, BakerTilly have done over the last couple of weeks, a flurry of activity. The staff has reported to me and I'm reporting to the Board that everybody is comfortable with these resolutions. They are accurate, and staff and the Controller's office and our financial advisor is requesting that the Board consider adopting them as presented. Thank you.

MS. RAMOS: I do want to mention to you, Andre Riley is present from BakerTilly. He is here.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Andre can address any questions.

MR. FLOWERS: Is that it, Mr. Allegretti?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes, sir.

MR. FLOWERS: New Business. I'm going to read each resolution individually, each one, and we'll move forward with each resolution.

Number one, City of East Chicago Board of Public Works Resolution 2025-30. A resolution establishing a clothing/footwear policy for certain East Chicago employees.

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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.
Resolution SD 25-22, a Resolution appropriating East Chicago Sanitary District Wastewater Fund monies for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the East Chicago Sanitary District Wastewater for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026. Need a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Resolution SD 25-23, a resolution appropriating East Chicago Wastewater Bond and Interest Fund 6202 monies for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the East Chicago Wastewater Bond and Interest Fund 6206 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

MR. JONES: I make a motion for approval.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Resolution SD 25-24, a resolution appropriating East Chicago Sewage Utility Construction Fund 6204 monies for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the East Chicago Sewage Utility Construction Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

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.

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Resolution SD 25-25, a resolution appropriating East Chicago Wastewater Replacement Reserve Fund 6206 monies for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the East Chicago Wastewater Replacement Reserve Fund 6206 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Agreements/Proposals/Quotes/Rate Sheets: Donohue Associates Inc., emergency regulatory assistance agreement, not-to-exceed $89,000.00.
J.M. Bennett & Associates Financial Services 2026 contract, not-to-second $85,000.00.
Gluth Brothers Roofing Company 2026 service contract, not-to-exceed $30,000.00.
Thomas Irrigation 2026 proposal, not-to-exceed $30,000.00.
Johnson Control, Public Works 2026 rate sheet, not-to-exceed $20,000.00.

MR. JONES: Make a motion for approval.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Past Due Memo: BakerTilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, $20,217.50. A representative is here, anything you want to add?

MS. RAMOS: Need the reason in the memo.

MR. FLOWERS: Received invoices via an e-mail after requesting past invoices from vendors two months prior, and that amount was $20,217.50. Need a motion.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MR. JONES: I'll second that motion.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.

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(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Other: Memo - encumbered appropriations, balance available year end 2025 for Sanitary and Solids.
Is that informational or require action?
MS. RAMOS: That's information only.
MR. FLOWERS: Information only. I can move on.
Next we have M. Valich 532 Penrhyn Place, adjustment on accounts, (Water Department) - total $309.70.
A. Espinosa Jr., 3928 Hemlock - adjustment on accounts (Water Department), total $283.00.
MW Capital LLC, 5023 Walsh Avenue, adjustment on accounts (Water Department), total $1,352.65.
MS. RAMOS: These do require a motion.
MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?
MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.
MR. VENTURA: Second.
MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Public Comment: None
Our next meeting date is scheduled for January 15, 2026, at 4:00 o'clock, here in City Hall Council Chambers.
Is there a motion to adjourn?
MR. VENTURA: I make a motion for adjournment.
MS. CAULEY: Second.
MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned. Thank you.

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

Approved and signed _____

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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 day of December, 2025.



Peggy S. LaLonde

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