

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
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Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present In Chambers: Miguel Rivera
Present Telephonic Conference: Ben Moricz,
Tia Cauley, Jawann Jones,
Steve Flowers

Staff Present in Chambers:
Ken Myers, Joseph Allegretti

Staff Present Telephonic: Bill Biller

PUBLIC HEARING

MR. RIVERA: First order of business, we will open the Public Hearing on the matter of Resolution SD 21-19.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Pursuant to the regulation requirements of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, in order to modify our tariff and to establish a 12-inch meter base rate, we are required to introduce Resolution 19, which we did a month ago, and as directed by the Board, we published appropriate legal notices in the Post Tribune and the Northwest Indiana Times, advertising a public hearing today at 4:30 p.m. before the Board of Sanitary Commissioners on the subject to invite public comment on our intention to establish and seek approval from the IURC to establish a

1 meter deposit charge to add 12-inch meter base rate.

2 If you would be so kind, please, Mr.
3 President, to invite any public comment from any
4 interested parties at this time.

5 MR. RIVERA: At this time we'd like to
6 announce if there is anybody that would like to speak
7 regarding this matter, the matter of the Resolution SD
8 21-19, you can speak to that now? (Pause)

9 At this time we will close the
10 public hearing.

11 PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

12 MR. RIVERA: We will continue with our
13 regular meeting and next item on the agenda, which is
14 approval of the minutes from January 6, 2022.

15 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

16 MS. CAULEY: Second.

17 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
18 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
19 (All signify aye.)
20 Motion carries.

21 Next item is warrants for the
22 Sanitary District, Wastewater Division.
23 WARRANT 011222 BI - amount \$620,906.26

24 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

25 MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

WARRANT 011122 BI - amount \$750.00

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

WARRANT 011122 SW - amount 90,656.04

1 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

2 MS. CAULEY: Second.

3 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
4 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

5 WARRANT 012022 SR - amount \$30,410.00

6 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

7 MR. JONES: Second.

8 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
9 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

10 WARRANT 012022 SC - amount \$46,755.26

11 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

12 MR. JONES: Second.

13 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
14 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

15 WARRANT 012022 SW - amount \$230,525.12

16 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

17 MS. CAULEY: Second.

18 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
19 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

20 WARRANT 123121 SW - amount of \$222,471.07

21 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

22 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

23 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
24 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries. Next we have

25 Payroll Warrants.

1 WARRANT 010722 - Sanitary Board Payroll
2 Dates of 12/18/21 to 12/31/21

3 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

4 MR. MORICZ: Second.

5 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
6 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

7 WARRANT 010722 - Wastewater Payroll
8 Dates of 12/18/21 to 12/31/21

9 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

10 MR. JONES: Second.

11 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
12 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

13 WARRANT 010722 - Utilities Payroll
14 Dates of 12/18/21 to 12/31/21

15 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

16 MR. MORICZ: Second.

17 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
18 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries. Next Sanitary
19 District, Solid Waste Division.

20 WARRANT 123121 SS - amount of \$2,165,503.31

21 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

22 MR. JONES: Second.

23 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
24 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

25 WARRANT 012022 SS - amount of \$57,065.48

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

1 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

2 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

3 WARRANT 010722 - Solids Payroll

Dates of 12/18/21 to 12/31/21

4 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

5 MR. MORICZ: Second.

6 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
7 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

8 (All signify aye.)

9 Motion carries. Next report of
Field Operations, Ken Myers.

10 MR. MYERS: I have nothing to report. I
am available if you have any questions about any
11 activities going on.

12 MR. RIVERA: Any questions? (None) Next
report from Solid Waste, Rene Cid. No report.

13 Next report from Financial
Consultant, Bill Biller.

14 MR. BILLER: No report, Mr. President.

15 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Report from
16 legal counsel, Joe Allegretti.

17 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report. Our rate
case has been filed and is proceeding. It's going to be
18 somewhat time consuming, but we will report on the
progress as we proceed. Thank you.

19 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for
Mr. Allegretti? (None) Thank you.

20 Next item is New Business. We have
Resolution SD 21-19. Resolution authorizing a revised
21 schedule of rates and charges for services rendered by
the Sanitary District of East Chicago, Indiana and
22 related matters.

23 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

24 MR. MORICZ: Second.

25 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to

1 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

2 Motion carries. Next we have
3 Resolution SD 22-01. A resolution of the Board of
4 Commissioners, East Chicago Sanitary District approving
5 a debt policy and cash reserve policy.

6 MR. FLOWERS: I have a question, Mr.
7 President, for Mr. Allegretti.

8 Mr. Allegretti, can you give a brief
9 summary of this resolution approving the debt policy and
10 the cash reserve policy? I did look at it and it was
11 quite in depth, but if you could give a quick summary of
12 what is happening here.

13 MR. ALLEGRETTI: This was the subtopic
14 that Andre, our financial consultant discussed two
15 meetings ago with individuals from Bakertilly about
16 coming before the General Assembly. It's virtually
17 impossible for us to collect delinquent debts through
18 the lien process. Rather we follow the course of
19 pursuing delinquent charges by cooperating, as we are
20 allowed to do under the statute, with the water utility
21 use, the threat or the reality of a water shutoff.

22 In order to limit any losses from
23 delinquent accounts, this allows us to require new
24 customers or customers with questionable financial
25 security or credit security, are required to post larger
26 security deposits and they are described in this
27 resolution.

28 MR. FLOWERS: That was a special meeting
29 we had at City Hall, correct?

30 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes, sir.

31 MR. FLOWERS: Okay, thank you.

32 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Are there any more
33 questions for Mr. Allegretti? (None) Thank you, Mr.
34 Allegretti. Do we have a motion to approve Resolution
35 SD 22-01?

36 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

37 MR. MORICZ: Second.

38 MR. RIVERA: Any further questions
39 pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

1 (All signify aye.)
2 Motion carries. Next we have
3 Agreements, Ratify the Cintas contract. This agreement
4 is signed by Val Gomez.

5 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

6 MR. MORICZ: Second.

7 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
8 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

9 (All signify aye.)
10 Motion carries. Next is rate sheet
11 for ACS, hourly service rate for 2022. Is there a
12 motion?

13 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion

14 MR. MORICZ: Second.

15 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
16 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

17 (All signify aye.)
18 Motion carries. Next item is past
19 due invoice from G & J Auto, in the amount of \$507.90.

20 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

21 MR. MORICZ: Second.

22 MR. RIVERA: The delinquency reason is
23 that the office did not receive invoices until the books
24 were closed. We have a motion and a second. Are there
25 any questions or comments? (None) All in favor say
aye?

(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.
Unfinished Business: None
Public Comment: None
Next meeting date is February 3,
2022, at 4:30 p.m. at the East Chicago City Hall Council
Chambers.

Do we have a motion to adjourn?

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)
Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

***** Meeting adjourned *****

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
January 20, 2022

Approved and signed February 3, 2022



Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President

Steve Flowers, Vice-President

Tia Cauley

/s/ TIA CAULEY
/s/ JAWANN JONES
/s/ ALOJZY MORICZ
/s/ STEVE FLOWERS

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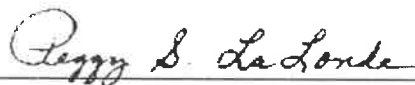
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 25th day of January, 2022.



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

