

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEMBERS

Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President
Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Vice-President
Tia Cauley, Member
Loreto Gonzalez, Member
Steven Flowers, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Miguel Rivera
Telephonic: Ben Moricz
Steve Flowers
Tia Cauley

Also Present: Anthony Herrera, Secretary
Telephonic: Joseph Allegretti, Legal Counsel
Dr. Abdul Zehraoui, Director of Utilities
Keith Selvie, Director of Public Works
Bill Biller, Financial Consultant
Joseph Allegretti, Legal Counsel

MR. RIVERA: I will now call to order the meeting of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners. Today's date is January 21, 2021. This meeting will be conducted via phone conference. We can also stipulate that the members delegate the president the authority to execute all warrants, documents, minutes, etcetera, on behalf of the Commission, eliminating the need to collect signatures from the members participating electronically.

First item on the agenda is the election of office. Nomination for first one, I'm going to open the floor for nominations for president. At this time I nominate Steve Flowers. Is there a second to that?

MR. MORICZ: Second.

1 MR. RIVERA: Nominations closed for
2 president. I would open nominations for vice-president.
3 I nominate Ben Moricz as vice-president. Is there
4 second to that?

5 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

6 MR. RIVERA: Nominations are closed for
7 vice-president. I would call for a vote in favor of
8 Steve Flowers, as president, and Ben Moricz, as
9 vice-president. All those in favor signify by saying
10 aye?

11 (All signify aye.)

12 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
13 Open nominations for Board
14 secretary. I nominate Anthony Herrera.

15 MR. FLOWERS: Second to that.

16 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.

17 (All signify aye.)

18 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

19 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Mike, can I bring up a
20 procedural item?

21 MR. RIVERA: Yes, of course.

22 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Normally, because Mr.
23 Flowers is not in the room, it may be difficult for him
24 to take over, but typically you would pass the gavel to
25 Mr. Flowers and he would conduct the rest of the
meeting. It's not practical because Steve is
participating via zoom, so if we agree that you will
continue to chair the meeting for the rest of the
meeting, and then at the next meeting Mr. Flowers can
take his turn coming in person. Maybe we should have
that understanding.

MR. RIVERA: Yes. This is the way we
have done it since COVID-19. I will continue and finish
it, so we only have one person here in the Council
Chambers.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: If that's okay with you,
Commissioner Flowers?

MR. FLOWERS: That's fine. I'll report
next meeting.

1 MR. RIVERA: Attorney Allegretti, would I
2 sign the warrants and all the paperwork on this one?

3 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes, because you are
4 still acting as the presiding officer, so I think that's
5 appropriate.

6 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.
7 Next item, I need a motion to
8 approve minutes of December 17, 2020, as written.

9 MR. FLOWERS: Motion to accept minutes.

10 MS. CAULEY: Second.

11 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
12 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

13 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
14 Next we have Check Warrants.
15 SANITARY DISTRICT, WASTEWATER DIVISION
16 WARRANT 123020 SW - \$313,677.36

17 MR. MORICZ: Motion to approve.

18 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

19 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
20 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

21 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
22 WARRANT 012921 SW - \$91,260.21.

23 MR. MORICZ: Motion to approve.

24 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

25 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
WARRANT 012121 SR - \$2,794.91

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

1 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
2 WARRANT 0121 SC - \$697,637.89
3 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.
4 MS. CAULEY: Second.
5 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?
6 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
7 WARRANT 012121 SW - \$209,268.61
8 MR. MORICZ: Motion.
9 MS. CAULEY: Second.
10 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?
11 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
12 WARRANT 122320 - Sanitary Board Payroll
Dates of 12-5-20 to 12-18-20
13 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.
14 MR. MORICZ: Second.
15 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
16 saying aye?
17 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
18 WARRANT 010821 - Sanitary Board Payroll
Dates of 12-19-20 to 1-1-21.
19 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.
20 MR. MORICZ: Second.
21 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?
22 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
23 WARRANT 122320 - Utilities Payroll
dates of 12-5-20 to 12-18-20
24 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.
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1 MR. MORICZ: Second.
2 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

3 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
4 WARRANT 010821 - Utilities Payroll
Dates 12-19-20 to 1-1-21.

5 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

6 MR. MORICZ: Second.

7 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
8 saying aye?

9 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
WARRANT 122320 - Wastewater Payroll
10 Dates 12-5-20 to 12-18-20

11 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

12 MR. MORICZ: Second.

13 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

14 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
15 WARRANT 0108121 - Wastewater Payroll
Dates 12-19-20 to 1-1-21

16 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

17 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

18 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
19 saying aye?

20 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
Next we have Sanitary District,
21 Solid Waste Division.
WARRANT 012121 SS - \$25,522.95

22 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

23 MR. MORICZ: Second.

24 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
25 saying aye?

1 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

2 WARRANT 123120 SS - \$2,122,191.15

3 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

4 MS. CAULEY: Second.

5 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

6 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

7 WARRANT 122320 - Solids Payroll
Dates 12-5-20 to 12-18-20.

8 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

9 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

10 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
11 saying aye?

12 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

13 WARRANT 010821 - Solids Payroll
Dates 12-19-20 to 1-1-21

14 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

15 MS. CAULEY: Second.

16 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

17 (All signify aye.)
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

18 Next we have report from Director of
Utilities, Dr. Zehraoui.

19 DR. ZEHRAOUI: First thing, Roxana area
20 we replaced about 20 feet of pipe under the bridge that
has been collapsed. This like 18-inch pipe.

21 The second one is streets. There is
like 700 streets cleaned, 300 yards of debris removed.

22 The third thing is that they are
working on all pumping stations and also wastewater
23 plants. So we sent our 40-year renewal application,
maybe 300 pages, and this is first time it has been done
24 in-house.

25 This is all, thank you.

1 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for
Dr. Zehraoui? (None)

2 Next item, Bill Biller, Financial
3 report.

4 MR. BILLER: No report.

5 MR. RIVERA: Next we have report from
Legal Counsel, Joe Allegretti.

6 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Thank you. I have
7 provided a copy of the engagement letter from our
8 counsel in Indianapolis. They have changed their name
9 recently. Now it's Faegre Baker Daniels, formerly
10 Faegre Drinker. This is a letter for them to perform
the same services they performed for us last January,
wherein they look after our interest in the General
Assembly, which just started the 2021 session. The
terms are exactly the same as they were for the previous
engagement.

11 I have just briefly had a chance to
12 speak with Commissioner Cauley to add this to the agenda
at the request of the Administration, at the last
13 minute. But the Administration is asking that the Board
of Sanitary Commissioners favorably consider this and
14 accept this engagement letter under New business.
Thanks.

15 MR. RIVERA: I would entertain a motion
16 to accept the engagement letter. Is there a motion?

17 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I was hoping
Commissioner Cauley would make that motion, if I may
18 request that. Commissioner Cauley? Commissioner
Cauley, are you there?

19 MS. CAULEY: Yes. I hit the wrong button
20 by mistake. I make a motion -- I ended up getting
disconnected, I apologize -- but I make a motion.

21 MR. FLOWERS: I'll second.

22 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions or
23 comments? (None)

All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

24 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

25 Mr. Allegretti, is that all you
have?

1 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes, sir. I have
nothing to add.

2 MR. RIVERA: Okay. Thank you.
3 Next item under New Business,
4 Resolution SD 21-01, Utility Construction Fund. This
5 resolution is appropriating East Chicago Sewer/Utility
6 Construction Fund 609 monies for the purpose of
7 defraying the expenses of the East Chicago Sewer/Utility
8 Construction Fund for the fiscal year beginning
9 January 1st, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021,
10 including all outstanding claims and obligations.

11 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

12 MR. MORICZ: Second.

13 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
14 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

15 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

16 Next one is Resolution SD 21-02,
17 salary modification. Sanitary Commission amending
18 Resolution SD 20-17, resolution establishing a salary
19 and wage schedule for the employees of the City of East
20 Chicago, Utility Division, for fiscal year 2021.

21 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

22 MR. MORICZ: Second.

23 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
24 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

25 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next is agreements, Bosak Ford,
premium maintenance plan.

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next is Sewer Bill adjustments --

MR. SELVIE: Mr. President, just for the

1 record, Keith Selvie, Director of Public Works is on the
2 call and I have no report at this time.

3 MR. RIVERA: I'm sorry -- I skipped over
4 you. Thank you, sir. My fault, I skipped you.

5 Next item, Sewer Bill adjustments.
6 Winna Guzman is here and she will have the floor in a
7 second.

8 MS. GUZMAN: Good evening, Winna Guzman,
9 Water Department Director. I believe the first item is
10 4729 Northcote. This is a request for adjustment or
11 correction. The new -- the current owner paid \$60.00
12 additional towards this bill under this account, and it
13 was applied under the previous owner's name, which is
14 Helen Novacki, and the account was not transferred to
15 the new or the current owner on the payment date. The
16 payment was applied to the previous owner. So this
17 account needs to be adjusted to correct or reflect that
18 payment of \$60.00 to be applied under the new or current
19 owner. So I'm asking the Board to approve the reversal
20 or correction of the \$60.00 payment applied towards the
21 previous owner.

22 MR. RIVERA: Do I have a motion to
23 approve the recommendation for 4729 Northcote?

24 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

25 MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next is 4752 Drummond.

MS. GUZMAN: This a request for
adjustment. This account was being estimated for
18 months with an average bill of \$58.93. We ended up
installing the new meter and the average bill since the
new meter has been installed is \$28.03. The owner is
requesting that we make the adjustment for the 12-month
period, and to reflect an average of \$28.03 per month.

MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion to
accept the adjustment for 4752 Drummond?

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

1 MR. MORICZ: Second.

2 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
3 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

4 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
Next is 3816 Drummond.

5 MS. GUZMAN: This owner was inadvertently
6 billed under this particular bill, for the month and the
bill was only a three-day bill. So we need to make
7 adjustments to that bill and zero it out so it will not
reflect two bills in one month. It should have been
8 pulled out of the bill run and it wasn't. She was a new
owner that came in and they didn't catch that.

9 MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion to
10 accept the adjustment at 3816 Drummond?

11 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

12 MR. MORICZ: Second.

13 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
14 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

15 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
Next item is proposal for Millwright
16 Machines, in the amount of \$23,470.00.

17 DR. ZEHRAOUI: This is the same we talked
about, a spare aerator if one is not working, so we
18 don't delay because it's the heart of the water
treatment plant. So we need to have it fixed as a spare
19 part. Then there is another bid which is not included
in this proposal, and we have a bid for services that
will cost us around \$6,656 to get those fixed.

20 MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion?

21 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

22 MR. MORICZ: Second:

23 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
24 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

25 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
Next, Tierra Environmental Services.

1 DR. ZEHRAOUI: This is a rate sheet for
2 Tierra Services. They come and they clean our
3 decontamination basin. Sometimes we call others, but we
4 see if they can clean it. All this time we will be
5 going to Tierra Services, otherwise we get violation for
6 not cleaning.

7 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept Tierra rate
8 sheet for 2021?

9 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

10 MR. MORICZ: Second.

11 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
12 saying aye?

13 (All signify aye.)

14 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
15 Next we have a proposal from Bearing
16 Services for the amount of \$6,656.00.

17 DR. ZEHRAOUI: This is separate thing I
18 talked about. We have -- present one is working right
19 now, the second one is not working. I wanted to make it
20 emergency, but we discussed is not emergency unless the
21 second is broken. But right now we need to fix the
22 second one so we cannot have like buildup of biosolids
23 in the tank and also we'd have overtime. So I would
24 appreciate if you can approve the \$6,656 so we can fix
25 and have both working, so that there is no conflict.

MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion?

MR. MORICZ: Motion to approve.

MR. FLOWERS: Second.

MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next we have a rate sheet for Nitco,
engineering and consulting services.

DR. ZEHRAOUI: I think this is city wide,
new phone services and new equipment city wide, and
working with them maybe phones that are all working and
we need the services. So this is city wide, but is the
part for Sanitary District.

1 MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion?

2 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

3 MR. MORICZ: Second.

4 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

5 (All signify aye.)

6 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

7 Next item is Kemira, chemical supply
and delivery services. This is a price quotation.

8 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Mr. President,
Commissioners, this we need to buy chemical and it's
used in our work. This is our requirement and is needed
for one year. This is the price for one year.

9 MR. RIVERA: Is there a motion to accept
10 the Kemira price quotation?

11 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

12 MR. MORICZ: Second.

13 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
14 saying aye?

15 (All signify aye.)

16 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

17 Next item is past due invoice. We
18 have NH Environmental for \$300.00. States here the
delinquency reason, states received invoice from vendor
on December 30th after books closed for the year. Need
a motion to accept.

19 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

20 MR. MORICZ: Second.

21 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

22 (All signify aye.)

23 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

24 Next past due invoice from Fissinger
& Associates, amount of \$208.00. And the delinquency
reason, states received invoice from vendor on
December 31st via an e-mail. Insufficient funds in 2020
PO, will have to pay with 2021 PO. Need a motion to
25 accept that.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

2 MR. MORICZ: Second.

3 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
4 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

5 Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: None

6 Next meeting date is February 4th,
2021, at 4:30 at the East Chicago City Hall Council
7 Chambers.

Motion for adjournment.

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MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

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MR. FLOWERS: Second.

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11 MR. RIVERA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

12 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned.

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14 **** Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. ****

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 21, 2021

Approved and signed _____

SI Miguel Rivera
Miguel Rivera, ~~President~~ Member

SI Ben Moricz
Ben Moricz, Vice-president

SI Tia Cauley
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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 28th day of January, 2021.

Peggy S. LaLonde



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR