

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:	STAFF:
Henry Ventura, President	Winna Guzman
Joseph Ochoa, Vice-President	Ben El Harit
John Bakota, Member	Ed Santeen
Anthony Askounis, Member	Joseph Allegretti
Ray Lopez, Member	Bill Biller

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

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Henry Ventura, Anthony Askounis
Present Telephonic: Joseph Ochoa, Ray
Lopez

Staff Present: Anthony Herrera

Staff Present Telephonic: Winna Guzman,
Joseph Allegretti, Bill Biller, and
Ben El Harit

MR. VENTURA: Call to order the meeting
of the City of East Chicago Department of Waterworks.
First on the agenda we have approval of minutes from
February 1, 2021, as written.

MR. ASKOUNIS: Motion to approve.

MR. LOPEZ: Second.

MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments?
(None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.

Next we have Check Warrants.

WARRANT 021521 WB - \$106,131.62

MR. OCHOA: Motion to approve.

1 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.
2 MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments?
(None) All in favor?
3 (All signify aye.)
MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
4 WARRANT 020421 WB - \$135,649.45. Do I have a motion to
approve?
5 MR. ASKOUNIS: Motion to approve.
6 MR. OCHOA: Second.
7 MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments?
8 (None) All in favor?
(All signify aye.)
9 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
10 WARRANT 021521 CD - \$775.50
11 MR. ASKOUNIS: Motion to approve.
12 MR. OCHOA: Second.
13 MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments?
(None) All in favor?
(All signify aye.)
14 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
15 PAYROLL WARRANT 020521 - \$38,978.38.
Dates of 01-16-21 to 01-29-21
16 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.
17 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.
18 MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments?
(None) All in favor?
19 (All signify aye.)
MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
20 PAYROLL WARRANT 020521 - \$20,720.80 - Utilities Payroll
Dates of 01-16-21 to 01-29-21
21 MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.
22 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.
23 MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments?
24 (None) All in favor?
(All signify aye.)
25 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.

1 Next is Filtration Report, Ben El
Harit.

2 MR. EL HARIT: No report at this time.

3 MR. VENTURA: Next, Water Report, Winna
4 Guzman.

5 MS. GUZMAN: No report at this time.
Thank you.

6 MR. VENTURA: Next, Distribution Report,
7 Edward Santen. No report.

8 New Business: Water
Next we have Emergency: Calumet
9 City Plumbing, for one-inch raw line water repair. This
is for repair between \$3,800 to \$4,800 is the
10 approximate cost, with additional cost. Do I have a
motion to approve?

11 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

12 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

13 MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments?
(None) All in favor?

14 (All signify aye.)

MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.

15 Next we have Agreement. This is for
Usalco, aluminum sulfite, and it's for liquid in tank,
16 35,000 pounds. The unit price of .1142. Do we have a
motion to approve?

17 MR. OCHOA: Motion to approve.

18 MR. OCHOA: Second.

19 MR. VENTURE: Any questions or comments?

20 MR. LOPEZ: What is the total amount?

21 MR. VENTURA: It's a unit price of .1142.

22 MR. LOPEZ: I see it now. Page 2, not to
23 exceed \$50,000. Thank you.

24 MR. VENTURA: Any other questions?
(None) All in favor?

25 (All signify aye.)

1 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
Next we have past due invoice.
2 Microbac, \$246.25, Filtration. The reason for delay was
invoices were sent to the secretary in February.

3 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

4 MR. LOPEZ: Second.

5 MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments?
6 (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

7 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
Next, past due from Fissinger &
8 Associates, \$252.80. And reason for delinquency, vendor
sent invoice in February.

9 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

10 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second

11 MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments?
12 (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

13 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
Next past due is from First
14 Merchants, \$170.74. And reason for delinquent invoice,
was sent to AP clerk in January of 2020. Do I have a
15 motion to approve?

16 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

17 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

18 MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments?
19 (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

20 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
Compliance: None
Do we have a report from legal
21 counsel, Joseph Allegretti?

22 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report.

23 MR. VENTURA: Financial Report, Bill
24 Biller.

25 MR. BILLER: Mr. President, you have two
cash reports in the packet, December and January.

1 There is a memo attached from both to myself and
2 Anthony. If the Board has any questions, I'd be happy
to answer them.

3 MR. VENTURA: Do we have any questions of
4 Bill? (None) Do I have a motion to approve reports?

5 MR. ASKOUNIS: Motion to approve.

6 MR. OCHOA: Second.

7 MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments?
(None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

8 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.

Unfinished Business: (None)

9 Public Comment: (None)

10 Next regular meeting will be March
1st, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. Do I
have a motion to adjourn?

11 MR. OCHOA: Motion to adjourn.

12 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

13 MR. VENTURA: All in favor?

14 (All signify aye.)

15 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned.

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***** Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.*****

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
February 15, 2021

Approved and signed _____


Henry Ventura, President


Joseph Ochoa, Vice-President


John Bakota, Member

Ray Lopez, Member


Anthony Askounis, Member


Anthony Herrera, Secretary

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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 February, 2021.

Peggy S. LaLonde



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR