

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
(Via Telephone Conference)  
Thursday, February 18, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates  
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

MR. FLOWERS: We can also stipulate that the Members delegate the President the authority to execute all warrants, documents and minutes on behalf of the Commission eliminating the need to collect signatures from the Members participating electronically.

Motion to approve Meeting Procedure made by Tia Cauley.  
Second by Alojzy Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Steve Flowers

Present Via Telephone: Alojzy Moricz, Tia  
Cauley, Miguel Rivera.

Also Present: Present in Chambers: Anthony Herrera.

Present Via Telephone: Abdul Zehraoui,  
Joe Allegretti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 4, 2021

Motion to approve February 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes made by  
Miguel Rivera. Second by Tia Cauley.

1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
3 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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CHECK WARRANTS:

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Sanitary District, Wastewater Division

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6 MR. FLOWERS: Check Warrants Sanitary District,  
7 Wastewater Division. (A) 021021 SW total \$91,260.21.

8 Motion to approve Check Warrant 021021 SW made by Tia Cauley.  
9 Second by Alojzy Moricz.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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10 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
11 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

12 MR. FLOWERS: (B) 021821 SW total \$115,921.79.

13 Motion to approve Check Warrant 021821 SW made by Miguel  
14 Rivera. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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15 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
16 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

17 MR. FLOWERS: (C) 021821 SC total \$470,605.80.

18 Motion to approve Check Warrant 021821 SC made by Miguel  
19 Rivera. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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20 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
21 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

22 MR. FLOWERS: (D) 020521 Sanitary Board Payroll 1/16/21  
23 to 1/29/21.

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24 Motion to approve Check Warrant 020521 Sanitary Board Payroll  
25 1/16/21 to 1/29/21 made by Miguel Rivera. Second by Alojzy  
Moricz.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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1 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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3 MR. FLOWERS: (E) 020521 Wastewater Payroll 1/16/21 to  
1/29/21.

4 Motion to approve Check Warrant 020521 Wastewater Payroll  
1/16/21 to 1/29/21 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Alojzy  
5 Moricz.

6 Questions/Comments: None.

7 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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9 MR. FLOWERS: (F) 020521 Utilities Payroll 1/16/21 to  
1/29/21.

10 Motion to approve Check Warrant 020521 Utilities Payroll  
1/16/21 to 1/29/21 made by Miguel Rivera. Second by Alojzy  
11 Moricz.

12 Questions/Comments: None.

13 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

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16 MR. FLOWERS: (G) 021821 SS total \$43,447.87.

17 Motion to approve Check Warrant 021821 SS made by Miguel  
Rivera. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

18 Questions/Comments: None.

19 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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21 MR. FLOWERS: (H) 020521 Solids Payroll 1/16/21 to  
1/29/21.

22 Motion to approve Check Warrant 020521 Solids Payroll 1/16/21  
to 1/29/21 made by Miguel Rivera. Second by Tia Cauley.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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25 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

1 REPORT FROM UTILITY DIVISION MATTERS: None.

2 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS: None.

3 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE: None.

4 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT:

5 MR. FLOWERS: Report from Financial Consultant, Bill  
6 Biller. Cash Report December and January.

7 MR. HERRERA: I don't think Mr. Biller is on the line.  
8 This is Anthony. Your reports are in your packet for  
9 December 2020 and '21. If you have any questions, you can  
10 ask me for now. I don't think he is on the line.

11 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

12 NEW BUSINESS:

13 MR. FLOWERS: New Business. Emergency, Tonkovich Oil  
14 Company \$5,000.

15 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Mr. President, this is due to the weather  
16 conditions that we had. So we have to supply with fuel and  
17 kerosine for our generator. So we have to make it emergency.

18 Motion to approve Tonkovich Oil Company Emergency made by  
19 Alojzy Moricz. Second by Miguel Rivera.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

21 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
22 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

23 MR. FLOWERS: Quotes. United Rentals \$17,532.48.

24 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Mr. President, as you know Roxana Pumping  
25 Station doesn't have any generator. So we are continuing to  
rent the generator for next three months. We are working  
with Kokosing. Maybe they are sure that by the end of March  
we get our generator.

So I am asking the Board to accept this quotation  
for next three months. Thank you.

MR. RIVERA: I have a question for Dr. Zehraoui.

DR. ZEHRAOUI: Yes.

1 MR. RIVERA: You said our regular generator is not  
working?

2 DR. ZEHRAOUI: We don't have any generator.

3 MR. RIVERA: At all?

4 DR. ZEHRAOUI: At all.

5 MR. RIVERA: Why don't we have one?

6 DR. ZEHRAOUI: We're on the project. We are working on  
7 it.

8 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

9 DR. ZEHRAOUI: The leave time was like six months.  
There is no way we can get it right now.  
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11 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Good afternoon. This is Allegretti.  
The generator is part of the project, the installation.  
Purchase and installation of a generator. But I think the  
12 feeling of the Board previously was that because of the  
Roxana storm event it was safe and prudent for Dr. Z to put  
13 one in place temporarily on a lease basis.

14 MR. RIVERA: Thank you very much.

15 Motion to approve United Rentals Quote made by Miguel Rivera.  
Second by Tia Cauley.

16 Questions/Comments: None.

17 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
18 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

19 MR. FLOWERS: Next we have --

20 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Mr. President, this is included in the  
New Business. We just received a new contract signed by  
21 Synagro.

22 Normally we have to sign last month. But due to  
something they didn't send it to us until maybe yesterday.  
23 So I just received it by chance.

24 So this is Synagro. They are removing our  
biosolids and transportation last year. This contract will  
25 end by the end of this month. So starting March we don't

1 have any contract.

2 I am asking the President and the Board Members to  
3 make exception for this time that we have to accept this  
4 contract. It's the same as last year, \$60.95 per wet ton of  
5 biosolids including transportation and hauling and landscape.

6 I would appreciate your response. As you know we  
7 are shorthanded these days. And this could happen. Please  
8 help out.

9 MR. FLOWERS: Yes. I see here, Dr. Z, \$60.95. It was  
10 given to me earlier.

11 Do the Commissioners have a copy of it?

12 DR. ZEHRAOUI: I sent it to Anthony. I am not sure if  
13 he sent it to everyone.

14 MR. HERRERA: Sent it to me today.

15 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Because I just received it around noon  
16 today.

17 MR. FLOWERS: I have a copy of it in front of me. I see  
18 it here.

19 You said these are same rates from last year,  
20 Dr. Z?

21 DR. ZEHRAOUI: The same, yes. They have been providing  
22 good services.

23 Motion to approve Synagro Contract made by Tia Cauley.  
24 Second by Miguel Rivera.

25 Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

DR. ZEHRAOUI: Thank you so much.

MR. FLOWERS: Rates Sheets 2021. I am going to group  
them. Tonkovich Oil Company and Chicago Tire, Solids.

Motion to approve Tonkovich Oil Company and Chicago Tire 2021  
Rate Sheets made by Miguel Rivera. Second by Tia Cauley.

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1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
3 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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4 MR. FLOWERS: Agreements. Standard Equipment,  
5 Preventive Maintenance Garbage Truck \$15,025.43, Solids and  
6 Preventive Maintenance Street Sweeper \$8,389.89, solids.

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6 Motion to approve Standard Equipment Preventative Maintenance  
7 Agreements made by Tia Cauley. Second by Miguel Rivera.

7 Questions/Comments: None.

8 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
9 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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10 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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11 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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12 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, March 4,  
13 2021 @ 4:30 p.m., East Chicago City Hall Council Chambers.

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14 Motion to adjourn made by Miguel Rivera. Second by Tia  
15 Cauley.

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16 Questions/Comments: None.

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17 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
18 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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19 \* Meeting ended at 4:50 p.m.

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1 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
2 Thursday, February 18, 2021  
3 Approved and Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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6 Steve Flowers, President

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8 /s/ Alojzy Moricz

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10 Alojzy Moricz, Vice-President

11 /s/ Loreto Gonzalez

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13 Loreto Gonzalez, Member

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15 /s/ Tia Cauley

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23 Anthony Herrera, Board Secretary

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lisa Pena, 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 said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Portage, Indiana, this 23rd day of February, 2021.

  
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Lisa Pena  
Notary Public Porter County  
Certified Shorthand Reporter  
License Number 084-003483

