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, February 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present In Chambers: Steve Flowers, Henry Ventura, Tia Cauley

Staff Present in Chambers: Lilia Ramos, Secretary

Staff Present via Zoom: Allan Lee, Utilities Director
Joseph Allegretti, Legal

MR. FLOWERS: I will now call to order the regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of Commissioners of East Chicago for February 5th, 2026. I need a motion to approve minutes from January 15th, 2026 as written.

MS. CAULEY: 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 123125 BI, amount of $15.00; Warrant 123125 SC, amount of $15.00; Warrant 123125 SW, amount of $207,693.02; Warrant 012826 BI,

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amount of $473,884.38; Warrant 012826 SW, amount of $59,067.00; Warrant 012926 SW, amount of $78,933.86; Warrant 020526 SR, amount of $13,981.71; Warrant 020526 SW, amount of $130,640.17.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Payroll Warrants: Warrant 011626 Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of 12-27-25 to 1-9-26; Warrant 013026 Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of 1-10-26 to 1-23-26; Warrant 011626 Wastewater Payroll, dates of 12-27-25 to 1-9-26; Warrant 013026 Wastewater Payroll, dates of 1-10-26 to 1-23-26; Warrant 011626 Utility Payroll, dates of 12-27-25 to 1-9-26; Warrant 013026, Utility Payroll, dates of 1-10-26 to 1-23-26.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division: Warrant 123125 SS, amount of $1,657,221.97; Warrant 020526 SS, amount of $405,327.28; Warrant 020526 RS, amount of $19,995.00; Warrant 011626 Solids Payroll, dates of 12-27-25 to 1-9-26; Warrant 011626 Solids Payroll, dates of 1-16-26 to 1-16-26; Warrant 013026 Solids Payroll, dates of 1-10-26 to 1-23-26.
MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.
MS. CAULEY: Second.
MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Reports: Report from Solid Waste: Jaylan Robinson. Not present.
Report of Field Operations: Allan Lee, Utility Director.
MR. LEE: The same report as I had last

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meeting, nothing new.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Lee.

Report from Financial Consultant: Rebecca Sliger. She's not present, but it's inserted in packet.

Report from Legal Counsel: Joe Allegretti.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Good afternoon, Commissioners. The staff and finance team has been working on our financing for next round of capital improvements. Now that we have new sewer user charges in place, approved by the Common Council, we can afford to finance the needed, very much needed, capitol improvement projects for the Sanitary District.

At the February 16th meeting we are going to be bringing before the Board a preliminary resolution designed to authorize -- this is going to be a declaratory resolution -- designed to start the ball rolling to authorize these activities, that eventually will lead to the making of the agreement with the State Revolving Loan Fund and East Chicago Sanitary District for bonds to be purchased to finance these projects. We'll be reporting on that next meeting. Thank you.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.

Can we do these agreements all together?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: The agreements are numbered 1 to 20, the agreements and proposals and rate sheets. You can read them off and approve them in a group.

MR. FLOWERS: Okay, fine. Thank you for that. I'm going to read the Agreements/Proposals/Quotes/Rate Sheets and then get a motion at the end.

Schindler 2026 Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed of $25,000.00.

Eaton Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed $15,000.00.

ServPro 2026 Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed $50,000.00.

Korellis Systems Control 2026 Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed $50,000.00.

The Bug Guys Agreement, not-to-exceed $10,000.00.

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NWI Property Preservation, LLC. 2026 Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed $5,000.00.
EC Lawn Maintenance and landscape Agreements for 2026.
Fence Masters Inc. Quote of $9,150.00.
Myers Builders 2026 Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed $25,000.00.
Schindler Elevator Corp. Maintenance, 5-year contract addendum, 1-1-26 to 12-31-30.
Martinez Construction 2026 rate sheet, not-to-exceed $25,000.00.
Overhead Door Quote, $15,010.00.
BakerTilly Engagement Letter Agreement for Services.
BakerTilly Scope Appendix to Engagement Letter dated February 2, 2026.
A T & T 36-month Agreement, not-to-exceed $25,000.00.
Biomonitor 2026 Quote, $5,500.00.
IDEM 2026 NPDES Permit Annual Fee, $15,115.00.
Automation & Control Services, Inc. 2026 Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed $50,000.00.
RelaDyne 2026 Quote, not-to-exceed $20,000.00.
SDI Proposal, $17,244.00.
Can I get a motion to approve these agreements and rate sheets?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Mr. President, if I may, the reason number seven, East Chicago Lawn Maintenance Agreement for 2026, those agreements have already been approved by the City's Public Works, Board of Public Works. It's being paid for however, as it was last year, by the Sanitary District Solids fund, which has accumulated $16,000,000.00 in the financial budget. Mr. Bennett has asked -- and that is an eligible expense from this fund -- has asked that fund be used for that purpose. Thank you.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.

MR. VENTURA: Motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.

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(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Moving on, Past Due Memos: G & J Auto Parts, $28.01. Explanation: Received invoice via an e-mail 2-2-26.
MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.
MR. VENTURA: Second.
MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Next one, Real Investment LLC, 3908 Catalpa, adjustment of $30.00. It states here in our packet, owner was charged for garbage twice in one month. Zero out the garbage fee of $30.00 on the final bill #395241.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Next, Richard Cantrell, 4014 Fir, adjustment of $40.00. Explanation: Owner was charged twice for garbage in one month. Zero out the $40.00 fee on final bill #395257.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Public Comments: None
Our next meeting date is scheduled for February 19, 2026, here in chambers at 4:00 o'clock.
We need a motion for adjournment.

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

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

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MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries. Meeting adjourned. Thank you.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday February 5th, 2026

Approved and signed _____

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Steve Flowers, President

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Henry Ventura, Vice-President

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Tia Cauley

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Ben Moricz

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Jawann Jones

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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 11th day of February, 2026.



Peggy S. LaLonde

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