

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
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Jawann Jones, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 2, 2023, 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: Steve Flowers, Miguel
Rivera, Ben Moricz, Jawann Jones

Present via Zoom: Tia Cauley

Staff Present in Chambers: Joseph Allegretti, Legal
Ken Myers, Operations
Rebecca Sliger, Financial
Ateria Allen, Board Secretary

MR. FLOWERS: I will now call to order
the regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of
Commissioners of East Chicago, for March 2, 2023.
First item, approval of minutes from
February 16, 2023.

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries
Check Warrants: Sanitary District,
Wastewater Division. Warrant 030223 SW, amount of
\$49,326.21. Warrant 030123 SR, amount of \$10,089.97.

1 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

2 MR. JONES: Second.

3 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
4 (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

5 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Payroll Warrants: 021723, Sanitary
6 Board Payroll, dates of 01-28-23 to 2-10-23; Warrant
021723 Wastewater Payroll, dates of 01-28-23 to 2-10-23;
7 Warrant 021723, Utility Payroll, dates of 01-28-23 to
2-10-23.

8 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

9 MR. MORICZ: Second.

10 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
11 (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

12 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Sanitary District, Solid Waste
13 Division, Warrant 030223 SS, amount of \$174,600.11;
Warrant 021723 Solids Payroll, dates of 01-28-23 to
14 2-10-23.

15 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

16 MR. RIVERA: Second.

17 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

18 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Report from Field Operations, Mr.
19 Ken Myers.

20 MR. MYERS: Briefly, just bringing you
up-to-date. Yesterday Attorney Allegretti and myself
21 had a conference call with U.S. EPA/DOJ/IDEM, just to
discuss various matters with regard to our plant
22 operations, items related to the force main break that
we had, the CSO discharge, ongoing issues that we have
23 with the cyanide violation with one of our industrial
areas.

24 We had that conference call and the
U.S. EPA and DOJ talked of the Consent Decree for us to
25 consider to sign, which we will receive later this year.

1 Just wanted to bring that to your attention. Nothing
2 else.

3 MR. FLOWERS: Moving forward, report
4 from Financial Consultant, Bill Biller.

5 MS. SLIGER: No report.

6 MR. FLOWERS: Report from Legal Counsel,
7 Mr. Joe Allegretti.

8 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report.

9 MR. FLOWERS: New business. Bid opening
10 for the 2023 biosolids and sludge hauling and disposal
11 services.

12 MR. MYERS: We advertised in the Times
13 and Northwest Indiana Times a legal notice providing
14 February 13th for annual contract for the sludge
15 disposal contract. We only received one bid by the bid
16 due date. One other potential bidder that had received
17 the package decided not to submit.

18 So right now we received the bid and
19 we have their insurance documents. It's the same
20 contractor that is providing our services presently,
21 Synagro. I ask that you approve or grant me authority
22 to enter into a contract/service agreement with Synagro
23 to complete the biosolids hauling contract. It's a
24 significant increase as far as the rate, but the rate
25 that they propose is \$98.50 a ton. But again, it's been
explained the increase is due to increase tipping fees,
increasing gasoline charges, increase labor charges that
they have incurred. And we have been fortunate that we
have been working on an extended contract for the last
two years which made the increase seem a little bit
larger than what we would have incurred on a regular
annual rate. If you have any other questions, I could
address them.

MR. RIVERA: I make that motion to
approve.

MR. JONES: I'll second.

MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

1 Agreements: This is the Gateway
2 Business Systems Inc., service maintenance agreement.

3 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to approve the
4 agreement.

5 MR. JONES: Second.

6 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
7 (None) All in favor say aye?

8 (All signify aye.)

9 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
10 Rate Sheets: Kemira, supply and
11 delivery of ferric sulfate, not-to-exceed \$15,000.00.

12 (Commissioner Cauley has joined
13 the meeting.)

14 MR. MYERS: This for the annual purchase
15 of ferric sulfate. It's a chemical that we use at the
16 treatment plant for sediment removal. This is the
17 annual contract with Kemira, which happens to be an East
18 Chicago company that provided us with the chemicals that
19 we need. This is again a standard element we need.

20 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to approve the
21 rate sheet.

22 MR. MORICZ: Second.

23 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
24 (None) All in favor say aye?

25 (All signify aye.)

 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
 Next we have Eaton 2023 daily rates,
not-to-exceed \$25,000.00.

 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve rate
sheet.

 MR. JONES: Second.

 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

 (All signify aye.)

 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
 Past Due Invoices: Luke's Car Wash,
Gateway Triangle Corp, \$16.00. Numerous attempts of
trying to contact Luke's via phone and e-mail to correct

1 both the November and December invoices. Have no answer
2 until February 16, 2023.

3 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve invoice.

4 MR. MORICZ: Second.

5 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

6 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

7 Next we have Hose Connection, amount
of \$1,052.00. Invoice was e-mailed to accounts payable
8 employees that were out with COVID.

9 MR. JONES: Motion.

10 MR. RIVERA: Second.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

12 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

13 Next, Trinity Eco Solutions, amount
of \$4,127.60. Invoice was e-mailed to accounts payable
14 employee out with COVID and books were closed.

15 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to approve.

16 MR. JONES: Second.

17 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

18 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

19 Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: None

20 Next meeting date is March 16, 2023,
at 4:30, here in Council Chambers.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

21 MR. JONES: Make a motion to adjourn.

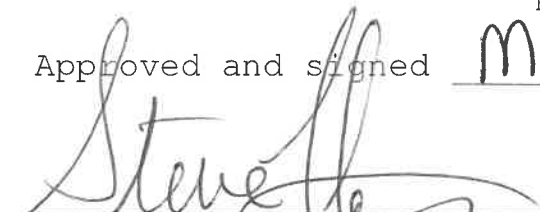
22 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

24 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries. Meeting
25 adjourned.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
March 2, 2023

Approved and signed March 16, 2023


Steve Flowers, President


Miguel (Mike) Rivera, Vice-President


Tia Cauley


Ben Moricz


Jawann Jones


Ateria Allen, 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 13th day of March, 2023.

Peggy S. LaLonde

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