

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 2022, 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: Miguel Rivera

Present Telephonic Conference: Ben Moricz,
Tia Cauley, Jawann Jones, Steve Flowers

Staff Present in Chambers: Alysia Dunbar, Winna
Guzman, Ken Myers, Joseph Allegretti

Staff Present Telephonic: Rene Cid,

MR. RIVERA: I will now call to order the
regular meeting for March 3, 2022.

The members stipulate that the
president has the authority to execute all warrants,
documents, minutes, etcetera on behalf of commissioners
eliminating the need to collect signatures from the
members electronically.

Need a motion to approve the minutes
of February 17, 2022.

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

1 Motion carries. Next item is Check
Warrants for the Sanitary District, Wastewater Division.
2 WARRANT 030322 SR - amount \$9,111.84

3 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

4 MS. CAULEY: Second.

5 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

6 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

7 WARRANT 030322 SW - amount \$161,311.43

8 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

9 MR. JONES: Second.

10 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

11 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

12 WARRANT 030322 SC - amount \$76,086.03

13 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

14 MR. MORICZ: Second.

15 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

16 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries. Next is Payroll

17 Warrants.

18 WARRANT 021822 - Sanitary Board Payroll

Dates of 1-29-22 to 2-11-22

19 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

20 MR. JONES: Second.

21 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

22 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

23 WARRANT 021822 - Wastewater Payroll

Dates of 1-29-22 to 2-11-22

24 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

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1 MR. MORICZ: Second.

2 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
3 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
4 (All signify aye.)
5 Motion carries.

6 WARRANT 021822 - Utilities Payroll
7 Dates of 1-29-22 to 2-11-22.

8 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

9 MR. MORICZ: Second.

10 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
11 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
12 (All signify aye.)
13 Motion carries. Sanitary District,
14 Solid Waste Division.

15 WARRANT 030322 SS - amount \$70,732.20

16 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

17 MR. JONES: Second.

18 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
19 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
20 (All signify aye.)
21 Motion carries.

22 WARRANT 021822 - Solids Payroll
23 Dates of 1-29-22 to 2-11-22.

24 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

25 MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries. Next we have report
of Field Operations, Ken Myers.

MR. MYERS: Commissioners, I have no
report.

MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Report from
Solid Waste, Rene Cid.

MR. CID: No report at this time.

1 MR. RIVERA: Report from Financial
Consultant Bill Biller. No report.

2 Next item is report from Legal
Counsel, Mr. Allegretti.

3 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report, Mr.
4 President.

5 MR. RIVERA: New business. Agreements:
Access Agreement - Access Agreement of Sanitary District
6 Property for Grand Calumet River.

7 MR. MYERS: I included this Access
Agreement for your approval. This is related to the
8 Sediment Remediation Program that US EPA is completing
in the Grand Calumet River during this next phase of
9 work, which will be accomplished in the next several
years. They are going to be doing soil remediation in
10 the Grand Calumet River and part of that work also
involves the removal of contaminated sediment from our
11 discharge channel, and the EPA has provided this Access
Agreement to be executed. I recommend that we allow
12 this Access Agreement which allows US EPA contractors
for environmental remediation.

13 MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion?

14 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

15 MR. MORICZ: Second.

16 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
17 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

18 Motion carries. Next is Synagro -
Extension of contract rates for March 2022.

19 MR. MYERS: Commissioners, it's not in
20 your packet as referenced today. We have a letter here
from Synagro dated today. That's one of the reasons we
21 didn't get it in time for distribution. There was an
error on my part. I thought in our contract we had the
22 extension, I thought it ended March of this year.
However, I was in error and I asked Synagro to extend
23 their contract rates for biosolid disposal. They have
agreed to maintain the rate that we have been paying the
24 last two years of \$60.95 per ton so that we can continue
to remove our biosolids in a timely fashion. This is
25 our routine work. We'll be obtaining a new rate sheet

1 from Synagro and I will be coming in front of the Board
2 at the next meeting with that new rate sheet to be
3 established for the balance of the year and going into
4 next year. So I seek your approval for this agreement
5 with Synagro to extend it through March 2022.

6 MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion?

7 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

8 MR. MORICZ: Second.

9 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
10 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

11 Signify Aye: Miquel Rivera, Steve Flowers, Ben Moricz,
12 Jawann Jones

13 Abstain: Tia Cauley

14 Motion carries. Next item is the
15 proposals. Project request form Standard Equipment -
16 vehicle repair and maintenance.

17 MR. JOHNSON: Commissioners, you have
18 before you from Public Works a proposal for three visits
19 from Standard Equipment to come out and service our
20 street sweepers. This is something we are asking
21 approval for the care of our street sweepers that we
22 operate on a daily basis. Anybody have any questions?

23 MR. RIVERA: Motion for approval of the
24 project request form.

25 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries. Next item is Bosak
Ford, F-350 stake truck, amount of \$54,933.00.

MR. ROBINSON: Jalen Robinson, East
Chicago Board of Public Works. What you have before you
is proposal for one stake truck for our fleet. This
truck will be used for city events and help keep the
city clean. We did obtain three quotes and we are
asking for approval of the Bosak Ford quote for total of
\$54,933.00. This has been approved by the Mayor's
office and we do have funding to cover this.

1 MR. RIVERA: Is there a motion?

2 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

3 MR. MORICZ: Second.

4 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

5 (All signify aye.)

6 Motion carries. Next item is two
Atlas Bobcat, total price \$146,102.00.

7 MR. ROBINSON: So this is two Bobcat
8 machines that we are requesting approval for. They are
9 going to replace two of our older machines that we have
10 in our fleet, which are about 12 years old. They are
11 hitting their max life with the Public Works Department.
12 One right now is actually down because it had \$5,000
13 worth of damage. So we are asking for approval for
14 these two machines. This vendor is part of the Source
15 Program so there was no need for a second or third
16 quote. Again, this request has been approved by the
17 Mayor's office and we do have funding for this request.

18 MR. FLOWERS: Was this from our
19 discussion two weeks ago?

20 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No, that was something
21 different and it got pulled.

22 MR. ROBINSON: I believe he's speaking on
23 the Water Department, so this is totally different.

24 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Are these the same
25 vehicles?

MR. ROBINSON: These are not the same
vehicles.

MR. MYERS: We purchased one for Sanitary
District, but these are different. These are for Public
Works.

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

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(All signify aye.)
Motion carries. Next is SDI rate

sheet for 2022.

MR. MYERS: Commissioners, I'd just like to, as far as a typical rate sheet, SDI is one of our local contractors who services all our overhead doors our man doors, our gates, automatic gate openers. This is the rate sheet that is typically provided for our annual charges. The only thing I am going to add to the rate sheet or to your request, is that we put a total value of not to exceed \$15,000 for the year on this rate sheet, so that will be consistent with the new purchasing requirements that were put out by the Controller's Office.

MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion to accept the SDI rate sheet for 2022?

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries. Next we have invoices to be paid. First one is Elements, Invoice EFW284944IN, the amount of \$1,864.74. Do we have a motion?

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries. The next one is also Elements, Invoice EFW294947IN, amount of \$3,470.17.

MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries. The next item is

1 Past due invoice of Faegre Drinker, amount of
2 \$53,175.00. The reason for the delinquency, states here
3 that Sanitary District office received the attached
4 invoices via e-mail from Attorney Joe Allegretti on
5 2-23-22. Do we have a motion?

6 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

7 MR. MORICZ: Second.

8 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
9 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

10 (All signify aye.)

11 Motion carries. Next item we have
12 is the adjustments of the Water Department. Winna
13 Guzman is present and she will have the floor.

14 MS. GUZMAN: The first one is 4745
15 Kennedy Avenue. This customer's meter was changed to a
16 gallon meter and at the time there was an over estimate
17 charge under date of December 3, 2021. The bill number
18 is 60210 dated 1-14-22. This will require an adjustment
19 to the assessed charges due to an error. The process
20 differs from the previous system and we just upgraded
21 our system, and as such we have had some issues with our
22 processing bills, but we are correcting those as we go
23 along and find them. We have contacted needed support
24 to assist us in doing this endeavor, so we are
25 requesting that adjustment for this property be approved
as requested. I also have included the documentation
about the errors in the bills that I noted.

MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion to
accept the recommendation for 4745 Kennedy Avenue?

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

MR. FLOWERS: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries. Next we have Home
Connection Realty Inc., 4922 Homerlee.

MS. GUZMAN: Yes, this relates to final
bill number 63727 dated 2-4-22 account is finalized and
initial bill of 63004, dated 2-3-22 was issued. The
customer received two bills as a result of the final

1 bill which should only reflect the base fee and usage.
2 And it's from our system and we are trying to correct
3 these issues and requesting that the final bill number
63727, dated 2-4-22, be adjusted to correct this
customer's billing.

4 MR. RIVERA: Do I have a motion?

5 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

6 MR. MORICZ: Second.

7 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
8 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

9 Motion carries. The next one is 510
Narva Place.

10 MS. GUZMAN: This is the same issue.
11 They got their bill processed on the upgraded version,
12 which went into effect. And dates entered crossed and
13 an additional bill was generated for this account. So
we are requesting that the Commissioners approve this
adjustment, in the amount of \$19.02 to zero out that
bill as we found the error.

14 MR. RIVERA: Do I have a motion?

15 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

16 MR. JONES: Second.

17 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
18 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

19 Motion carries. Next one is 4714
Magoun.

20 MS. GUZMAN: So on this one it's the same
21 thing for the same reasons, and I am requesting that
Commissioners approve this adjustment in the amount of
\$35.51 regarding 4714 Magoun.

22 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

23 MS. CAULEY: Second.

24 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
25 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

1 (All signify aye.)
2 Motion carries. The next one is
3 4712 Magoun.

3 MS. GUZMAN: Thank you. This is for the
4 same reason, due to the upgrade we have had some issues
5 with billing processes, but we are requesting that the
6 Commissioners approve this adjustment and zero out the
7 bill.

6 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

7 MR. JONES: Second.

8 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
9 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

9 (All signify aye.)
10 Motion carries. Next item we have a
11 memo from the East Chicago Controller's Office for
12 cancellation of warrant. Do we need any action on this
13 from the Board?

12 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I don't think so.

13 MR. MYERS: The warrant is from NIPSCO.
14 It was a check that apparently wasn't cashed in the
15 amount of \$51,173.24. The check is from 2019. So it's
16 a bookkeeping error, bookkeeping from the Controller's
17 Office.

16 MR. RIVERA: The Board doesn't need to
17 take any action?

18 MR. MYERS: Not that I'm aware.

19 MR. RIVERA: Okay, the next item is
20 Unfinished Business. We have none. Public Comment,
21 there is none. Next meeting date is March 17, 2022, at
22 4:30 p.m., at the East Chicago City Hall Council
23 Chambers.

21 Do I have a motion for adjournment?

22 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

23 MR. JONES: Second.

24 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye?
25 (All signify aye.)

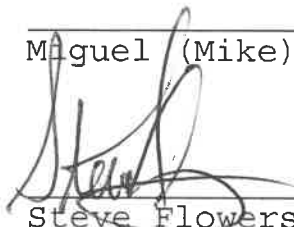
25 Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

***** Meeting adjourned *****

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
March 3, 2022

Approved and signed March 17, 2022

Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President

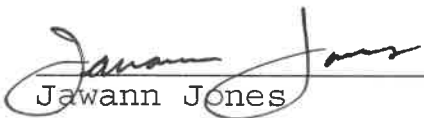


Steve Flowers, Vice-President

Tia Cauley

/s/ TIA CAULEY
/s/ ALOJZY MORICZ
/s/ MIGUEL RIVERA

Ben Moricz



Jawann Jones

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Alysia Dunbar, 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 8th day of March, 2022.

Peggy S. LaLonde

Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR



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