

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Flowers, President  
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Tia Cauley, Member  
Miquel (Mike) Rivera, Member  
Jawann Jones, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 1, 2021, 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  
Present Telephonic Conference: Tia Cauley,  
Ben Moricz, Jawann Jones

Staff Present in Chambers: Anthony Herrera  
Staff Present Telephonic Conference: Ken Myers,  
Joseph Allegretti

MR. FLOWERS: The meeting will now come to order. This is the meeting of the East Chicago, Indiana, Board of Sanitary Commissioners. This is April 1st, 2021, 4:30 p.m., City Hall Chambers. The meeting is being conducted via phone conference. We'll also stipulate the members delegate the president the authority to execute all warrants, documents, minutes, etcetera, on behalf of the Commission, eliminating the need to collect signatures from the members participating electronically.

First item, approval of the minutes of meeting held on March 18, 2021.

MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Next is check warrants,  
Sanitary District, Wastewater Division.

1 WARRANT 040121 SW - \$81,570.17  
2 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.  
3 MR. MORICZ: Second.  
4 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor?  
(All signify aye.)  
5 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
6 WARRANT 040121 SC - \$42,349.26  
7 MR. CAULEY: Make a motion.  
8 MR. MORICZ: Second.  
9 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor?  
(All signify aye.)  
10 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
Next are Payroll Warrants.  
11 WARRANT 031921 - Sanitary Board Payroll  
Dates of 2/27/21 to 3/12/21  
12 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.  
13 MR. MORICZ: Second.  
14 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor?  
(All signify aye.)  
15 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
16 WARRANT 031921 - Wastewater Payroll  
Dates of 2/27/21 to 3/12/21  
17 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to accept.  
18 MR. MORICZ: Second.  
19 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor?  
(All signify aye.)  
20 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
21 WARRANT 031921 - Utilities Payroll  
Dates of 2/27/21 to 3/12/21  
22 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.  
23 MR. MORICZ: Second.  
24 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor?  
(All signify aye.)  
25 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

1 Sanitary District, Solid Waste  
Division  
2 WARRANT 040121 SS - \$26,982.95  
3 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.  
4 MR. MORICZ: Second.  
5 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor?  
(All signify aye.)  
6 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
WARRANT 031921 - Solids Payroll  
7 Dates of 2/27/21 to 3/12/21  
8 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to accept.  
9 MR. MORICZ: Second.  
10 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor?  
(All signify aye.)  
11 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
Report from Utility Division, Dr.  
12 Zehraoui? (No report)  
Report of Field Operations, Ken  
13 Myers.  
14 MR. MYERS: Yes, Commissioners, I just  
wanted to report a few items. One, we have a new  
15 employee, his name is Jose Cisneros in the Pretreatment  
Program. Also today I just interviewed a candidate for  
16 assistant wastewater treatment operator, gentleman named  
David Richt. It's promising and I'm going to ask Human  
17 Resources to extend an offer to this gentleman. This  
will satisfy that vacancy that has been open since early  
18 August of last year.  
Other items are, we had an IDEM  
19 inspection of our plant and they will be preparing a  
letter with their findings of their inspections. Some  
20 of the items to note are things that we have already  
reported, which is our monthly reports as far as various  
21 violations, but they will repeat them in their letter  
and they should not really require any further action.  
22 One of their concerns is with regard  
to our violations in the past. The one thing that will  
23 be brought up is the frequency of total suspended solid  
TFS violations that we have been incurring. We have  
24 explained to IDEM we believe that's a function of our  
sand filter that requires some attention. So we are  
25 going to be coming in front of the Board in the near

1 future with several requests for approval. One will be  
2 related to the additional -- purchase and placement of  
3 additional sand filter media. So the sand filter media  
4 needs to be replenished. Typically we have 11 to 12  
5 inch of media. When we take our filters down, we have  
6 observed that we are down to anywhere from four inches  
7 to six inches of media, and we think that's causing the  
8 frequency of TFS violations to be incurred.

9 Also with regard to our filter  
10 systems, we haven't been able to complete full  
11 inspections of the filter, that's the result of the  
12 influent and affluent valve on the system to seal  
13 properly. These valves and seals are 30 years old. We  
14 do have an estimate from a year, year and a half ago,  
15 where we were talking to the contractor to get that  
16 updated. And later in the year we are going to be  
17 looking for approval so we can make replacement of those  
18 gate valves.

19 Another item that was observed by  
20 IDEM yesterday is that presently two of our clarifiers  
21 are not fully operational. We have some mechanical  
22 breakage in the skating arms, the tow bridge, and the  
23 supporting A-frame. IDEM noted that as well. We  
24 explained that we have already got quotes for the  
25 material replacement and we are going to have to get  
26 quotes for possible subcontractors for that  
27 installation, but that's also contingent on what our own  
28 maintenance crews discover once we empty the tanks and  
29 do a complete inspection. Right now all those items are  
30 submerged under water and we are waiting to complete the  
31 pumping of the ground water beneath those clarifiers so  
32 we can de-water the tanks and complete our own  
33 inspection before we determine what our final action is.

34 Lastly, just an update on our Long  
35 Term Control Plan, phase 2 construction activities.  
36 Last week the Roxana lift station, they completed the  
37 transfer of the installation of the new transformer for  
38 the increased electrical power needed, and they also  
39 installed the new generator, which we have backup for  
40 with the electrical service if it falls during storms.  
41 That got tested and the work is now commenced.

42 And with regard to moving over to  
43 the 145th pump station, which tomorrow Nipsco will be  
44 shutting down power to our lift station temporarily, in  
45 conjunction with a power outage to nearby industry,  
46 National Processing, to install a switch so that the  
47 future work will be able to limit down time of National  
48 Processing when we do the complete switch over of  
49 electrical power at the lift station.

1                   So that completes my report for this  
2 week.

3                   MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Myers.  
4 Moving on. Report from legal counsel, Joe Allegretti --  
5 let me back up, sorry. Is there a report from Solid  
6 Waste or Financial Consultant? (No reports)  
7 Now, Mr. Allegretti.

8                   MR. ALLEGRETTI: Good afternoon. Last  
9 week we met for some time with our financial consultant,  
10 Andre Riley, from Bakertilly, who is conducting our cost  
11 of service study. He has presented a draft for review  
12 and it's got a lot of holes in it. And the current  
13 undertaking is to try to figure out what Public Works  
14 projects for the Sanitary District are going to be  
15 performed.

16                   We have a strange relationship in  
17 terms of -- you know -- who pays for underground work in  
18 the collection system. Sometimes that comes out of the  
19 General Fund from the Board of Public Works, paid by the  
20 Civil City, and the improvements at the plant are paid  
21 for from bond issues financed and that each service is  
22 financed by sewer user charges. What we have to do is  
23 figure out what our capital improvement needs are going  
24 to be. Of course that's a process being performed  
25 currently by Ken Myers and we are -- later on in the  
agenda -- there is a proposal for outsourcing some  
additional engineering work, with Donohue & Associates,  
and what has to be backed into our rate in order to pay  
debt service interest on these future capital projects.  
That's all part of the cost of service study being done  
with our consultant, a work in progress.

But pretty soon, I suppose in the  
next couple of months we'll be having -- it will be time  
for a work study session with the Board to go over in  
detail and discuss what our future revenue requirements  
are to pay for these projects. Sorry for that long  
winded explanation. It's a bit detailed. But that's  
what is going on. Thank you.

21                   MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.  
22 New business: Proposals/Agreements/Rate sheets.

23                   So I'm going to individualize each  
24 one. The first is Ford 2021, vehicle maintenance. Is  
25 there a motion to accept?

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

1 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

3 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
Second proposal is Donohue, CSO,  
4 Long Term Control Plan, LTCP, \$18,760.00. Is there a  
motion to accept?

5 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

6 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

8 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
9 Next, Austgen Electric, lift station  
replacement auto dialers, \$20,964.00.

10 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

11 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

13 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
14 Last proposal is Vidimos, Inc.,  
replace spiral stairway, \$17,115.00.

15 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

16 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

18 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
19 Past due invoice for Tallman  
Equipment Company, for \$2,240.58.

20 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

21 MR. MORICZ: Second.

22 MR. FLOWERS: Reason for the past due  
23 states here, please find attached outstanding invoice  
received from vendor via e-mail 3/18/21, for that  
24 amount, invoice number 3272822, and invoice date was  
1/14/2021.

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1 MR. MYERS: Apparently the invoice was  
2 sent to me rather than Sanitary District office. It was  
3 just assigned to one of the mailboxes, not necessarily  
4 Sanitary District, so our maintenance man followed up  
5 and that's why it was e-mailed directly to our  
6 maintenance man here in March. So it was received and  
7 added for payment for the work.

8 MR. FLOWERS: Motion was made and  
9 properly second. All in favor?

10 (All signify aye.)

11 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

12 Moving on, Unfinished Business.

13 (None) Public Comments? (None)

14 Next meeting date is April 15, 2021,  
15 4:30 p.m., location East Chicago City Hall or via phone  
16 conference. Is there a motion to adjourn?

17 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

18 MR. MORICZ: Second.

19 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor?

20 (All signify aye.)

21 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

22 Meeting adjourned.

23 \*\*\*\*\* Meeting adjourned \*\*\*\*\*

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday  
April 1, 2021

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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 5th day of April, 2021.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

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Regular Meeting Minutes  
(Via Telephone Conference)  
Thursday, April 15, 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.

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Steve Flowers

Present Via Telephone: Ben Moricz, Tia  
Cauley, Mike Rivera, Jawann Jones.

Also Present: Present in Chambers: Anthony Herrera, Rene  
Cid.

Present Via Telephone: Ken Myers, Bill  
Biller, Joe Allegretti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

CHECK WARRANTS:

Sanitary District, Wastewater Division

MR. FLOWERS: (A) 040721 SW total \$91,260.21.

Motion to approve Check Warrant 040721 SW made by Mike  
Rivera. Second by Tia Cauley.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

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MR. FLOWERS: (B) 041521 SW total amount \$145,252.41.

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Motion to approve Check Warrant 041521 SW made by Mike  
4 Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

5 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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Payroll Warrants

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MR. FLOWERS: Payroll Warrants. (C) 040121 Sanitary  
9 District Board Payroll 3/13/21 to 3/26/21.

10 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 040121 Sanitary Board  
Payroll 3/13/21 to 3/26/21 made by Tia Cauley. Second by  
11 Mike Rivera.

12 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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MR. FLOWERS: (D) 040121 Wastewater Payroll 3/13/21 to  
15 3/26/21.

16 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 040121 Wastewater Payroll  
3/13/21 to 3/26/21 made by Mike River. Second by Ben Moricz.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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

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MR. FLOWERS: (E) 040121 Utilities Payroll 3/13/21 to  
20 3/26/21.

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Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 040121 Utilities Payroll  
22 3/13/21 to 3/26/21 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

23 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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1 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

2 MR. FLOWERS: Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division.  
3 (F) 041521 SS total amount \$1,225.65.

4 Motion to approve Check Warrant 041521 SS made by Mike  
5 Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

6 Questions/Comments: None.

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

9 MR. FLOWERS: (G) 040121 Solids Payroll 3/13/21 to  
10 3/26/21.

11 Motion to approve Check Warrant 040121 Solids Payroll 3/13/21  
12 to 3/26/21 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

13 Questions/Comments: None.

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

16 REPORT FROM UTILITY DIVISION MATTERS: None.

17 REPORT FROM FIELD OPERATIONS:

18 MR. FLOWERS: Report of Field Operations, Ken Myers.

19 MR. MYERS: Commissioners, I'd just like to give you a  
20 brief update on several activities. First and foremost is  
21 the ongoing CSO Phase 2 construction activities.

22 You'll notice that we have road closures on 152nd  
23 Street. That will continue for approximately the next two  
24 months.

25 Our contractor is laying out new 48-inch pipe for  
the extension of Alder Street. And they're going to be  
making a connection to the meter in front of the Sanitary  
District Offices that was installed in Phase 1.

We got word regarding our railroad permit access on  
that property. And with the work going forward it looks like  
we will not require (inaudible) project.

The railroad typically requires a flagger around  
railroad activity. And that usually comes with a cost of

1 \$1,300 a day. So that will represent a savings on our  
2 Guaranteed Max Contract that we have with Kokosing.

3 Work is continuing on at the CSO Lagoon Influent  
4 Channel. New pipe installation is ongoing. Today they  
5 installed the 72-inch extension. And they've been doing  
6 other prep work for the bulkhead wall where the new pipes  
7 will be discharging into the channel.

8 They're installing also 12-inch pipe from our  
9 filter building backwash as well as planning for the 48-inch  
10 extension from the meter pit in front of the Sanitary  
11 District. It's going to complete the connection, our CSO  
12 pumping.

13 And lastly with regard to the CSO work at the 147th  
14 Station they were completing the installation of a new motor  
15 control system. That work was being completed today. And  
16 that's in preparation for the new pumps that we will be  
17 installing likely next month.

18 Other items, with regard to Indiana Department of  
19 Environmental Management regarding our Long-Term Control Plan  
20 we were required to submit an amendment to our schedule.

21 Our consultant Hughes & Associate has prepared a  
22 letter. I signed off on it. And that was submitted to IDEM  
23 yesterday. And we look forward to meeting with IDEM to  
24 review the amended schedule and our proposal to change the  
25 future activities regarding sewer separation and planning to  
go with point of discharge treatment on our CSO outfall.

Today we also received IDEM regarding the findings  
of their inspection of our wastewater plant and our records.  
They noted several deficiencies. Much of what we had already  
known about and have already been discussed with IDEM. But  
this will require us to prepare a response within a two-week  
timeframe. And so we begun working on that already.

One other item the Planning Department had  
contacted us. They were requesting access to property owned  
by the Sanitary District. That property consists of Central  
Services Garage.

They have a consultant that's doing some brown  
field work. And our Phase 2 environmental investigation to  
be soil sampling, groundwater sampling to do due diligence on  
that property for potential sale down the road. Hopefully  
converting that to commercial use property in the future

1 after relocation of the Central Services just selling a  
2 portion of that property.

3 I will grant access once I receive the details of  
4 the scope of work that's being proposed. But I want to keep  
5 you apprised of that.

6 With regard to other recent activities there were a  
7 couple of recent repairs for a collapsed lateral and sewer  
8 slushers. One of those being in the 147th block of Magoun  
9 Avenue, the lateral that was collapsed. And it was repaired  
10 two days ago.

11 There was also a recent repair completed at the  
12 Ameristar Casino property. But that property is owned by the  
13 City and leased back to the casino. They had a collapse at a  
14 sewer that needed attention. And that repair was also  
15 completed on Tuesday.

16 And then lastly is the upcoming sewer work that is  
17 being planned. We're going to start at the end of this month  
18 or early next month. We have a maintenance program to clean  
19 approximately 25 percent of the sewers in the City.

20 The plan this year is to complete sewer cleaning  
21 primarily in the North Harbor area. The other area is in the  
22 West Calumet area.

23 And like I said that work is started to complete or  
24 scheduled to start the end of this month, early next month.

25 That completes my report to the Board.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Myers.

REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE: None.

REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT:

MR. FLOWERS: Report from Financial Consultant, Revenue  
Bond/Construction and BAN.

MR. BILLER: Mr. President, in your packet are two  
recaps of our outstanding bonds. Both of these are to  
finance the project that Mr. Myers was talking about. This  
is just to give the Board the information where we stand.

If the Board has any questions, I'd be happy to  
answer them. Thank you.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Are there any questions?

2 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:

3 MR. FLOWERS: Report from Legal Counsel, Mr. Joe  
4 Allegretti.

5 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I guess I think it's worthwhile  
6 supplementing the comments from Mr. Myers and Mr. Biller.  
7 The Administration has carefully been reviewing the potential  
8 uses for the Rescue Act money that has been recently adopted  
9 by Congress.

10 The good news for us is that the work on wastewater  
11 licenses and distribution, collection system and treatment  
12 processes is recommended. We've been working with our  
13 service contractor accounts from Bakertilly and with  
14 Mr. Myers and Mr. Biller along with Planning. And it could  
15 be that the Super Gods are smiling on us. And we may have  
16 the benefit of the Rescue Funds to assist us in these much  
17 needed improvements in the plant and also in the collection  
18 system itself.

19 So as it develops and becomes clearer we'll be  
20 reporting in significant detail. Thank you.

21 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.

22 NEW BUSINESS:

23 MR. FLOWERS: New Business, Resolutions and Agreements  
24 and Rate Sheets.

25 SD 21-03. This is a resolution stating the  
26 Resolution of the Sanitary District Board of Commissioners  
27 authorizing the write-off of certain delinquent water charges  
28 and penalties.

29 MR. ALLEGRETTI: This is consistent with past practices  
30 we've done. This is in compliance with direction from the  
31 State Board of Accounts.

32 These write-offs are uncollectible. And based upon  
33 accounting principles required as specified by the State  
34 Board of Accounts, we are directed to remove these accounts  
35 receivables because they are, in fact, uncollectible from our  
36 financial records.

37 And this is just a housekeeping matter. It's not

1 conversional. Thank you.

2 Motion to approve Resolution SD 21-03 made by Mike Rivera.  
3 Second by Tia Cauley.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

7 MR. FLOWERS: Resolution SD 21-04. And this is a  
8 Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the East  
9 Chicago Sanitary District authorizing the transfer of  
10 appropriations into different budget categories.

11 MR. BILLER: Mr. President, this is a resolution  
12 requesting permission to transfer money from the Payroll  
13 Account into Contractual Services for lawn maintenance and  
14 for some outstanding bills for financial work by Bakertilly.  
15 We ask for approval please.

16 Motion to approve Resolution SD 21-04 made by Tia Cauley.  
17 Second by Ben Moricz.

18 Questions/Comments: None.

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

21 MR. FLOWERS: DMI, Inc.

22 MR. MYERS: Mr. President, this is just a rate for Dahme  
23 Mechanical Industries, DMI, so that we have their hourly  
24 charges for their personnel and various equipment so that we  
25 can more readily contract with them and get purchase orders  
approved for any upcoming work with having rates approved by  
the Board already completed.

Motion to approve Dahme Mechanical Industries 2021 Rate Sheet  
made by Mike Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Verizon Lease Renewal.

MR. MYERS: Commissioners, looking at this document



1 Verizon has submitted to the City a proposal for not so much  
2 a lease renewal. But they are going to be making  
3 modifications to the equipment that is on the cell tower that  
4 they do lease from the Sanitary District. And it's a change  
5 out of equipment.

6 Other than that I don't have any other true details  
7 of that. But it's spelled out in the agreement of what  
8 Verizon was recommending that they do and what seeking  
9 approval for.

10 MR. ALLEGRETTI: The cell tower is directly across the  
11 street from the Administration Building at the Sanitary  
12 District. We have a long-term lease arrangement with the  
13 company that controls the tower.

14 The contract has a feature with an automatic  
15 renewal provision. We usually don't like those things. This  
16 was negotiated back when Greg Crowley was the Utility  
17 Director.

18 We don't like these automatic renewal provisions  
19 because we can't keep track of them and then we may not like  
20 it. Than we find out we have another five years of a  
21 contract because it automatically renewed.

22 So I think at the next meeting I am going to share,  
23 reproduce the existing contract and get permission from you  
24 to authorize me to terminate at the end of its current term  
25 just so we don't forget to do this. And we can go ahead and  
make an intelligent land use decision on publicly owned  
property.

Sorry for that longwinded explanation. But that's  
what's going on.

They currently pay us about \$2,500 a month for use  
of the property. And they're switching. As Mr. Myers said  
they're switching out some of their equipment. Thanks.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you. R&D Construction, Landscaping  
Services.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: These are three contracts that are  
virtually identical. We did a unit cost analysis and  
competitive selection process for various pieces property in  
the City.

So we kind of decided because we did get

1 competitive processes through the Department of Public Works  
2 we would use those unit costs with those same contractors for  
3 landscaping and lawn maintenance services for the Sanitary  
4 District property and various pump station properties.

5 They're all outlined in these various contracts.  
6 These are competitive processes obtained in conjunction with  
7 the City. The contract is similar, exactly the same terms  
8 that we approved last year. And this is a continuation of  
9 that practice. And staff is comfortable with the terms of  
10 these contracts.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Mr. Allegretti, is it okay to group all  
12 three, R&D, Regional, STM or should we individualize them?

13 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Well, normally our practice would be  
14 the statute encourages doing them -- they are individual.  
15 But doing them separately please if you don't mind.

16 MR. FLOWERS: That's fine. R&A Construction Landscaping  
17 Services.

18 Motion to approve R&D Construction Landscaping Services made  
19 by Mike Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

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

23 MR. FLOWERS: Regional Landscaping Services.

24 Motion to approve Regional Landscaping Services made by Ben  
25 Moricz. Second by Mike Rivera.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

MR. FLOWERS: STM Landscaping Service.

Motion to approve STM Landscaping Services made by Mike  
Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

1 MR. FLOWERS: I'm going to backup a little bit and just  
2 make sure we made a motion on Verizon's Lease Renewal.

3 MR. ALLEGRETTI: And just to clarify it's actually not a  
4 lease renewal. There's an existing lease. It's just under  
5 the terms of the agreement they're supposed to get a signoff  
6 from us as the landlord for making improvements to their  
7 tower. That's basically what we're approving.

8 So the motion would be just to approve Verizon's  
9 request or we as the landlord acknowledge their upgrades at  
10 their microwave tower.

11 Motion to approve Verizon's Tower Upgrades made by Mike  
12 Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

13 Questions/Comments: None.

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

16 MR. FLOWERS: Past Due Invoices, Bakertilly Municipal  
17 Advisors in the amount of \$21,385.

18 Motion to approve Bakertilly Past Due Invoice made by Tia  
19 Cauley. Second by Mike Rivera.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

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

23 MR. FLOWERS: Standard Equipment \$2,477.14, Public  
24 Works.

25 MR. CID: Rene Cid, Public Works Director. Just to  
speak on the record here Invoice Number W05971, Invoice date  
was 12/28/2020, Invoice amount is \$2,477.14. The reason why  
it was late is because it was submitted late by Public Works  
while waiting for the PO. And that's what happened there.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you.

MR. CID: Thank you, Board.

Motion to approve Standard Equipment Past Due Invoice made by  
Tia Cauley. Second by Mike Rivera.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS,

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5 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Mr. President, I apologize. I didn't  
realize Mr. Cid was in attendance. He is much more familiar  
6 with the lawn maintenance and landscaping arrangements. And  
I would have deferred to him if I would have known.

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Anyway I apologize, Rene. Thank you.

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MR. CID: Thank you.

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10 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, May 6,  
2021 @ 4:30 p.m., East Chicago City Hall Council Chambers.

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Motion to adjourn made by Mike Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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

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\* Meeting ended at 4:58 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
Thursday, April 15, 2021  
Approved and Signed \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Steve Flowers, President

/s/ Alojzy Moricz  
Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Vice-President

/s/ Jawann Jones  
Jawann Jones, Member

/s/ Tia Cauley  
Tia Cauley, Member

/s/ Miguel Rivera  
Miguel (Mike) Rivera, Member

  
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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 3rd day of May, 2021.

  
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Lisa Pena  
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