

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:

John Bakota, President
Henry Ventura, Vice-President
Joseph Ochoa, Member
Anthony Askounis, Member
Ray Lopez, Member

STAFF:

Joseph Allegretti
Winna Guzman
Allan Lee
Ateria Allen

Reported by: Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: John Bakota, Joseph
Ochoa, Henry Ventura, Anthony Askounis

STAFF Present in Chambers: Ateria Allen,
Winna Guzman, Joseph Allegretti

MR. BAKOTA: Call to order the meeting of
the East Chicago Board of Waterworks, April 3, 2023.

First item, approval of the minutes
of March 20, 2023. Do I have a motion?

MR. OCHOA: Motion to the approve.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions on
the motion? (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

Next approval of Warrants. Payroll
Warrant 033123, amount of \$11,895.85, Utility Payroll,
dates of 3-11-23 to 3-24-23.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions on

1 the motion? (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

2 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

3 Warrant 033123, amount of
\$41,490.12, payroll dates of 3-11-23 to 3-24-23.

4 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

5 MR. VENTURA: Second.

6 MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions on
7 the motion? (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

8 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

9 Accounts Payable: Warrant 032923
10 WB, amount of \$23,875.35.

11 MR. OCHOA: Motion to approve.

12 MR. VENTURA: Second.

13 MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions on
14 the motion? (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

15 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

16 Warrant 040323 WB, amount of
17 \$118,881.05.

18 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

19 MR. VENTURA: Second.

20 MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions on
21 the motion? (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

22 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

23 Warrant 040323 CD, amount of
24 \$628.11.

25 MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions on
the motion? (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

Filtration Report, Obed Perez: No
report.

1 Water Report, Winna Guzman.

2 MS. GUZMAN: No report.

3 MR. BAKOTA: Distribution report, Allan
4 Lee: No report.

5 Legal Counsel, Joe Allegretti.

6 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Just briefly, the last
7 item on the agenda in your packet was a notice of public
8 hearing which we were obligated to publish as part of
9 our financing with the State Revolving Loan Fund for
10 additional improvements modifying previous financing
11 requests. I think Ms. Guzman has talked about what
12 those improvements are. They are listed in the notice
13 which are purchase of a new variable frequency drive for
14 high service pump, new Argonne fire suppression system
15 in couple locations. The public hearing is going to be
16 two weeks from tonight.

17 We don't expect -- normally these
18 things don't draw much attention so we have added it,
19 rather than having a separate time, we are doing it as
20 part of a regular meeting and see if anybody shows up.
21 It should be, if history is any predictor of that,
22 participation probably wouldn't be much. But I guess
23 we'll cross that bridge when we come to it. That's all

24 MR. BAKOTA: We don't need to take action
25 on that?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: No, sir.

MR. BAKOTA: Thank you. Next is
Financial Report, William Biller or Rebecca Sliger: No
report.

Next is New Business. We have bid
opening for fire hydrant and hydrant valve replacement.

MS. GUZMAN: Good evening, Board. I have
the sealed proposals that were to be submitted by last
Friday, March 31st by noon. I received two proposals.
It should be noted they are being publicly opened and
read aloud with our meeting today.

The first proposal is from Calumet
City Plumbing Company Inc., P.O. Box 150, Calumet City,
Illinois 60409. Proposal for the first item, Dickey
Road, there is no hydrant number associated with that,
hydrant fixtures \$10,100.00, hydrant valves \$300.00.
Total cost of \$10,400.00.

1 Item 2 is 5200 Indiana Boulevard.
2 That's hydrant number CH 175, the hydrant fixture
3 \$7,900.00, hydrant valve \$300.00. Total cost of
4 \$8,200.00.

5 Next item is 4125 Olcott Avenue.
6 Hydrant number CH 129, hydrant fixture amount will be
7 \$7,150.00, hydrant valve is \$300.00. Total cost of
8 \$7,450.00.

9 Item number 4 is 5104 Baring, CH
10 020. Hydrant \$7,150.00, hydrant valve \$300.00. Total
11 cost of \$7,450.00.

12 Item 5, Dickey Road and that is
13 first hydrant south of Riley, Hydrant CH 030. Hydrant
14 fixture \$10,180.00 and hydrant valve is \$300.00. Total
15 cost of \$10,480.00. Grand total for hydrant fixtures is
16 \$42,480.00, hydrant valves is \$1,500.00; for total of
17 \$43,980.00.

18 MR. OCHOA: Why the difference in prices
19 for the hydrants?

20 MS. GUZMAN: The hydrant valves and the
21 hydrants we provide, and it may be because there's
22 additional work.

23 MR. GIGLIO: Mike Giglio, Calumet City
24 Plumbing, it's mostly based on the location. Some of
25 them are on the side streets, little traffic control, if
26 any. They might be in the grass area as opposed to
27 paved area and may need traffic control, arrow boards.

28 MR. BAKOTA: Thank you.

29 MS. GUZMAN: The next proposal received
30 from Hasse Construction Company Inc., 10 Lincoln Avenue.
31 Calumet City, Illinois.

32 So the first item is Dickey Road, no
33 hydrant number. Hydrant fixture \$19,247.00, hydrant
34 valve is \$2,260.00. Total cost of \$21,507.00.

35 Item 2, 5200 Indianapolis Boulevard,
36 hydrant CH 175. Hydrant fixture \$19,247.00, hydrant
37 valve \$3,260.00. Total cost of \$21,507.00.

38 4125 Olcott Avenue, CH 029. Hydrant
39 fixture \$17,191.00, hydrant valve \$2,260.00. Total cost
40 of \$19,451.00.

41 Item number 4, 5604 Baring Aenue, CH
42 020. Hydrant fixture \$18,506.00, hydrant valve
43 \$2,260.00. Total cost of \$20,766.00.

44 Item number 5 is Dickey Road, first

1 hydrant south of Riley Road, and that's CH 030. Hydrant
2 fixture \$19,368.00, hydrant valve \$2,260.00. Total cost
3 of \$21,628.00. And the total for hydrant fixtures of
\$93,559.00, hydrant valves of \$11,300.00. And the total
cost for all five items \$104,859.

4 Those are the only two proposals
5 received. The recommendations for contract award will
6 to be presented before the next Board of Waterworks
7 meeting scheduled for April 17th. Thank you.

8 MR. BAKOTA: Next is Resolution WD 23-06.
9 A resolution of the Board of Directors of the East
10 Chicago Department of Waterworks authorizing the
11 disposal of surplus property (Water). Do I have a
12 motion?

13 MR. ASKOUNIS: Motion to accept.

14 MR. VENTURA: Second.

15 MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions on
16 the motion? (None) All in favor?
17 (All signify aye.)

18 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

19 Next is Proposals. Eurofins,
20 environment testing, amount of \$7,422.00 (Filtration).

21 MR. ASKOUNIS: Motion to accept.

22 MR. VENTURA: Second.

23 MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions on
24 the motion? (None) All in favor?
25 (All signify aye.)

MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

Next is Past Due invoices. Eurofins
(Filtration) \$340.00. The reason, awaiting on the
company to send over proposals.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions on
the motion? (None) All in favor?
(All signify aye.)

MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

Next is SDI (Filtration), amount of
\$1,876.23. This was an emergency. Due to the funds

1 being transferred the work had to be done without a PO.

2 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

3 MR. VENTURA: Second.

4 MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions on
the motion? (None) All in favor?

5 (All signify aye.)

6 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

7 Next is adjustments, 5662
Indianapolis Boulevard. It's for \$123.86 water and
\$99.16 sewer.

8 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

9 MR. VENTURA: Second.

10 MR. BAKOTA: Any comments or questions on
the motion? (None) All in favor?

11 (All signify aye.)

12 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

13 Next is what Mr. Allegretti
commented on. FYI- Preliminary engineering report to
obtain assistance from the Drinking Water State
Revolving Fund Loan Program, notice of public hearing,
and that's going to be at our next meeting.

14 Is there any unfinished business?

15 MR. OCHOA: Is that during the meeting or
16 after the meeting?

17 MR. ALLEGRETTI: It will be at the
beginning, at the outset. The public hearing will be
18 the first item of business.

19 MR. BAKOTA: Any public comment? (None)

20 Our next meeting will be Monday,
April 17th, here in Council Chambers at 5:00 o'clock.

21 Do I have a motion for adjournment?

22 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to adjourn.

23 MR. VENTURA: Second.

24 MR. BAKOTA: All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

25 MR. BAKOTA: Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
April 3, 2023

Approved and signed April 17, 2023



John Bakota, President



Henry Ventura, Vice-President



Joseph Ochoa, Member



Anthony Askounis, Member



Ray Lopez, Member



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 7th day of April, 2023.

Peggy S. LaLonde



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR