

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 6, 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, Miguel Rivera, Jawann Jones

Staff Present in Chambers: Anthony Herrera,  
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 May 6, 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 meetings held on April 1st, 2021 and April 15th, 2021. Is there a motion?

MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

1 Check Warrants, Sanitary District, Wastewater Division.  
WARRANT 050621 SC - \$822,447.81

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MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

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MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

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MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
WARRANT 050621 SR - \$9,347.68 Is there a motion?

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MR. MORICA: Make a motion.

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MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

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MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
WARRANT 050621 SW - \$158,217. 48. Is there a motion?

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MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept.

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MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

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MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
Next are Payroll Warrants.

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WARRANT 043021 - Sanitary District Board Payroll  
Dates of 4/10/21 to 4/23/21

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MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

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MS. CAULEY: Second.

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20 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions on the  
motion? (None) All in favor?  
(All signify aye.)

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MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
WARRANT 041621 - Sanitary District Board Payroll  
Dates of 3/27/21 to 4/9/21

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MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

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MR. MORICZ: Second.

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25 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to

1 the motion? (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

2 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

WARRANT 043021 - Wastewater Payroll

3 Dates of 4/10/21 to 4/23/21

Is there a motion?

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MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

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MR. MORICZ: Second.

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MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or comments?

7 (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

8 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

WARRANT 0416121 - Wastewater Payroll

9 Dates of 3/27/21 to 4/9/21

Is there a motion?

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MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

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MR. MORICZ: Second.

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MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or comments

13 pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

14 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

WARRANT 043021 - Utilities Payroll

15 Dates of 4/10/21 to 4/23/21

Is there a motion?

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MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

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MR. MORICZ: Second.

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MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to

19 the motion? (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

20 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Sanitary District - Solid Waste Division

21 WARRANT 050621 SS - \$35,896.47

Is there a motion?

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MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

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MR. RIVERA: Second.

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MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to

25 the motion? (None) All in favor?

1 (All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

2 WARRANT 043021 - Solids Payroll

Dates of 4/10/21 to 4/23/21

3 Is there a motion?

4 MR. RIVERA: Motion.

5 MR. MORICZ: Second.

6 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor?

7 (All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

8 WARRANT 041621 - Solids Payroll

Dates of 3/27/21 to 4/9/21.

9 Is there a motion?

10 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

11 MR. MORICZ: Second.

12 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor?

13 (All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

14 Moving on to reports. Field  
Operations - Ken Myers. No report. Solid Waste - Rene  
15 Cid. No report. Report from Financial Consultant. No  
report. Report from legal counsel, Mr. Joe Allegretti.

16 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report. I have some  
17 things on the agenda to talk about though.

18 MR. FLOWERS: So no report. New  
Business: Resolution 2021 Board of Public Works, EPA  
19 Brownfields Grant Access Agreement, 5400 Cline Avenue.  
Mr. Allegretti?

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MR. ALLEGRETTI: This is the old transfer  
21 station property. Actually there is two parcels here  
that are subject to the grant application. The one we  
22 own is the transfer station, the old incinerator  
property. This Access Agreement is allowing assessment  
23 by the EPA for purpose of us getting a grant to perform  
a Phase 2, which would be a significant expense and good  
24 benefit for our agency.

25 The Board of Works has the adjoining  
property, the City service facility, has already agreed

1 to the same Access Agreement that's been approved by the  
Board of Works, and we are suggesting that we make a  
2 similar execution of the Access Agreement for the  
adjoining property that we own.

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MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.  
4 Is there a motion?

5 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

6 MR. RIVERA: Second.

7 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor?

8 (All signify aye.)

9 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
Solicitation of Competitive bids for  
10 Solids Waste Disposal Services. Mr. Allegretti?

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MR. ALLEGRETTI: Our contract -- we had a  
11 two-year contract with Republic Services -- used to be  
Allied Republic Services -- this was a transfer station  
12 on Columbus Avenue, and I think we are all familiar with  
that. That two-year contract had the one-year extension  
13 for us putting our municipal solid waste and paying the  
rate. The negotiated contract rate is expiring  
14 July 31st. The statute requires us to solicit public  
bids for disposal services. This authorizes me and the  
15 staff to place an ad in the newspaper soliciting bids  
from our existing vendor and other people -- people  
16 dealing in this area, and authorizes me to place the  
ads. And then opening of the bids would take place, I  
17 think, two meetings from now. So I am asking permission  
to proceed and to publish that solicitation for public  
18 bids. That's what this is.

19 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.  
Is there a motion?

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MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

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MS. CAULEY: Second.

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MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to  
23 the motion? (None) All in favor?

24 (All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
Next we have SDI proposal for  
25 \$5,916.00. Is there a motion?

1 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

2 MR. MORICZ: Second.

3 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor?

4 (All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

5 Door Tech proposal. From what I  
understand, that's the second bid so we are going to  
6 move on from that. That's the second bid, do we have to  
remove that?

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MR. ALLEGRETTI: We don't have to take  
8 any action on that tonight.

9 MR. FLOWERS: According to Attorney  
Allegretti, we don't have to take action on that tonight  
10 so we'll move on to the next item.

Adjustment of 1100 Columbus Drive  
11 West.

12 MS. GUZMAN: Winna Guzman, Water  
Department. This adjustment is relating to account  
13 18608. And the reason for adjustment, the meter  
readings came in with no usage, zero consumption,  
14 resulting with the customer being assessed a bill  
requesting a credit of \$10,857.52. So in attempting to  
15 correct it, we contacted Ferguson to assist us with  
addressing this issue with the zero consumption and  
16 coming into the system. So I am recommending that the  
adjustment be approved under bill number 1345941 to  
17 reflect the correct usage and correct amount to the bill  
of \$5,326.12.

18 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you.

19 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

20 MR. MORICZ: Second.

21 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to  
22 the motion? (None) All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

23 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

24 Next item is past due - Praxair,  
amount of \$96.10.

25 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept.

1 MS. CAULEY: Second.

2 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor?

3 (All signify aye.)

4 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

5 I would just state, the reason for  
the past due here states the vendor is e-mailing the  
invoice and the administrative office is having an issue  
of receipt of invoice. Office contacted Praxair and  
6 resolved this issue.

7 Unfinished Business: None

8 Public Comment: None

9 Next meeting date, May 20, 2012, at  
4:30. Is there a motion to adjourn?

10 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

11 MR. RIVERA: Second.

12 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor?

13 (All signify aye.)

14 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries. Meeting  
adjourned.

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

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday  
May 6, 2021

Approved and signed .

**MAY 20, 2021**

  
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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 May, 2021.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*



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