

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

Val Gomez, President  
William Allen, Vice-President  
Winna Guzman, Member

Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Reporter by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Richard Morrisroe  
Olga Cosme

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Val Gomez, Winna Guzman,  
William Allen

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for June 9, 2022. We have the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2022. Do I have a motion to approve as written?

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

We have no correspondence, so we'll move on to New Business. First item is Tonkovich Oil Company Inc., from Public Works. We have Tonkovich's quote for lubricants for 2022. I believe this is everything except for fuel. Prices are good for 30 days. Any questions or comments on this rate schedule for lubricants?

MR. ALLEN: It's got a do-not-exceed amount of \$20,000.00.

MR. GOMEZ: Thank you for pointing that out. There being no further questions or comments, entertain a motion to approve Tonkovich 2022 rate schedule.

1 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

2 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

4 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

5 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Next we have from Public Works,  
vehicles to be deemed surplus. We do have a letter from  
7 Jalan Robinson, Public Works Manager. One, attached  
description of Building Department vehicle 5817, asking  
to be deemed surplus. Vehicle no longer needed due to  
8 age and condition. And then we have attached  
description of Health Department vehicles number 1528  
and number 0947, asking to be deemed surplus. Vehicles  
9 are no longer needed due to age and condition. They are  
both from Mr. Robinson and he has corresponding pictures  
10 and information. Any questions or comments on the  
request? (None)

11 No further questions or comments,  
entertain a motion to approve surplus of described  
12 vehicles.

13 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

14 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

16 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

17 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

18 Next we come to ES Cyber Solutions  
Forcepoint Support Services from IT. Mr. Kevin Klocek,  
IT Director was unable to attend, but he did send  
19 information. He says that ES Cyber Solutions provide 24  
hour support services. Requesting the Board consider  
approval of these services. They have an updated  
20 product that the city will be using for the web  
filtering throughout the city network. The amount is  
21 \$3,750.00, and he has attached a breakdown. Any  
questions or comments on this request? (None)

22 No further questions or comments,  
entertain a motion to approve ES Cyber Solutions  
23 Forcepoint support services proposal for IT, for 2022.

24 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

25 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

2 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
3 Opposed: None

4 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Next we have Access Agreement for  
6 5200 Indianapolis Boulevard, Law Department. This is an  
7 Access Agreement entered into with the City of East  
8 Chicago, as the owner, and the US Environmental  
9 Protection Agency, Great Lakes National Program Office  
10 concerning the following properties owned and controlled  
11 by the City. The property at 5300 Indianapolis  
12 Boulevard, two parcels at 5200 Indianapolis Boulevard,  
13 5200 and 5300; then one at Carroll Street. Mr.  
14 Morrisroe?

15 MR. MORRISROE: This is for the clean up  
16 of the area from Indianapolis Boulevard to Kennedy.  
17 It's the Grand Calumet River. And then the canal that  
18 goes up and meets the major part of the canal up beyond  
19 Columbus, but this phase goes from Kennedy to  
20 Indianapolis on the Grand Calumet, the one part that is  
21 yet not done, and then the portion of the canal up to  
22 Columbus Drive. And the sites have to do with where  
23 they are putting their equipment and where the drainage  
24 goes.

25 MR. GOMEZ: There will be a fee of  
\$2500.00 that we pay for the City?

MR. MORRISROE: Correct.

MS. GUZMAN: Is that with reference to  
the property at 5300 Indianapolis?

MR. MORRISROE: No.

MS. GUZMAN: It includes all three?

MR. MORRISROE: Right. And there is a  
complementary portion with the Sanitary District over on  
the other side of Indianapolis Boulevard and on the east  
side.

MS. GUZMAN: How long is their agreement?

MR. MORRISROE: Approximately three  
years.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or

1 comments? (None)

2 No further questions or comments,  
entertain a motion to approve the Access Agreement.

3 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

4 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

6 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

7 Next, we have Alert Alarm for the  
8 police department. Deputy Chief was unable to attend  
the meeting, but he did send an explanation. It's a  
9 contract renewal for security services needed in the EC  
police detention area. These services are for the  
10 detention officer to alert dispatchers if they are ever  
in distress. Our contract expired on March of '22.  
11 This current contract is one year renewal of the  
services and the rates are the same as the previous  
12 three-year contract. They were \$34.00 per month.

13 Are there any questions or comments  
on this proposal (None) No further questions or  
14 comments, entertain a motion to approve Alert Alarm  
proposal with the East Chicago Police Department.

15 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

16 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
18 Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

19 Next we have outstanding invoices.  
Star Uniform, Fire Department, two invoices; one dated  
12-30-21 and one dated 12-31-21, for total of \$371.00.  
20 The explanation, assistant controller processing our  
invoices discovered these invoices were placed in a file  
21 folder and missed for payment.

22 What happened is the Fire  
Department's accounts payable administrator retired and  
23 they were without anybody to work on their PO. They  
have nobody. So the firemen themselves are trying to do  
24 it. So I went there as controller and some of my staff  
went, and they have a little bit of a problem where we  
25 were going over their invoices and we found some late  
ones. We'll find more I'm sure.

1 Any questions or comments? (None)  
2 No further questions or comments, entertain a motion to  
3 pay late invoices with Star Uniform for East Chicago  
4 Fire Department, in an amount of \$371.00.

5 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

6 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

8 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
9 Opposed: None

10 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

11 Next we have late invoice from  
12 Robinson Engineering from the Engineering Department.  
13 Four late invoices dated 9-28-21, 10-25-21, 11-11-21,  
14 and 12-27-21, for total of \$29,092.00. The explanation,  
15 invoices received on time, however supplemental or  
16 additional services were needed to be submitted.  
17 Services have been rendered and invoices should be  
18 processed.

19 Are there any questions or comments  
20 on these late invoices? (None) No further questions or  
21 comments, entertain a motion to approve payment of late  
22 invoices from Robinson Engineering by Engineering in the  
23 amount of \$28,092.00.

24 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

25 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have, also from Robinson  
Engineering, supplemental for Guthrie Street  
Reconstruction Project.

MR. ALLEN: This is the supplemental  
agreement referenced in the last item for outstanding  
invoices. We received that and it's the same. Total  
amount is \$28,591.00. That finishes out the  
construction engineering for the Guthrie job.

MR. GOMEZ: Are there any other questions  
or comments on this proposal? (None) No further  
questions or comments, entertain a motion to approve  
Robinson's proposal for supplemental engineering for

1 Guthrie Street Reconstruction Project.

2 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

3 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

4 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

5 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

6 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

7 Next, Milestone Contractors North  
Inc., milling and resurfacing East Chicago Calumet  
neighborhood project.

8 MR. ALLEN: So last meeting we opened up  
9 the bids for resurfacing the East Chicago Calumet area  
10 or the neighborhood. It was decided that Milestone  
11 Construction was the lowest and most responsive bidder.  
12 We also acquired the recommendation of our PE engineer  
13 who designs and prepares the bid documents for the  
14 project. Total amount, including the alternates, is  
15 \$1,584,893.30. So that's reflected in the contract and  
16 we are also prepared to approve the Notice of Award.  
17 This project not only has local funding, but we also  
18 acquired some grant money from Community Crossing or  
19 through INDOT. They will award up to a million dollars,  
20 so 50/50 for projects. So since this was under the  
21 total amount of two million, what we will receive,  
22 approximately, is 50 percent of the total cost of this  
23 project.

24 MR. GOMEZ: So two motions, one for  
25 Notice of Award and one for the contract?

MR. ALLEN: Right. And the Notice to  
Proceed will come before the Board another time, once we  
receive the funding for that.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay, any questions or  
comments? (None) Entertain a motion first for the  
Notice of Award for the Milestone Contractors North  
Inc., of 1700 East Main Street, Griffith, Indiana, in  
the amount of \$1,584,893.30.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

1 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Now entertain a motion to approve  
the contract for this award.

4 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

5 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

7 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

8 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

9 Now we come to Resolution 2022-18,  
Waiver of Fees, from Special Events. And this  
10 resolution came about because of the situation we had  
with COVID during the past two years. Waiver for  
11 certain rental and service type fees for use of public  
facilities and lands within the City of East Chicago.  
There is two Boards, the Special Events and the Marina  
that actually set the fees for these special events.

12 Any other questions or comments?

13 (None) Entertain a motion for adopt Resolution 2022-18.

14 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

15 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

17 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

18 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

19 That concludes our new business. We  
20 have no other business. Our next regular meeting will  
be Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 4:30.

21 That concludes all items on the  
agenda. Entertain a motion for adjournment.

22 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

23 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

25 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries. Meeting  
adjourned.

\*\*\*\* Meeting Adjourned \*\*\*\*

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of  
June 9, 2022

Approved and Signed June 9, 2022.

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Val Gomez, President

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William Allen, Vice President

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Winna Guzman, member

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Olga Cosme, Secretary

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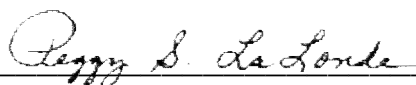


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I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 9th day of June, 2022.



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR



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