

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
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Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 15, 2023, 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, Miguel
Rivera, Ben Moricz, Tia Cauley

Staff Present in Chambers: Joseph Allegretti, Legal
Bill Biller, Financial
Ateria Allen, Board Secretary

MR. FLOWERS: I will now call to order
the regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of
Commissioners of East Chicago, for June 15, 2023.
First item, approval of minutes from
June 1, 2023.

MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to approve as
written.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Check Warrants: Sanitary District,
Wastewater Division: Warrant 061423 SW, amount of
\$35,659.00; Warrant 061523 SW, amount of \$63,470.37;
Warrant 061523 SR, amount of \$250.00; Warrant 063023 SW,
amount of \$78,755.20.

1 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

2 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

5 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Payroll Warrants: Warrant 060923,
6 Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of 5-20-23 to 6-2-23;
Warrant 060923, Wastewater Payroll, dates of 5-20-23 to
7 6-2-23, Warrant 060923, Utilities Payroll, dates of
5-20-23 to 6-2-23.

8 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

9 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

12 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Sanitary District, Solid Waste
13 Division: Warrant 061523 SS, amount of \$13,075.41;
Warrant 063023 SS, amount of \$1,928,747.70; Warrant
060923 Solids Payroll, dates of 5-20-23 to 6-2-23.

14 MR. RIVERA: Motion accept.

15 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

18 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Report of Field Operations, Ken
19 Myers. No report.
Report from Solid Waste, Rene Cid.
20 No Report.
Report from Financial, Bill Biller.

21 MR. BILLER: No report.

22 MR. FLOWERS: Report from legal counsel,
23 Joe Allegretti.

24 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I guess I can say a
25 couple words about the item that's coming up on the
agenda for Austgen Electric. This is required, to have

1 two independent electrical feeds so that if we lose
2 power in our primary feed from NIPSCO we have a backup
3 feed where the wastewater operation is still functioning
4 and we can generate enough power to run all the
5 electrical pumps and machines so as not to cause
6 discharge of untreated wastewater into the river.

7 Austgen Electric has designed and
8 built these systems and fundamentally is an electrical
9 contractor, but they also have a lot of knowledge
10 working in the Sanitary District. And also from my own
11 personal knowledge, they did the \$10 million dollar
12 project at the Hammond Sanitary District where they had
13 to comply with the requirements for an independent feed.
14 Most of it is electrical in nature rather than separate
15 case for NIPSCO.

16 The additional emergency power will
17 be provided by generator, but staff thinks a lot of
18 Austgen Electric and has confidence and approves of the
19 work that they have done previously.

20 MR. RIVERA: Do you think that price is
21 too high?

22 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No, I think the proposal
23 is itemized. And I think Mr. Myers, he's not here, but
24 I talked to him about the project and he's very
25 satisfied with the project and pretty confident about
26 their ability to deliver, especially the electrical
27 component of the project.

28 MR. FLOWERS: Is this a proposal? I saw
29 the breakdown of the proposal and they are stating
30 \$50,000 for unforeseen additional work, that's kind of
31 interesting.

32 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I guess that's just --
33 that's typical. That's a small contingent compared to
34 what I think is standard in the industry for a project
35 of over \$2 million, and I think it's customary and
36 within the boundaries of the normal.

37 MR. FLOWERS: They have the expertise
38 moving forward with that project?

39 MR. ALLEGRETTI: They do over the last 40
40 years.

41 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.
42 Moving on to New Business.

1 The rate sheets for Hessville
2 Plumbing, 2023 service rates, not-to-exceed \$100,000.00.

3 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to approve.

4 MS. CAULEY: Second.

5 MR. FLOWERS: Any comments or questions
6 on the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.
7 (All signify aye.)

8 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
9 Hasse Construction, 2023 labor
10 billing and equipment rental rates, not-to-exceed
11 \$75,000.00.

12 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

13 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

17 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
18 Proposals: Austgen Electric. Mr.
19 Allegretti just explained this, the \$2,228,325.00 for
20 the secondary power source generator at Sanitary
21 District.

22 Any additional questions? (None)
23 Mr. Allegretti, you need a vote on that proposal?

24 MR. ALLEGRETTI: A motion to accept the
25 proposal authorizing the execution.

 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to approve.

 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
SL Technologies, Inc., new gas
monitor, \$16,150.00.

 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

 MR. RIVERA: Second.

 MR. FLOWERS: Any comments or questions

1 on the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)

2 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
3 Invoices to be paid: Element,
4 \$5,495.56.

4 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

5 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

8 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
9 Element, \$6,517.61.

9 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

10 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

13 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
14 Adjustment: National Processing, PO
15 Box 29, East Chicago, Indiana 46312.

15 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve the
16 recommendation from the Water Department.

16 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

19 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
20 Other Business: East Chicago Public
21 Works surplus item, spray tank 141276.

21 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I believe that's
22 informational and doesn't require Board action.

22 MR. FLOWERS: This came from Jalan
23 Robinson. He says the Department is asking for approval
24 to deem the equipment surplus. The equipment has
25 reached its max lifespan with our Department.

24 Is there a motion?

25 MR. RIVERA: I make a motion.

1 MS. CAULEY: Second.

2 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I guess I dropped the
3 ball here. The statute requires if it has surplus, the
4 department can do one of two things. If it is deemed
5 surplus but has value, it can direct staff to advertise
6 for sale, public sale and sell it. Whatever proceeds
7 are received, they go into our general fund.

8 In this case I believe that the cost
9 of sale exceeds its fair market value and they want the
10 Board to declare it as scrap. And I think that's what
11 Mr. Robinson request.

12 MR. RIVERA: It has no value, so we
13 dispose of it?

14 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Dispose of it without
15 advertising a public sale, which would be useless
16 because it's worn out.

17 MR. MORICZ: What was the initial value?

18 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Unknown. I don't know,
19 I just know it's surplus. It's reached the end of its
20 useful live and has no value, no resale value.

21 MR. FLOWERS: We have a motion and a
22 second. Any further comments or questions on the
23 motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.

(All signify aye.)

24 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: None

25 Our next meeting date is July 6,
2023, at 4:30 p.m., here in Chambers.

Is there motion to adjourn?

MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

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


MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
June 15, 2023

Approved and signed July 6, 2023



Steve Flowers, President



Miguel (Mike) Rivera, Vice-President



Tia Cauley



Ben Moricz



Jawann Jones



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 19th day of June, 2023.

Peggy S. LaLonde

Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

