

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 16, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
Reported for Fissinger & Associates
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Miguel Rivera, Steve
Flowers, Ben Moricz, Jawann Jones.

Staff Present: Present in Chambers: Lilia Ramos, Ken
Myers, Jaylan Robinson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 2, 2022

Motion to approve June 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes made by Jawann
Jones. Second by Steve Flowers.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

CHECK WARRANTS:

Sanitary District, Wastewater Division

MR. RIVERA: Next item is Check Warrants for the
Sanitary District, Wastewater Division. We have four. I
will read them all together. Then we'll have one motion to
approve them all.

The first one is 061622 SR for the amount of
\$20,657. The second one is 061622 SC for the amount of
\$32,203. C is 060722 SW for the amount of \$90,656.05. And

1 the last one D is 061622 SW for the amount of \$76,987.09.

2 Motion to approve Check Warrants 061622 SR, 061622 SC,
3 060722 SW and 061622 SW made by Jawann Jones. Second by
4 Ben Moricz.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

6 Payroll Warrants

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8 MR. RIVERA: Next are Warrants for the Payroll. I will
9 read all three. Then we'll make a motion to approve all
10 three.

10 First one is 061022 Sanitary Board Payroll 5/21/22
11 to 6/3/22. Next is 061022 Wastewater Payroll 5/21/22 to
12 6/3/22. And the next one is 061022 Utilities Payroll 5/21/22
13 to 6/3/22.

12 Motion to approve Payroll Warrants 061022 Sanitary Board
13 Payroll 5/21/22 to 6/3/22, 061022 Wastewater Payroll 5/21/22
14 to 6/3/22 and 061022 Utilities Payroll 5/21/22 to 6/3/22 made
15 by Steve Flowers. Second by Jawann Jones.

14 Questions/Comments: None.

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

17 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

18 MR. RIVERA: Next are Warrants for the Sanitary
19 District, Solid Waste Division.

20 The first one the number on the agenda is wrong. I
21 will make a correction. It reads on the Warrant 063022 SS
22 for the amount of \$1,658,141.43. The next one also had the
23 wrong number on the agenda. It should read 060922 SS for the
24 amount of \$68,496.66. And the third one is correct. It
25 reads 061022 Solids Payroll 5/21/22 to 6/3/22.

23 Motion to approve Check Warrants 063022 SS, 060922 SS and
24 061022 Solids Payroll 5/21/22 to 6/3/22 made by Jawann Jones.
25 Second by Ben Moricz.

1 Questions/Comments: None.

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

4 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS: None.

5 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE: None.

6 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: None.

7 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

8 NEW BUSINESS:

9 Invoice to be Paid

10 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Invoice to Be Paid. Element
11 Materials Invoice 22-106611 for the amount of \$6,137.85.

12 Motion to approve Element Materials Invoice 22-106611 made by
13 Steve Flowers. Second by Jawann Jones.

14 Questions/Comments: None.

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

17 MR. RIVERA: I know you have a question on the second
18 one.

19 The second one is Element Materials Invoice
20 EFW287076IN for the amount of \$3,795.59.

21 MR. FLOWERS: Mr. Myers explained it. He said it's two
22 separate invoices which means two different bills, right?

23 MR. MYERS: Yes. That's correct. This is for our
24 pretreatment monitoring. The other one was for our
25 Wastewater Treatment Plant and EPS monitoring. They're two
different accounts they get billed to in the Sanitary
District for budgeting purposes.

MR. RIVERA: Do I have the correct --

MR. MYERS: You have the correct amounts.

MR. RIVERA: Total is 3,000?

1 MR. MYERS: Yes. Correct.

2 Motion to approve Element Materials Invoice EFW287076IN made
3 by Steve Flowers. Second by Jawann Jones.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

7 Proposals

8 MR. RIVERA: Next is Proposals. BestCare Preventive
9 Maintenance Proposal for the amount of \$11,064. This is for
10 Solids.

11 MR. ROBINSON: Good evening, Commissioners. Jaylan
12 Robinson, East Chicago Vehicle Maintenance Manager. What you
13 have before you is a proposal from Best Equipment Company
14 which is located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

15 This proposal for them to come out and service
16 Public Works' land loader two times for the remainder of the
17 year 2022.

18 So it includes hydraulic services, oil change,
19 greasing the vehicle and giving the vehicle a thorough look
20 over just for any defects or imperfections that may be
21 present so that they can be properly maintained and fixed and
22 preserve the health of the vehicle.

23 Any questions?

24 MR. RIVERA: Any questions for Mr. Robinson?

25 MR. RIVERA: Is this the same company you use every
year?

MR. ROBINSON: Yes. Well, actually this is the first
year we started this.

We started this because we'd rather have the people
who manufacture the vehicle because they know what to look
for if there's anything wrong with the vehicle. And it's
probably the best bang for our buck as far as maintenance
goes.

It's the same company that does the garbage trucks
as well.

1 Motion to approve BestCare Preventive Maintenance Proposal
made by Steve Flowers. Second by Jawann Jones.

2 Questions/Comments: None.

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

5 Past Due

6 MR. RIVERA: Next is Past Due for NH Tierra for the
amount \$305.

7 The delinquency reason states here that the
8 Sanitary District Office received the attached invoice via
mail June 6.

9 Motion to approve NH Tierra Past Due Invoice made by Steve
10 Flowers. Second by Ben Moricz.

11 Questions/Comments: None.

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

14 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

15 MR. FLOWERS: I have a question, Mr. President. I am
16 curious. The supervisors, directors of departments for
example like Rene Cid, he is never here at the meeting to
17 give us an overview of what's going on in his department.
And Bill Biller, he is not here.

18 Is it mandatory for them to be here? I know
there's some flexibility. But he is never here to give us a
19 report to let us know what's going on in his jurisdiction.

20 MR. RIVERA: I don't know.

21 MR. FLOWERS: I am just asking.

22 MR. RIVERA: I believe they should be here. I believe
everybody should be here.

23 MR. FLOWERS: Our meetings are relatively short as you
know. So I am just curious. I'm just raising the question.
24 Should they be here?

25 MR. RIVERA: This is why they want me to put in the

1 record when I call the names that they didn't answer. We
2 weren't doing that before.

3 When I call the ones on the roll, I said Bill
4 Biller wasn't here, Joe Allegretti. So they know. They know
5 about it.

6 MR. FLOWERS: Allegretti should be here. He's probably
7 coming in.

8 MR. MYERS: He was just trying to call in on Zoom.

9 MR. FLOWERS: Allegretti is always here.

10 MR. RIVERA: I know that.

11 MR. FLOWERS: I was just wondering. Allegretti can
12 answer that. Thanks, Mr. President.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

14 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, July 7,
15 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

16 Motion to adjourn made by Steve Flowers. Second by Jawann
17 Jones.

18 Questions/Comments: None.

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

21 * Meeting ended at 4:41 p.m.
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
Thursday, June 16, 2022

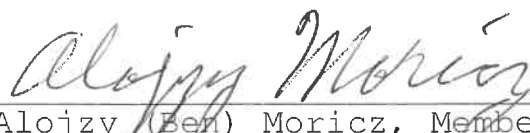
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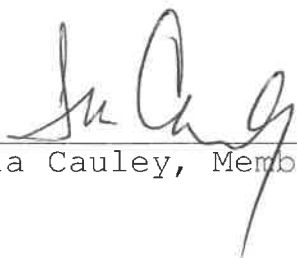
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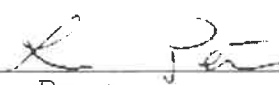
Alysia Dunbar, Board Secretary

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 30th day of June, 2022.



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