

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Flowers, President  
Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Vice-President  
Tia Cauley, Member  
Miquel (Mike) Rivera, Member  
Jawann Jones, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 17, 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  
Staff Present Telephonic Conference: Ken Myers,  
Joseph Allegretti, Bill Biller

MR. FLOWERS: The meeting will now come to order. This is the meeting of the East Chicago, Indiana, Board of Sanitary Commissioners. This is June 17th, 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, we have competitive bids for disposal services from Republic and Waste Management. And we do have representatives from the companies in Council Chambers.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: So there is three columns, starting August 1st through July 31, 2021, and then for two years, and three years. We are seeking a quote for three years out, one year at a time for refuse, recycling and compost.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Okay. I have a bid form in  
front of me.

2 REPUBLIC BID:

3 This is dated August 1st, 2021, through July 31, 2023,  
and the categories here are refuse price is \$45.95 per  
4 ton. And the next year, August 1st, 2023 through  
July 31, 2024, refuse is \$47.79 per ton. And then  
5 August 1st, 2024 through July 31, 2025, refuse price is  
\$49.70 per ton. Okay.

6 August 1st -- going back --  
August 1st, 2021 through July, 31, 2023 commingled  
recycle and compost is \$45.95 per ton. August 1st, 2023  
7 through July 31, 2024, commingle recycle \$43.68 per ton,  
and compost is \$47.79 per ton. August 1st, 2024 through  
8 July 31st, 2025, commingled recycle is \$45.53 per ton  
and compost if \$49.70 per ton.

9 There's an alternate bid. These  
prices do include a host fee of \$1.00 per ton for the  
10 City of East Chicago on all MSW/C & D and composted tons  
received at the EC transfer.

11 WASTE MANAGEMENT:

12 Same categories. August 1st, 2021 through July 31,  
2023, refuse is \$50.00 a ton, one ton minimum. Commingle  
13 recycles at \$80.00 a ton and compost \$50.00 a ton, one  
ton minimum. August 1st, 2023 through July 31, 2024,  
14 \$52.00 a ton, one ton minimum, commingle recyclables  
\$83.00 a ton and compost \$52.00 a ton, one ton minimum.

15 And then finally, August 1st, 2024  
through July 31, 2025, refuse \$54.00 a ton, one ton  
16 minimum. Then we have commingle recyclables \$86.50 per  
ton, one ton minimum. And then finally, compost \$54.00  
17 a ton, one ton minimum.

18 That's it Mr. Allegretti.

19 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Mr. President, if I may  
suggest, if you would direct staff to do a tabulation  
and prepare a recommendation for our next meeting. As  
20 indicated by the bid form, our current contract expires  
July -- at the end of July -- and this would be going  
21 forward on August 1st.

22 MR. FLOWERS: Do I have to repeat that or  
you said everything?

23 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Just recommend that  
24 staff perform a tabulation of this and be prepared to  
make recommendation at the next meeting.

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1 MR. FLOWERS: Okay, so we will recommend  
2 that staff tabulate the bids and make a recommendation  
at the next meeting. Next meeting is July 1st.

3 First item, approval of the minutes  
of meeting held on June 3rd, 2021.

4 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

5 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

7 (All signify aye.)

8 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

9 Next we have approval of Check  
Warrants. Sanitary District, Waste Water Division.

WARRANT 061721 SC - \$7,570.00

10 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

11 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

13 (All signify aye.)

14 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

WARRANT 061721 SW - \$123,524.20

15 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

16 MR. JONES: Second.

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

18 (All signify aye.)

19 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

WARRANT 060921 SW - \$91,260.20

20 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

21 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

23 (All signify aye.)

24 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

25 Next we have Sanitary Board Payroll.  
WARRANT 061121 - Sanitary Board Payroll

Dates of 5-22-21 to 6-4-21

1 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept.

2 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

5 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
WARRANT 061121 - Wastewater Payroll  
6 Dates of 5-22-21 to 6-4-21.

7 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

8 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

10 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
WARRANT 061121 - Utilities Payroll  
11 Dates of 5-22-21 to 6-4-21

12 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

13 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

16 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
Sanitary District, Solid Waste  
Division

17 WARRANT 061721 SS - \$25,762.75

18 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

19 MR. JONES: Second.

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

22 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.  
WARRANT 062521 SS - \$1,519,439.10.

23 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

24 MR. MORICZ: Second.

25 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to

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

2 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

WARRANT 061121 - Solids Payroll

3 Dates of 5-22-21 to 6-4-21

4 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

5 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

8 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

9 Next we have report of Field  
Operations, Ken Myers.

10 MR. MYERS: I have no report  
Commissioners.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Report from Solid Waste -  
No report.

12 Report from Financial Consultant,  
13 Bill Biller.

14 MR. BILLER: You have a cash report, Mr.  
President, in your packet. If the Board has any  
15 questions I'd be happy to answer them. (No questions)

16 Report from legal counsel, Joe  
Allegretti.

17 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Thank you. No report  
today.

18 MR. FLOWERS: New Business: Equipment  
Xylem, \$19,461.02, and that's in your package,  
19 Commissioners. There is an itemized count in your  
package.

20 MR. MYERS: Mr. President, this  
21 particular item from Xylem is for the purchase of three  
pumps and adapter sliding brackets, which are necessary  
22 for replacement at the Marina Lift Station.

23 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

24 MR. RIVERA: I make a motion for purchase  
order.

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1 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

3 (All signify aye.)

4 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

5 Next, R & D Construction, 2021 T &  
M rates.

6 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

7 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

9 (All signify aye.)

10 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

11 Next we have three items, new arm  
garbage trucks, Public Works, in the amount of  
\$689,439.00. Those are three new trucks.

12 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Mr. President, I spoke  
with our financial adviser, Mr. Bennett, before the  
meeting. This is the first he's heard about this.  
13 Normally he and I would collaborate and determine the  
best manner of buying the trucks. We have paid cash in  
14 the past and we have done leases for purchasing these  
kind of vehicles. He knows nothing about this, unless  
15 somebody from Public Works would like to contradict me  
and say something.

16 I would suggest that for that  
reason, since we don't know what our financial situation  
17 is and how much is in the account and how much has  
already been committed, that there is room there for  
18 this; I'd ask the Board to consider tabling this item  
until the next meeting.

19 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to table the  
20 purchase of garbage trucks.

21 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

23 (All signify aye.)

24 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries. This  
carries to the next meeting.

25 Any Unfinished business? (None)  
Public Comment: (None)

1 MS. CAULEY: Mr. Allegretti, have you --

2 MR. ALLEGRETTI:: Thank you, Commissioner  
3 Cauley. We did speak about another matter earlier and I  
4 actually got stuck in City Hall, so if I may speak to  
5 you about that some time in the future, maybe we can  
6 take that up at the next meeting. Thank you very much,  
7 Commissioner.

8 MS. CAULEY: Thank you.

9 MR. ALLEGRETTI: There was a request in  
10 talking to Commissioner Cauley about bringing up a  
11 motion to amend our salary resolution. And apparently  
12 there is more input from City Hall, so we will take that  
13 up at the next meet meeting.

14 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you. Next meeting  
15 date is July 1st, 2021, at 4:30, East Chicago City Hall  
16 Chambers or via teleconference. Is there a motion to  
17 adjourn?

18 MR. JONES: Make a motion to adjourn.

19 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

22 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries. Meeting  
23 adjourned.

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

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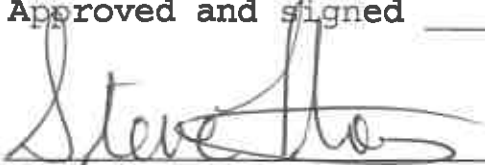
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday  
June 17, 2021

Approved and signed \_\_\_\_\_



Steve Flowers, President

(S) Ben Moricz

Ben Moricz, Vice-President

(S) Tia Cauley

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(S) Miguel Rivera

Miguel (Mike) Rivera

(S) Jawann Jones

Jawann Jones



Anthony Herrera



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 23rd day of June, 2021.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR