

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 21, 2022, 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: Miguel Rivera, Steve  
Flowers, Ben Moricz, Tia Cauley, Jawann Jones

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

MR. RIVERA: I will now call to order the  
regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of East Chicago,  
for July 21, 2022.

Need a motion to approve the minutes  
of June 16, 2022 and July 7, 2022, with one correction.  
Mr. Jalan Johnson should be changed to Mr. Robinson.

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.

Next item is Sanitary District,  
Wastewater Division Warrants. I will read all four and  
I'll need one motion.

Warrant 071822 SW - total amount \$90,764.38

Warrant 071422 BI - total amount \$371,306.26.

1 Warrant 072122 SC - total amount \$69,626.01.  
Warrant 072122 SW - total amount \$155,970.33

2 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

3 MR. MORICZ: Second.

4 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to  
5 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

6 Motion carries.

Next item is warrants for payroll.

7 I'll read all three and again need one motion.

Warrant 0708122 Sanitary Board payroll - 6/18/22-7/1/22

8 Warrant 070822 Wastewater payroll - 6/18/22-7/1/22

Warrant 070822 Utilities payroll - 6/18/22-7/1/22

9 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

10 MS. CAULEY: Second.

11 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to  
12 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

13 Motion carries.

Next Sanitary District, Solid Waste

14 Division.

Warrant 072122 SS - total amount \$107,940.52.

15 Warrant 070822 Solids Payroll - 6/18/22-7/1/22

16 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

17 MS. CAULEY: Second.

18 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to  
19 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

20 Motion carries.

Report of Field Operations: Ken  
21 Myers. Mr. Myers is on vacation, no report.

22 Solid Waste: Rene Cid. Mr. Cid is  
not present.

23 Report from Financial Consultant,  
Bill Biller.

24 MR. BILLER: No report.

25 MR. RIVERA: Thank you sir.

Next item, report from Legal

1 Counsel, Mr. Allegretti.

2 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report. Mr. Biller  
3 has reminded us that we need to formally accept Miss  
4 Allen as the new recording secretary for the Board since  
5 Miss Dunbar has moved on. We can do that under new  
6 business.

7 MR. RIVERA: Next item is New business.  
8 Can I have a motion to appoint Ateria Allen as the new  
9 recording secretary for the Board?

10 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

11 MR. JONES: Second.

12 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to  
13 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?  
14 (All signify aye.)  
15 Motion carries.

16 Next Resolution SB 22-09. A  
17 Resolution of the East Chicago Board of Sanitary  
18 Commissioners, the East Chicago Sanitary District  
19 Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations into  
20 Different Budget Categories, from salaries and wages,  
21 15,000 and vehicle repairs and maintenance 15,000. I  
22 need a motion to approve.

23 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

24 MS. CAULEY: Second.

25 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.

Next item is proposals. Southlake  
Body, Freightliner repairs. This is for Mr. Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: So this is for painting of  
the 2022 vac truck and there should be two quotes  
attached.

MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion to  
approve?

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

1 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

2 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

3 Next is Project Request Form,  
4 Keystone Machine Services Inc., RAS pump shafts,  
\$6,180.00.

5 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

6 MR. JONES: Second.

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

8 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

9 Next Project Request Form, Vulcan  
10 Industries, Inc., replacement parts for nine Vulcan bar  
screen and hydraulic system. The total cost has five  
11 items, the third item is not clear. It's got 3,000,  
then two digits instead of three digits. Very hard to  
12 add up the total. I don't know what the total is on  
this one. I think its \$49,504.00, the last page.

13 MR. BILLER: Which one are you talking  
14 about, Mr. President?

15 MR. RIVERA: The third item, it's very  
hard to add up.

16 MR. BILLER: I can't answer your  
17 question.

18 MR. FLOWERS: There's five items. The  
third item down, the total cost. Three are being asked  
19 and the President is talking about the 3,700, whatever  
numbers are there or whatever.

20 MR. RIVERA: I only see two digits, it  
should be three. So I don't know what the total is  
21 unless it's at the last page.

22 MR. BILLER: If you look on the last page  
it shows you the unit price of 1247 and the line total  
23 is 3741. That seems to make sense. There's three items  
so I think it's 3741. That four is really small.

24 MR. RIVERA: So you think it's 3741 and  
25 the total should be \$45,954?

1 MR. BILLER: That would seem to be  
correct, yes.

2 MR. RIVERA: I need a motion to approve  
3 the purchase order for the \$45,954.00.

4 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

5 MR. JONES: Second.

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

7 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

8 Next, Project Request Form, O'Leary  
Contractors Equipment & Supply. States 4 units at  
9 11,399 each, but doesn't add up. It should be 45,596,  
not 46,796. I added it 3 or 4 times to make sure. The  
10 unit is 11,399 times four should be 45,596.

11 MR. ROBINSON: That's correct.

12 MR. RIVERA: It reads 46,796.

13 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, the four items.  
These are tower lights. We are asking for approval for  
14 four tower lights and two of them are going to replace  
our older tower lights, and we are asking to gain two  
15 more.

16 MR. RIVERA: With the correction of  
45,596, correct?

17 MR. ROBINSON: Correct.

18 MR. RIVERA: Can we have a motion to  
19 approve?

20 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

21 MR. JONES: Second.

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

23 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

24 Next one, invoice to be paid,  
Element Materials invoice for the amount of \$3,085.90.  
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1 MR. FLOWERS: We skipped one.

2 MR. ROBINSON: The Castongia Tractor.

3 MS. CAULEY: You know that's not going to  
4 pass, neither is this one here.

5 MR. RIVERA: We got it today.

6 MR. ROBINSON: For the record, it was  
7 sent in. Between the transition of secretary it got  
8 missed. It was sent in way before today's meeting.

9 MS. CAULEY: Thank you. I'd like to tell  
10 you for that one, I usually make a motion to table it.

11 MR. RIVERA: For Castongia and the other  
12 request form, Evoqua-Scum Baffle's and support brackets.  
13 Those two we just got, there is no time to look at them.

14 MR. ROBINSON: I understand, but I can  
15 assure you it was sent to the last secretary and from  
16 then in the transition it was missed.

17 MR. RIVERA: Well, what does the Board  
18 want to do, table these?

19 MS. CAULEY: We'll go ahead this time  
20 since it's one of our own, but for future we don't  
21 approve last minute.

22 MR. RIVERA: So first one is Evoqua-Scum  
23 baffles and support brackets.

24 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

25 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

The other one, Castongia Tractor -  
John Deere gators for the amount of \$83,372.52.

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

1 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?  
2 (All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.

3 MR. ROBINSON: Thank you.

4 MR. RIVERA: Now we have invoice to be  
5 paid, Element Materials, for the amount of \$3,085.90.

6 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

7 MS. CAULEY: Second.

8 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?  
9 (All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.

10 Next past due, Xylem Water  
Solutions, Inc., amount of \$19,461.02. One for  
11 \$18,258.08, and the other one is \$1,202.94, for total of  
\$19,461.02. I must put in the record the reason for the  
12 delinquency. It states here Sanitary District office  
received the attached invoice via mail July 15th. Is  
13 there a motion to approve?

14 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

15 MS. CAULEY: Second.

16 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?  
17 (All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.

18 Mr. Allegretti, do we have to take  
any action on these Indiana Regulatory Commission  
19 orders?

20 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No, sir. It's just  
information and it describes everything in the packet.

21 MR. RIVERA: Said it was approved  
22 June 28th. No action necessary.

23 Next item is Unfinished Business:  
None. Public comment: None.

24 Our next meeting date is August 4,  
2022, at 4:30 p.m., East Chicago City Hall Council  
Chambers.

25 Need a motion for adjournment.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

2 MS. CAULEY: Second.

3 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)

4 Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.


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


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8 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday  
July 21, 2022

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

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12 Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President

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15 Steve Flowers, Vice-President

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Ateria Allen, Secretary



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 26th day of July, 2022.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*

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