

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS

BOARD MEMBERS

Joseph Ochoa, President  
John Bakota, Vice President  
Henry Ventura, Member  
Anthony Askounis, Member  
Ray Lopez, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 1, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates  
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Joseph Ochoa, John Bakota,  
Henry Ventura, Anthony Askounis, Ray Lopez

STAFF PRESENT: In Chambers: Ateria Allen, Joseph  
Allegretti

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 15, 2022

Motion to approve August 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes made by Ray  
Lopez. Second by Henry Ventura.

Comments/Questions: None.

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

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Payroll

MR. OCHOA: Payroll 081922 in the amount of \$11,792.91  
Utilities Payroll 7/30/22 to 8/12/22.

1 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 081922 Utilities Payroll  
2 7/30/22 to 8/12/22 made by John Bakota. Second by Anthony  
3 Askounis.

4 Comments/Questions: None.

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

7 MR. OCHOA: 081922 in the amount of \$48,381.88 Payroll  
8 7/30/22 to 8/12/22.

9 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 081922 Payroll 7/30/22 to  
10 8/12/22 made by Henry Ventura. Second by Anthony Askounis.

11 Comments/Questions: None.

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

14 Accounts Payable

15 MR. OCHOA: Accounts Payable 081622 WB in the amount of  
16 \$44,278.91.

17 Motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant 081622 WB made by  
18 Ray Lopez. Second by Henry Ventura.

19 Comments/Questions: None.

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

22 MR. OCHOA: Accounts Payable 090122 WB in the amount of  
23 \$90,763.40.

24 Motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant 090122 WB made by  
25 Ray Lopez. Second by Anthony Askounis.

Comments/Questions: None.

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

MR. OCHOA: Accounts Payable 090122 WT in the amount of  
\$150.

1 Motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant 090122 WT made  
2 Henry Ventura. Second by Anthony Askounis.

3 Comments/Questions: None.

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

6 MR. OCHOA: Accounts Payable 090122 CD in the amount of  
7 \$362,387.10.

8 Motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant 090122 CD made by  
9 Anthony Askounis. Second by Ray Lopez.

10 Comments/Questions: None.

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

13 REPORTS:

14 Filtration Report None

15 Water Report None

16 Distribution Report None

17 Legal Counsel None

18 Financial Report None

19 NEW BUSINESS WATER:

20 Change Order

21 MR. OCHOA: New Business Water. I'll just read it from  
22 the agenda.

23 Change Order. Calumet City Plumbing Change Order  
24 Number 1 for 5400 Cline Avenue Project, Water.

25 The Change Order for Calumet City Plumbing is an  
increase of \$7,727.10. After everything it will be  
\$32,672.10.

1 Motion to approve Calumet City Plumbing Change Order Number 1  
2 made by John Bakota. Second by Anthony Askounis.

3 Comments/Questions: None.

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

6 Proposals

7 MR. OCHOA: Proposal from Calumet City Plumbing Vault  
8 Flat Top Installation, Water.

9 Total proposed cost of \$8,500. Work to be invoiced  
10 under PO 221518-00 issued to CCP on 5/20/22 by East Chicago  
11 Office of the City Controller's Office for the meter and  
12 piping installation.

13 Motion to approve Calumet City Plumbing Vault Flat Top  
14 Installation made by Ray Lopez. Second by Henry Ventura.

15 Comments/Questions: None.

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

18 Request for Purchase Order

19 MR. OCHOA: Request for Purchase Order 12414-Shannon  
20 Chemicals. Chemicals needed. Not to exceed \$75,000.

21 I guess the cost is \$75,000.

22 Motion to approve 12414 Shannon Chemicals Purchase Order made  
23 by John Bakota. Second by Anthony Askounis.

24 Comments/Questions: None.

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

Request for Proposal & Email Approved Only

MR. OCHOA: Request for Purchase Order Emergency Bow  
Repair and Maintenance at a cost of \$1,513.

1 Motion to approve Emergency Bow Repair and Maintenance  
Purchase Order made by Ray Lopez. Second by Henry Ventura.

2 Comments/Questions: None.

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

5 MR. OCHOA: Request for Purchase Order Emergency 4231  
6 Olcott Avenue for \$3,670.

7 Motion to approve Hessville Plumbing 4231 Olcott Avenue  
Emergency Purchase Order made by Ray Lopez. Second by John  
8 Bakota.

9 Comments/Questions: None.

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

11 MR. OCHOA: Another request for Purchase Order, 2022  
Request for Purchase Order. 10104 Hessville Plumbing  
12 Emergency 3928 Fir Street for a cost of \$3,670.

13 Motion to approve Hessville Plumbing 3928 Fir Street  
Emergency Purchase Order made by Anthony Askounis. Second by  
14 Ray Lopez.

15 Comments/Questions: None.

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

17 MR. OCHOA: Another request from Hessville Plumbing.  
18 10104 Emergency 4502 Magoun Avenue for a cost of \$3,670.

19 Motion to approve Hessville Plumbing 4502 Magoun Avenue  
Emergency Purchase Order made by Henry Ventura. Second by  
20 Anthony Askounis.

21 Comments/Questions: None.

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

23 MR. VENTURA: Mr. President, we have two addresses that  
24 I think I believe are missing, 3928 Fir and 701 East Chicago  
25 Avenue.

1 MR. OCHOA: We'll go to the one here on Fir street.  
2 10104 Hessville Plumbing Emergency 3928 Fir Street for the  
3 cost of \$3,670.

4 Motion to approve Hessville Plumbing 3928 Fir Street  
5 Emergency Purchase Order made by John Bakota. Second by  
6 Henry Ventura.

7 Comments/Questions: None.

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

10 MR. OCHOA: Request for Purchase Order 10104 Hessville  
11 Plumbing Emergency 701 East Chicago Avenue for a cost of  
12 \$4,645.

13 Motion to approve Hessville Plumbing 701 East Chicago Avenue  
14 Emergency Purchase Order made by Ray Lopez. Second by Henry  
15 Ventura.

16 Comments/Questions: None.

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

19 Past Due Invoices

20 MR. OCHOA: Past Due Invoices. Please explain why  
21 invoices are delinquent.

22 Invoice was given to me today from Tom Erin which  
23 this job was done on 5/24/22 and I had no PO for this work.  
24 Invoice Number 2205220858. Invoice date 5/24/22 in the  
25 amount of \$140.34.

Motion to approve Past Due Invoice Number 2205220858 made by  
Anthony Askounis. Second by Henry Ventura.

Comments/Questions: None.

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

MR. OCHOA: Hasse Construction. Invoices were received  
by Accounts Payable on August 23, '22. After an inquiry was  
made regarding the nonpayment of said invoices it was found  
that they were originally sent to the wrong person.

1 Invoice Number 12372 and invoice date 6/6/22 in the  
2 amount of \$7,536.61. Invoice 12373 5/31/22 in the amount of  
3 \$11,385.75. For a total of \$18,922.36.

4 Motion to approve Hasse Construction Past Due Invoices made  
5 by Ray Lopez. Second by Henry Ventura.

6 Comments/Questions: None.

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

9 MR. OCHOA: Past Due Invoice for Calumet City Plumbing.  
10 Invoice was received on 8/17/22 and required a Change Order  
11 which due to the timing of the next Board Meeting made this  
12 Invoice past due.

13 Invoice Number 53086. Invoice date 7/1/22 in the  
14 amount of \$32,672.10.

15 Motion to approve Calumet City Plumbing Past Due Invoice made  
16 by Henry Ventura. Second by Anthony Askounis.

17 Comments/Questions: None.

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

20 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

22 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday,  
23 September 19, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.


24 Motion to adjourn made by Henry Ventura. Second by Anthony  
25 Askounis.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

\* Meeting ended at 5:16 p.m.

1 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
2 Thursday, September 1, 2022  
3 Approved and Signed September 19, 2022  
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6 Joseph Ochoa, President  
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9 John Bakota, Vice President  
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21 Ray Lopez, Member  
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24 Ateria Allen, Board Secretary  
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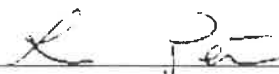


C E R T I F I C A T E

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 13th day of September, 2022.

  
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Lisa Pena  
Notary Public Porter County  
Certified Shorthand Reporter  
License Number 084-003483

