

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
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Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 15, 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

Present via Zoom: Jawann Jones

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

MR. RIVERA: I will now call to order the  
regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of Commissioners  
of East Chicago, for September 15, 2022.

Need a motion to approve the minutes  
of September 1, 2022, as written.

MR. FLOWERS: 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 are Check Warrants. I will  
read all three together and have one motion. Sanitary  
District, Wastewater Division: Warrant 091522 SW,  
amount of \$91,206.26; Warrant 091522 SC, amount of

1 \$65,349.00; Warrant 093022 SW, amount of \$90,764.38.

2 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

3 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

5 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

6 Next we have three warrants, payroll  
warrants. Same way, I will read all three and ask for  
7 one motion. Payroll Warrants: Warrant 090222, Sanitary  
Board payroll, dates of 8-13-22 to 8-26-22; Warrant  
8 090222, Wastewater payroll, dates of 8-13-22 to 8-26-22,  
Warrant 090222, Utility payroll, dates of 8-13-22 to  
9 8-26-22.

10 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

11 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

13 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

14 Sanitary District, Solid Waste  
Division: Warrant 091522 SS, amount of \$13,621.78;  
15 Warrant 090222, Solids payroll, dates of 8-13-22 to  
8-26-22.

16 MR. FLOWERS: Motion.

17 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

20 Report of Field Operation: Ken  
21 Myers.

22 MR. MYERS: I have no report,  
Commissioners.

23 MR. RIVERA: Thank you, sir. Next report  
24 from Solid Waste, Rene Cid. Not present.

25 Report from Financial Consultant,  
Bill Biller.

1 MR. BILLER: No report.

2 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Report from  
3 Legal Counsel, Mr. Joe Allegretti.

4 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I have nothing. Miss  
5 Allen put the last tariff from the result of our rate  
6 case filed and approved by the Indiana Utility  
7 Regulatory Commission in the packet. It fades in over  
8 three years, incrementally over three years. It's in  
9 the packet if anybody has any questions about any of it,  
10 we can discuss that at your leisure. It generates about  
11 another 28 percent of revenue over three years, which is  
12 sorely needed.

13 MR. RIVERA: Okay. Let's go to East  
14 Chicago Sanitary District schedule of wastewater rates  
15 and charges, Phase 1. Mr. Allegretti, does this need  
16 any action?

17 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No action, just  
18 informational purposes. It's an accomplished fact and  
19 maybe Bill can shed some light when it's actually  
20 received. I believe our financial consultants are  
21 working on this.

22 MR. BILLER: We are doing the transition,  
23 getting new rates in the billing system and everything.  
24 Bakertilly is doing that for us, I think, in conjunction  
25 with the Water Utility.

MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Next item, we  
have a proposal from Bosak Motors of Merrillville. This  
is Essential Care Maintenance Program for the amount of  
\$12,360.00.

MS. CAULEY: I have a question for  
Attorney Allegretti. Bosak Motors, what is this  
maintenance program, what is that?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: I believe it's for our  
new vehicles and it's for warranty work and for the  
extended warranty. I don't know if Ken has anything  
further on that.

MR. MYERS: It's in the packet, what you  
have there.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: The new City wide

1 strategy is for new vehicles to get service and take  
2 advantage of new car warranties and purchase extended  
3 warranty contracts with the dealers. We think we get  
4 more reliable service at a better price. They have  
5 up-to-date software and computer programs for diagnosing  
6 problems with vehicles and kind of move away from local  
7 repair shops. It's kind of a mixed thing, but that's  
8 what is intended here.

9 MR. FLOWERS: Is this a yearly service on  
10 the vehicles?

11 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I think just routine  
12 maintenance, and if there is a problem. But just much  
13 more economical and there is a better record kept. It's  
14 typical whenever there is any piece of litigation, the  
15 first thing, if a City owned vehicle is involved, the  
16 plaintiff's lawyer asks for the service records and  
17 repairs, because they will add a claim that there's bad  
18 maintenance on the part of the City that contributed to  
19 the cause of the accident.

20 So, by doing this, we preserve our  
21 records and make recordkeeping easier and makes it  
22 easier under those circumstances. Plus it's a more cost  
23 effective matter in maintaining our fleet of vehicles.

24 MR. FLOWERS: They track the oil changes  
25 and things like that, I saw that in the packet.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: That's correct.

MS. CAULEY: I wanted to make sure.

MR. FLOWERS: 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 tem is invoice to be paid.  
Element Materials invoice for the amount of \$5,447.28.

MR. MYERS: This is our monthly  
analytical services, the laboratory. This is all the  
monitoring required at the wastewater treatment plant  
for our permits.

1 MR. RIVERA: Something that has to be  
paid?

2 MR. MYERS: Yes.

3 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

4 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

7 Motion carries.

Next item, Unfinished Business:

8 None. Public comment: None.

9 Is Mr. Cisneros still working for  
the City?

10 MR. MYERS: He's still with the City.

11 MR. RIVERA: We haven't seen him for a  
long time.

12 Our next meeting date is October 6,  
2022, at 4:30 p.m., at East Chicago City Hall Council  
13 Chambers.

Is there a motion for adjournment?

14 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

15 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

16 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

17 Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

18 \*\*\*\*\* Meeting adjourned \*\*\*\*\*  
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday  
September 15, 2022

Approved and signed October 6, 2022

  
Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President

  
Steve Flowers, Vice-President

  
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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 21st of September, 2022.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*

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