

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, September 2, 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, Tia
Cauley
Present Telephonic Conference: Ben Moricz,
Miguel Rivera, Jawann Jones

Staff Present in Chambers:
Ken Myers, Rene Cid, Joseph Allegretti,
Bill Biller

MR. FLOWERS: First is approval of
minutes from August 19th, 2021.

MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve minutes.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.
Next we have check warrants.

SANITARY DISTRICT, WASTEWATER DIVISION
WARRANT 090221 SW - \$74,146.38

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

3 WARRANT 090221 SC - \$1,650.00

4 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept warrant.

5 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

9 WARRANT 090221 SR - \$8,405.00

10 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

11 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

14 PAYROLL WARRANTS

15 WARRANT 082021 - Sanitary Board Payroll
Dates of 7-31-21 to 8-13-21

16 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept warrant.

17 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

21 WARRANT 082021 - Wastewater Payroll
Dates of 7-31-21 to 8-13-21

22 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

23 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

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(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

WARRANT 082021 - Utilities Payroll
Dates of 7-31-21 to 8-13-21

MR. RIVERA: Motion.
MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

SANITARY DISTRICT - SOLID WASTE DIVISION
WARRANT 090221 SS - \$34,212.81

MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept warrant.
MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

WARRANT 082021 - Solids Payroll
Dates of 7-31-21 to 8-13-21

MR. JONES: Make a motion.
MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

Now we have report from Field
Operations, Mr. Ken Myers.

MR. MYERS: Hello Commissioners. I want
to give you a brief summary of where we stand on the CSO
construction, the 145th lift station. All five new
pumps have been installed. They were undergoing testing
today and I'll get the report on that tomorrow or early
next week as far as bringing that fully into service.
At 152nd, we completed the
construction of the valve vault. The backfilling was

1 completed and they are undergoing hydraulic testing of
2 piping connections. They are also working on the final
tie in to our wastewater treatment plants.

3 At the wastewater plant they have
4 completed the main that originated at Alder and goes
through the new valve vault and meter fit that connects
to our CSO Lagoon, and that's ongoing.

5 At Alder they just installed the
6 second sanitary pump. It was a replacement and more
horsepower. That was going to be tested tomorrow and
then they have one more pump to change out in the next
couple of weeks.

7 SCADA improvement, the electronic
8 improvement for control remotely, those improvements are
ongoing.

9 We put new atmospheric safety
10 monitoring equipment at Roxana, that was installed and
tested this week. And there is also a new spiral
11 staircase installed last week that's being primed and
painted.

12 And lastly, I just want to mention
13 to the two commissioners, Mr. Moricz and Mr. Rivera, I
have some training that needs to be done online. It's a
14 review of the State Board of Accounts and I will be
forwarding you an e-mail with instructions and
15 certificate form that needs to be filled out, once you
watch the video, which is approximately just short of
half hour. Then just sign the form and you can return
16 it to me or return it directly to Human Resources. But
that's something for the State Board of Accounts that
Human Resources needs to respond to.

17 That completes my report.

18 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Myers.

19 MS. CAULEY: I have a question. How come
20 you don't have any training for us to go out of the
office?

21 MR. MYERS: Human Resources only
22 identified these people. You have done it already, it
was completed last year.

23 MS. CAULEY: I'm going to talk to Joe
24 about it after the meeting.

25 MR. FLOWERS: It's about 20 to 30 minute
presentation on the video?

1 MR. MYERS: Right, just the online.

2 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Ken.

3 Next, report from Solid Waste.

4 MR. SID: Good afternoon Board of
5 Commissioners. I'd just like to say that we are
6 preparing and getting ready for wintertime. We are
7 working on ordering our salt for the streets and also
8 preventative maintenance on our vehicles, big trucks and
9 small trucks, and all the equipment that we have that we
10 use for the wintertime. And also being in contact with
11 contractors to give us a hand when we have to remove the
12 snow. That's about it right now. Thank you.

13 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you. Report from
14 Financial Consultant.

15 MR. BILLER: No report at this meeting.

16 MR. FLOWERS: Report from our legal
17 counsel, Mr. Joe Allegretti.

18 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Just briefly. Our cost
19 of service case with BakerTilly, we are in the final
20 preparation for the rate case. There is coordination
21 with the rate case being prepared and getting ready to
22 be filed on behalf of the Sanitary District. We got a
23 buy in from City Hall, as they say, and expect that that
24 case will be filed within the next 30 days. Otherwise
25 everything seems to be normal.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.

New Business: Proposal from Johnson
Controls. Commissioners, you have that in your packet.
I did try to look at it. The writing is unbelievably
small, so it's really hard to read and comprehend it. I
don't know how the other Board members feel about it.
Are there any questions or if someone can give us a
synopsis?

MR. MYERS: Again, good evening Board.
This is just renewal of our contract for our sprinkler
system, wet system and dry system, and the fire alarm
system. This is for our facility, Public Works. So all
we are asking is to renew this. We have got the best
proposal here. Everything is included here that we need
to keep our facility going under all the State laws and
inspections. This falls with the State. Thank you.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions?

2 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

3 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

5 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

6 Next item is Garber Chevrolet of
Highland.

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8 MR. ALLEGRETTI: This is not the car that
was originally contemplated. City Hall has requested
9 that this matter just be tabled and we can take it up at
some future time.

10 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to table.

11 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

13 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

14 Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: None

15 Next meeting is scheduled for
September 16, 2021, at 4:30, here in the East Chicago
16 City Hall or via phone.

17 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

18 MR. MORICZ: Second.

19 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

20 Motion carries.

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***** Meeting adjourned *****

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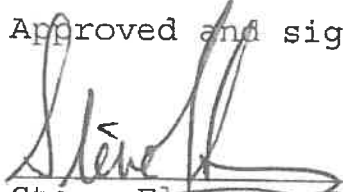
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
September 2, 2021

Approved and signed _____



Steve Flowers, President

Ben Moricz, Vice-President




Tia Cauley



Miguel (Mike) Rivera

Jawann Jones



~~Lilia Ramos, Acting Secretary~~
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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 13th day of September, 2021.

Peggy S. LaLonde



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

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