

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

Joseph Allegretti
Alysia Dunbar

Reported by: Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: Henry Ventura, Joseph
Ochoa, John Bakota, Anthony Askounis,
Ray Lopez

STAFF Present in Chambers: Alysia Dunbar
Joseph Allegretti,

MR. VENTURA: Meeting of the East Chicago
Department of Waterworks Board come to order. Entertain
a motion to approve minutes of September 9, 2021.

MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve.

MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

MR. VENTURA: Any comments or questions?

(None)

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
Next are Warrants.

WARRANT 090321 - \$14,268.85 - Payroll
Dates of 8-14-21 to 8-27-21

MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.

1 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

2 MR. VENTURA: Any comments or questions?
3 (None)

4 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

5 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
6 WARRANT 090321 - \$36,963.81 - Utilities Payroll
Dates of 8-14-21 to 8-27-21

7 MR. ASKOUNIS: Motion to accept.

8 MR. BAKOTA: Second.

9 MR. VENTURA: Any comments or questions?
10 (None)

11 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

12 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
13 Next we have reports. Filtration,
Obed Perez Jr.

14 MR. PEREZ: I have no report. Just an
15 update on the chemicals. Usual supplier was unable to
provide the chemical for us, so went to Milport and we
16 have received the chemical. That's pretty much
everything for today.

17 MR. BAKOTA: You got the citric acid?

18 MR. PEREZ: We'll contract with them to
get more from them.

19 MR. BAKOTA: Can you find a substitute
20 that's comparable?

21 MR. PEREZ: The manufacturing company for
the membrane has still not come back with a different
22 chemical. As long as we have it, we are good for now.
Thank you.

23 MR. VENTURA: Water, Winna Guzman. It's
24 in your packet. She's on vacation.

25 Distribution: Allan Lee.

1 MR. LEE: Well, we've made a little
2 progress. We're down to one large meter we are working
3 on, waiting on a part for that, 24-inch. Hopefully --
4 looks like the funds are in there and start to get the
5 HDPE so we can make a loop instead of two dead ends.

6 All the leaks on Olcott and
7 Markstown have been repaired.

8 Now, as you brought that up about
9 putting the meter in, since we didn't have any help,
10 they have been bringing the meters into the shop. So we
11 are like at 96 meters there, so in the process of
12 checking them. Most of those were changed because of
13 age, but they are working. It still counts. So we
14 don't know for sure yet, but there is 96. So we'll go
15 through those and see which ones are good. Some of them
16 could have been maybe not working or something, so those
17 will go in the pile. But we are also, in the last two
18 weeks, making a very aggressive meter change. First I
19 thought I was going to have a hundred, probably more
20 than a hundred. But I will have the hundred to make
21 sure I am there.

22 MR. BAKOTA: Are we testing them now?

23 MR. LEE: We are not testing them. It's
24 in the bottom, but here's the thought. If I own a gas
25 station and I advertised my pumps, and they work and I
measure a gallon. I send that into the State. My pumps
measure a gallon. But if I have somebody come outside
and measure my gas pumps, they got a gallon. And he
said to the State, because it wasn't me then -- you know
what I am saying about that?

MR. BAKOTA: No. I mean -- you mean the
State will not accept our reading from our people?

MR. LEE: They might.

MR. BAKOTA: I'm sure they will.

MR. LEE: Having an outside testing
meter, when a customer calls up and says, hey, I don't
think my meter is right. You take that meter in and you
test it, so you can give the customer some feel good.
Like -- we tested your meter. It was working right.
You probably got something else going on in the house,
that's what testing the meter is for.

Now, you probably could test all
them, but to me having an outside source once a year to

1 do your testing -- maybe next year we can look at
2 something different. But look, I'm not certified, nor
3 am I am a distribution thing. And where I come from,
4 that Meter Shop is a different department. That's
5 because we are bigger. So all those meters and all
6 that, I am learning a lot on that. And I know a lot of
7 people that know how to run that testing, maybe we can
8 talk to them. Maybe they can come --

9 MR. BAKOTA: Why can't you send one of
10 your employees that you have now for training for that,
11 to deal with that? Now the cost -- this cost is \$45.00,
12 that's not including the cost of two employees going out
13 and taking the meter out and putting another one in.

14 MR. LEE: But we have to change those
15 meters any way. We are not changing any new meters now.
16 We are only changing the meters that have to be changed,
17 that aren't master meters. So those meters have to be
18 changed. So we are okay in the ballpark of not having
19 to change any new meters for new meters. They are just
20 -- we are changing those meters that needed to be
21 changed, that aren't master meters. They have to be
22 changed.

23 MR. BAKOTA: What I'm saying, we send a
24 meter out for test. Every meter is going to cost us
25 \$85.00 because you got a labor cost of taking out and
putting in.

MR. LEE: There is no labor cost taking
in and out because we already had to do that, and we
change meters all through.

MR. BAKOTA: The State says you have to
check meters after they are in so many years. It's a
constant test. After you get at the end, you are
testing again. It's a constant.

MR. LEE: I know that. I only have two
people. No one knows how to do it.

MR. BAKOTA: Well, I'm suggesting the
Board deny this.

MR. LEE: Well, we don't have to be in
compliance.

MR. BAKOTA: Well, you know, we can tell

1 the State that we were suffering like other employers
2 from the virus and lack of manpower, but I was at the
3 State Board of Accounts, and I'm not at will to show the
4 balance of the Water Department, but it isn't good.

5 MR. LEE: There's a lot of things that
6 can change. We are not going to do a leak survey for
7 \$50,000 when we can buy 1800 pieces of equipment and do
8 the same thing. There is a lot of things. I mean if we
9 had a crew, we wouldn't pay \$180.00 for laborers.

10 MR. BAKOTA: The test of 100 meters for
11 that is not including labor cost.

12 MR. LEE: There is no labor cost, zero.

13 MR. BAKOTA: It's \$4,500.

14 MR. LEE: That's all it is.

15 MR. BAKOTA: You can keep telling me
16 that, but eventually you are going to check meters for
17 accuracy, not because they need changing.

18 MR. LEE: Right now we have over a
19 thousand that need to be changed and I don't think we
20 will get that all the way, not even next year either.

21 MR. BAKOTA: How many meters can you take
22 out in a year with your manpower?

23 MR. LEE: Looks like they changed
24 96 meters.

25 MR. BAKOTA: This year, one year?

MR. LEE: That's what it looks like, and
there is what -- there is some frozen ones there. There
is probably maybe 20 meters there and there was other
people here -- before they got fired -- so they were
changing meters. I'm only trying to get my 100 meters
tested from the outside and work on solving that problem
for next year, so we don't have to go through this
again.

We ended up -- originally when they
were telling me we are going to have to change one and
put a new one in, always. Why do we have to do that?
What about all the meters changed this year? So we are
changing the meters.

1 MR. BAKOTA: According to the State you
2 test meters that are in after a length of time. So you
3 are taking the -- potentially not a complaint -- you are
4 taking the meter out and putting another one in. And
5 the cost?

6 MR. LEE: The cost is \$4,500.00.

7 MR. BAKOTA: Yeah, for a thousand -- you
8 know -- eventually that's 45,000 now.

9 MR. LEE: We are going to try to address
10 it before it happens again next year.

11 MR. BAKOTA: That's \$45,000 you can save
12 on testing in-house.

13 MR. LEE: We've got a lot bigger
14 problems. That \$4,500 --

15 MR. BAKOTA: You weren't at the State
16 Board of Accounts. I suggest the Board deny this. We
17 need to get somebody that can test the meters in-house.
18 We spent \$20,000.00 for our own meter.

19 MR. LEE: That's a nice test meter, and
20 eventually we will get somebody in there.

21 MR. BAKOTA: This Board fought two years
22 because the old one wouldn't work. First they said it
23 could be rejuvenated and we found out it couldn't.

24 MR. LEE: I saw the old equipment.

25 MR. BAKOTA: We got one and it's sitting
there collecting dust. And now we are going to spend
\$45.00 a meter to test it.

MR. LEE: We have a backhoe and we're
spending \$180.00 an hour fixing a water main. So that's
a bigger problem than the little meters.

MR. BAKOTA: Maybe we'll get to that too.

MR. LEE: Hopefully. All right. You
guys can decide what you want. I will give you a fix.
There is not going to be any cost on the meters because
we are changing out. We got 96, and the way we are
going, we'll probably have 130 old meters to test.

1 We got 113 shut offs, that's about
2 \$26,000 in bills not paid to us, which is about \$2,000 a
3 month if everyone pays their bill. We have the money
4 for that line item coming in for that. As soon as it
5 comes in, I already have Hasse and CCP to clean those
6 up.

7 We have 36 valve boxes located in
8 the streets which need repairs. About 26 of those were
9 good. Hasse and CCP have been assigned that job.

10 We've got four hydrants being
11 replaced inside the Public Works area, so we got two
12 changed. But when I was out there helping them, I found
13 the valve to shut off because the valve is broke off one
14 of the hydrants. I tripped over a hydrant. When they
15 were cutting the grass in that field, they run over a
16 hydrant and chopped the hydrant up. So I am having them
17 fix that.

18 Now we are a little bit better, we
19 have inventory, the meters, the clamps, the valves, and
20 the fittings. Luckily we have money there because we
21 sure don't have the things that we need.

22 I'm working on three quotes. I
23 already got Core Main quote and I got Ferguson's quote,
24 and I am waiting on Utility Works. When we get the
25 third one, then we'll bring you the three quotes and
those will be for, some for inventory and some of it
will be for the ten valves out in the streets that we
know of that are broke.

ME Simpson is ready to start working
on the fire hydrants, and then behind them, Giant is
ready to paint.

So, last time when I gave you that
report, there was 24 hydrants that had severe problems.
After going back, some of them were replaced. Mike was
able to fix a couple of them. There is 15 that have to
be replaced. We also had the money for that. And CCP
and Hasse will be getting the list Wednesday to start on
those.

And we have other problems, I didn't
put it on here yet, that I am working on because of what
happened in 2019 on that 24-inch, the problem with the
valves. So looking through our stuff, we've got two
30-inch, another 24 and 36-inch with no valves in the
GIS. So anything is possible, that there is no valves
for those sections of large mains. So we'll be working
trying to pull prints out for those construction jobs,
whenever they were put in, and see if there is valves
there. If there is no valves on those big mains, we
don't want to be in the pickle again where we can't shut

1 it off. So then I may change the money for these little
2 ten valves that are broke to make sure we have a couple
of valves on some critical areas. So we'll know maybe
in two weeks how far we are in that.

3 I get it about the spending all that
4 money and doing that, I understand that. I just ask you
to, at least this one time, and hopefully next year I
5 will be able to address that. I got too much on my
plate at this time.

6 MR. BAKOTA: This Board has a
7 responsibility not only to you, but to the taxpayers.
And like I said, I was at the State Board of Accounts
8 and we could do it in-house instead of sending it out, I
can't agree.

9 MR. LEE: Everything we could do
10 in-house.

11 MR. BAKOTA: It should be done. We had
that damn test bed sitting there collecting dust. I'm
12 not blaming you. You are new here. We need somebody
that knows how to use that damn test.

13 MR. LEE: If I had a crew, lead operator
14 and four laborers, then we could tell CCP and Hasse to
take a hike.

15 MR. LOPEZ: I've got a question. We have
16 a shop that fixes the meters that we have?

17 MR. LEE: We have a testing center.

18 MR. LOPEZ: But nobody is using it?

19 MR. LEE: We don't have anyone left that
20 knows how to use it.

21 MR. LOPEZ: So there is nobody using it.

22 MR. LEE: But in time we could get some
training and we could fill in if there is -- I mean I
only got two guys.

23 MR. LOPEZ: What I'm trying to get in my
24 mind is, we are going to send these out to be fixed?

25 MR. LEE: Not fix them.

1 MR. LOPEZ: To recheck them?

2 MR. LEE: What I think they are going to
3 do is meter them and make sure they register correctly.
4 Make sure -- they are going to run 15-gallons through it
5 and check and make sure it registers 15-gallons because
6 the water is measured and it's pumped through. Then
7 they check beginning and end, and it should register
8 exactly the amount of water they put it in and then the
9 meter passed.

6 MR. BAKOTA: Check low, medium, and high.

7 MR. LOPEZ: Because you see the mess we
8 have. I mean old valves, pipes, meters, all that stuff;
9 it's going to cost money. We understand that. Can you
10 cut corners some place or can you make it cost effective
11 by contracting it out or easier for us to do?

10 MR. LEE: Eventually we want to do it
11 ourselves. We have got a nice bench. We don't have
12 time this year, and hopefully get some people so we can
13 start doing it ourselves. And after I thought about
14 some of the information, the way I was saying we have to
15 pull a new meter out and put another meter, and that's
16 not true. We already have the meters. We are already
17 changing about six or more, maybe eight. When Mike is
18 here, we got one guy because Mike is on vacation. So
19 all those meters we can use. So all we have to do, we
20 are getting the meter numbers, all numbered on a bench
21 in there. So what we are going to do is have the girls
22 look up for age. If it was just age, means it was
23 working, we can send that out with one of the hundred.

18 MR. LOPEZ: Well, good luck. And
19 historically we use a lot of water and we can't find out
20 where it's going. Maybe at the end of the year you can
21 give us a general idea. At one time we were losing
22 25 percent, nobody knows.

21 MR. LEE: Our neighbors are losing that
22 too. But that's why we are going to put those real
23 meters in. You make a tap on the pipe and tells you
24 exactly how much is going out. And, you know, we have
25 found out there is a couple -- when they laid some new
main, they didn't even put a meter back in the house or
the pit, so they get free water. And then the first
thing was the big cash register, that's priority, you
saw how many weren't working. How can we estimate a big

1 meter? I'd tell the guys, use all the water you want.

2 MR. BAKOTA: Industry on Railroad Avenue,
3 they were operating a business and there was no meter
4 there.

5 MR. LEE: We are down to one meter and
6 it's in a school. So we are just waiting on a part
7 hopefully.

8 MR. LOPEZ: Thank you for your report.

9 MR. VENTURA: Next we have, legal counsel
10 report, Attorney Allegretti.

11 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report.

12 MR. VENTURA: Financial report, Bill
13 Biller. There is a report in your packet, cash report.

14 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I should give a little
15 bit of a report. We met with staff, three of us,
16 myself, Winna, Christopher Burke, met last week and
17 talked about a couple of topics. I'm probably not the
18 best person to give this report, so if I need
19 correcting, these gentlemen will correct me.

20 One of the remarkable topics was the
21 recommendation by Christopher Burke to close up our old
22 filtration plant. Of course it depends on our faith in
23 the performance and future performance and capability of
24 the new membrane filtration plant, that it is working
25 and it is reliable and produces our daily needs. And
they are going to continue making a report, send it to
staff, and we'll address that question. But that would
put some extra manpower out there. If need be, they
have gentlemen to run things and reduce our Nipsco power
consumption. And it also would be consistent with what
we have previously promised the IRUC, as far as not
operating two plants, but in fairness to our rate
payers, operate one plant. So that's important.

21 And also, secondly, the last subject
22 we talked about was to get a final analysis and
23 recommendation concerning the operation of our water
24 tower on Chicago Avenue. There is some relatively
25 inexpensive fixes identified and make recommendations.
And if in fact it needs to be replaced with a higher
tower, to produce more water in the area and more
pressure -- PSI -- I advise what is recommended and what
the estimated cost is.

1 So these are big ticket items and
2 big things and that will be -- your staff will be
3 reporting on the outcome of those investigations at
4 upcoming meetings. So that's my report.

5 MR. BAKOTA: You are talking about the
6 elevated tank?

7 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes.

8 MR. BAKOTA: That tank was built in 1949.

9 MR. ALLEGRETTI: And everybody can see
10 that it is not functioning and operating as designed, or
11 properly as it should be. It's not performing its
12 function, which among others things, other than a
13 million gallons of storage, it's suppose to be a shock
14 absorber to absorb shock to the system to starting and
15 stopping pumps. And the old plant contributes to the
16 pressure spikes apparently, I have learned.

17 As I say I am not the technical
18 person that should be discussing these technical things,
19 but -- I will stop talking.

20 MR. VENTURA: Any other questions for
21 Attorney Allegretti? (None) New Business.

22 We have the appointment of Alysia
23 Dunbar as Board secretary. There is a letter in your
24 packet from the Mayor.

25 MR. BAKOTA: Make a motion that we accept
Miss Dunbar as Board secretary.

 MR. OCHOA: Second.

 MR. VENTURA: Any comments or questions?
(None)

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
Congratulations.

 Next we have purchase order from
Milport Enterprises, Inc. This is in regards to the
eight drums of citric acid. Any questions?

 MR. BAKOTA: That's the total price on
eight drums \$195.00?

1 MR. PEREZ: That's the freight charge to
get them to us.

2 MR. VENTURA: So this is for 8 drums,
3 \$10,000 amount is to cover that?

4 MR. PEREZ: Covers the eight drums and
the freight charge.

5 MR. VENTURA: Any questions?

6 MR. LOPEZ: Motion to accept.

7 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

8 MR. VENTURA: Roll call.

9 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
10 Opposed: None

11 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.

12 Agreements: We have a rate sheet
for 2022 Hessville Plumbing.

13 MR. OCHOA: Is this rate sheeting
beginning in January or when?

14 MR. ALLEGRETTI: It's 2022.

15 MR. OCHOA: Is this rate sheet for the
16 labor, the tech, the foreman, the operator?

17 MR. BAKOTA: They don't give a time on it
either.

18 MR. ALLEGRETTI: It can wait till next
19 meeting when Winna is here.

20 MR. VENTURA: Is there a motion on the
21 floor to table?

22 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to table.

23 MR. OCHOA: Second.

24 MR. VENTURA: Roll call.

25 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

1 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
2 We have one more rate sheet,
3 regarding Patrick Cummings. This is for laboratory
4 collection of samples and this is an accurate sheet
5 also.

6 MR. PEREZ: At the time we had no lab
7 person to get the samples involved, no managers. So she
8 had to go outside and get someone to collect samples.

9 MR. ALLEGRETTI: That position has been
10 filled. This is for past services.

11 MR. PEREZ: This is one month and now we
12 will take over.

13 MR. VENTURA: Do I have a motion?

14 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve.

15 MR. OCHOA: Second.

16 MR. VENTURA: Roll call.

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

19 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
20 Next we have a change order and this
21 is First Group Engineering, service line replacement.
22 There is a decrease of \$78,829.06.

23 MR. ALLEGRETTI: First Group is the
24 design engineer, and also I think they do some
25 construction oversight for these projects and modified
the contract. The contract provides that the First
Group recommend the change order, which in this case --
pleasant surprise -- it's actually a decrease.

MR. LOPEZ: Motion to accept.

MR. OCHOA: Second.

MR. VENTURA: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.

1 We also have Calumet City Plumbing
2 and this is for decrease for the meter replacement
3 project of \$32,143.69.

4 MR. LOPEZ: Motion to accept.

5 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

6 MR. VENTURA: Roll call.

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

9 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.

10 Unfinished Business: We have the
11 agreement for ME Simpson for 2021 small meter bench
12 testing. And this is for three-quarter one-inch meters,
13 testing of 100 meters at \$45.00 per meter, for total of
14 \$4,500.00. Do I have a motion to approve?

15 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

16 MR. LOPEZ: Second.

17 MR. VENTURA: Any questions or comments
18 on the motion?

19 MR. BAKOTA: Like I said, I spoke my
20 piece on this. I don't see how we can pass this. I
21 mean I know he's backed up on meters. We have a test
22 bench we fought for two years to buy because the old one
23 wasn't functional. And I mean you got to draw the line
24 somewhere. It's a cost issue. And once we get into the
25 damn thing, we'll be testing meters for the next ten
years and we can do it in-house. All you got to do is
get somebody trained. One of our employees get trained
and they will be testing meters there within a month.

 MR. OCHOA: How long does the training
process last? Anybody know?

 MR. LEE: I got two guys swamped now.
They are already driving really fast and I'm getting
upset. Mike is saying he's running from one job to the
next job. We are going to get in an accident because we
are putting too much work on them because it's only two
guys. When do you want them to test the new meters?

 MR. ASKOUNIS: So it comes to we don't

1 have enough people.

2 MR. LEE: Yeah, we get some people and
3 the Mayor said he's going to help. I had a conversation
4 with him and he's going to get some people in. He's
5 going to get with HR.

6 MR. BAKOTA: I will tell you what, I
7 would agree if Simpson would say that they would cut
8 this down. Instead of 100 meters, cut it down to 50,
9 pick up at 25 and reduce the cost. By that time then
10 maybe we'll have somebody trained. But to go with
11 100 meters at \$4,500.00, there is no way we should
12 accept it. I'm done -- go ahead.

13 MR. LUSK: Randy Lusk, from ME Simpson on
14 Zoom. I apologize, I wanted to be there in person, but
15 my wife wasn't feeling well. I thought it best that I
16 didn't.

17 Listening to you guys talk about
18 everything with the meter, the timing, and I just wanted
19 to throw a few things out there to help you guys decide
20 what direction you want to go or how you are looking to
21 do this.

22 One of the things I just want to
23 make sure you guys understand why this proposal was even
24 put out by Winna and Allan was because part of the new
25 non revenue water audit that was put into place by the
Indiana Financial Authority, stating you have to do
meter testing. You have to. In fact they would rather
you have a true sample size, with ranges anywhere from 5
to 10 percent. We came up with a number of a hundred
because we felt that would give you enough data to begin
a process where you should focus on some meter change
out programs.

Now, even at 100, you are really not
at the true sample size yet, which is fine. This will
really help you to determine some of the areas where you
guys need to start doing meter change out. And I know
Allan has a list of those, what that is replacing now
so it doesn't incur other costs, because you already
know you have to replace them.

With regard to the meter bench, it's
like Allan was mentioning, it's the training. So your
guys calibrate a test bench -- I don't know if it's
calibrated currently. Do you know how to troubleshoot
if something is going wrong with the bench? Do you even
know what flow ranges? You have to test these at three
different flow ranges. But do your guys how much

1 water needs to go through each meter to be considered an
2 accurate test? These are based off AWA standards, which
3 is what you follow. You need to know what they were.
4 And they can be trained over time, but this isn't
5 something you can learn instantly and you do have to
6 have the personnel dedicated for the testing. The first
7 test alone takes one hour. That's the first test,
8 because you run it a quarter equals a minute. So it
9 takes a long time, and we have dedicated staff that this
10 is what they do.

11 On top of that, we work with the
12 IFA, which is Indiana Financial Authority. So we work
13 with them, with their water auditing program. They
14 actually call us because they consider us the meter
15 experts on when they have questions about meter testing
16 accuracy and water audit. We in fact have water audit
17 classes for the IFA, which again which is Indiana
18 Financial Authority.

19 And the other thing is the report
20 you are going to get from us. We are going to get an
21 individual report for every single meter and then get a
22 waited average report on how all the meters as a whole
23 go for your community.

24 So I just wanted to weigh in real
25 quick with all those little points. Maybe that would
26 help you a little bit more about what the data will be
27 used for and how the bench testing is operated.

28 MR. VENTURA: Any questions for Randy?
29 (None) Thank you, Randy.

30 MR. LUSK: You're welcome. Thank you.

31 MR. BAKOTA: Mr. President, I'd like to
32 poll the members separately on the vote.

33 MR. VENTURA: Roll call. Joe Ochoa?

34 MR. OCHOA: Yes.

35 MR. VENTURA: John Bakota?

36 MR. BAKOTA: No.

37 MR. VENTURA: Anthony Askounis?

38 MR. ASKOUNIS: Yes.

39 MR. VENTURA: Ray Lopez?

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MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

MR. VENTURA: Henry Ventura? No.
Motion still carries.

Next we have Public Comment. (None)
Our next regular meeting will be
October 4, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., East Chicago Council
Chambers, City Hall. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. BAKOTA: Second.

MR. VENTURA: Motion carries. Meeting
adjourned.

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

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
September 20, 2021

Approved and signed _____

Henry Ventura, President

Joseph Ochoa, Vice-President

John Bakota, Member

Anthony Askounis, Member

Ray Lopez, Member

Alysia Dunbar, 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 27th day of September, 2021.

Peggy S. LaLonde



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR