

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS  
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 6, 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  
Rebecca Sliger  
Jaylan Robinson

MR. RIVERA: I will now call to order the  
regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of Commissioners  
of East Chicago, for October 6, 2022.

Need a motion to approve the minutes  
of September 15, 2022, as written.

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

Motion carries.

We have four warrants for the

1 Sanitary District, Wastewater Division. I will read all  
2 four and make one motion to approve. First one is  
3 092922 SW, amount of \$7,118.00; 100622 SC, amount of  
4 \$5,387.50, 100622 SW, amount of \$146,076.48, next is  
5 100622 SR,. Amount of \$14,196.00. Need a motion to  
6 approve all four.

7 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

8 MS. CAULEY: Second.

9 MR. RIVERA: Any comments or questions  
10 pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?  
11 (All signify aye.)

12 Motion carries.

13 Next are Payroll Warrants. Again, I  
14 will read all six and make one motion to approve.  
15 Warrant 091622, Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of 8-27-22  
16 to 9-9-22; 091622 Wastewater Payroll, dates of 8-27-22  
17 to 9-9-22; 091622 Utilities Payroll, dates of 8-27-22 to  
18 9-9-22; 093022 Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of 9-10-22  
19 to 9-30-22; 093022 Wastewater Payroll, 9-10-22 to  
20 9-23-22; 093022 Utilities Payroll, dates of 9-10-22 to  
21 9-23-22.

22 MR. FLOWERS: Motion to approve.

23 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

Motion carries.

Next item, Sanitary District, Solid  
Waste Division, Warrant 093022 SS, amount of  
\$1,933,055.21; 100622 SS, amount of \$122,249.64. The  
other two are not correct, I'll read it from the warrant  
itself, the number is different. 091622 SS, dates of  
8-27-22 to 9-9-22. And the next one is warrant number  
093022, dates of 9-10-22 to 9-23-22. Motion to approve  
all four.

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

1 Motion carries.

2 Report of Field Operations: Ken  
3 Myers.

4 MR. MYERS: Good evening, Commissioners.  
5 I just want to give you an update on the emergency break  
6 that we had at our plant, just kind of get you up to  
7 speed and overview. Last Wednesday, as you are aware,  
8 after a rainy event early in the morning, our 42-inch  
9 force main that comes from the Alder lift station and  
10 provides 80 percent of the flow to our treatment plant  
11 had failed, that caused flooding of 152nd Street, as  
12 well as it spilled over onto Indianapolis Boulevard.

13 Once we investigated that early last  
14 Wednesday, we immediately shutdown the sanitary pumps to  
15 divert that flow that was coming through the break and  
16 causing the excessive flooding, and that discharge was  
17 then directed to the Grand Calumet River, which is an  
18 emergency bypass situation.

19 As such we notified IDEM of that  
20 release that we initiated and we have been dealing with  
21 doing the emergency response activities ever since.  
22 Those activities include we have been doing dewatering,  
23 pumping to again take the flooded waters off the roadway  
24 initially Wednesday, as well as to uncover the break so  
25 that it can be inspected and determine what repairs are  
needed. We are continuing to do that pumping and that  
water from the excavation area is being pumped into the  
wastewater treatment plant at the oxidation ditch  
location. Hasse Construction is doing the repairs.  
They have mobilized the pumps and manpower to do these  
things. We have had various pumps out there  
continuously pumping.

We have uncovered the break and we  
start implementing the installation of two line stops.  
They are necessary for us to attach to the 42-inch force  
main upstream of the break and to open up the excavation  
downstream of the break where we already have a place  
where we can connect bypass piping. Our plan is to  
install this bypass piping, which is an activity that's  
ongoing. The bypass pumping just arrived today, needs  
to be fuse welded. It's going to take us three days or  
so, maybe four, to get that in place. Once that piping  
is in place, we will transfer the pumps at Alder from  
the storm side to the sanitary side so that we can shut  
off that emergency discharge to the river and bring it  
back to the plant for treatment. And then after that's  
in place, we'll worry about the repair of the broken  
section of pipe.

1                   The pipe that's in place is Circa  
2 1941 is when it was installed. It's reinforced concrete  
3 pipe and steel lips on it, but failed on the bottom of  
4 the pipe. We have a section of 42-inch ductile iron  
5 pipe being transported and expected to receive next week  
6 so they can repair the broken section and restore the  
7 roadway. We are doing everything we can to get this  
8 bypass piping in place to expedite and stop the release  
9 to the Grand Cal River. Our highest priority is to go  
10 on to further complete the repairs.

11                   In long term, we are going to have  
12 to do some sort of analysis and come up with a game plan  
13 for us to do an inspection and determine the quality of  
14 that 1941 42-inch force main, which is roughly two miles  
15 to our Alder plant and we need to find out the condition  
16 of the remaining pipe to avoid this in the future. So I  
17 tried to keep it brief, if you have any questions.

18                   MR. RIVERA: Any questions of Mr. Myers?  
19 (None) Thank you.

20                   Next item is report of Rene Cid. No  
21 Report.

22                   Report from Financial Consultant,  
23 Bill Biller.

24                   MR. BILLER: You have a report in your  
25 packet. If the Board has any questions, I will be happy  
to answer them.

                  MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for  
Mr. Biller? (None) Thank you.

                  Next item is report from Legal  
Counsel, Joe Allegretti.

                  MR. ALLEGRETTI: I was just on the phone  
with Steve Sizer, the attorney for US EPA, Region 5.  
Our catastrophic break has gotten their attention and  
they are engaged and involved. They are sending us some  
kind of routine order fundamentally requiring us to do  
what we already promised to do with the Indiana  
Department of Environmental Management. So we are going  
to accept service of that order, comply with it, and  
deal with our emergency situation. Nothing out of the  
ordinary for this kind of a situation, and Mr. Myers is  
on top of it.

                  MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for  
Mr. Allegretti? (None)

1                   Next item, we have New Business.  
2     Proposals: The first one is Bakertilly Municipal  
3     Advisors, Long Term Control Plan Review. I believe this  
4     is our recommendation, correct?

5                   MR. MYERS: There is two proposals in the  
6     packet you have. This one for the Long Term Control  
7     Plan and the second one, which is for Municipal Advisory  
8     Services for their debt insurance and arbitrage.

9                   Bakertilly is our financial  
10    consultant out of Indianapolis that's been providing  
11    these services. These are additional scopes of work  
12    that they have to work on. We have the rates and  
13    everything else, but we need to give them the direction  
14    with these new standard hourly rates to complete the  
15    task at hand. Like I said, the first one is for the  
16    Long Term Control Plan. The other one is for  
17    negotiations with our debt services.

18                  MR. RIVERA: You need any action from the  
19    Board on this?

20                  MR. MYERS: We need approval, then we can  
21    proceed.

22                  MR. RIVERA: Need a motion to approve  
23    both Bakertilly proposals, Municipal Advisor, Long Term  
24    Control Plan Review and Municipal Advisor services for  
25    debt insurance and arbitrage.

26                  MR. FLOWERS: Mr. Myers, were you  
27    referring to page 2, the standard hourly rates by the  
28    advisor?

29                  MR. MYERS: Yes. Bakertilly, they are  
30    already involved with all the financial work that they  
31    were doing with our Long Term Control Plan and with the  
32    State Revolving Loan Funds.

33                  MR. FLOWERS: I did read that. The  
34    current rates there as of September 1st, current rate  
35    scale from last year?

36                  MR. MYERS: That's the range of cost that  
37    they have for those specific job classifications that  
38    they use. We work with Andre Riley and Mitch Wyler,  
39    those are our two basic personnel that work on these and  
40    they have been long involved with our finances for a  
41    long period of time, well before I came on board here.

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

5 Next item is Project Request Form:  
6 Xylem Water Solutions USA, parts to rebuild 3127 pumps  
7 in dewatering lift station, for the amount of \$6,620.40.

8 MR. MYERS: Yes. Commissioners, this is  
9 for repairs to two pumps, the dewatering pump station at  
10 our plant. Pumps process water that was recycled  
11 through the plant back to our head works. We had a  
12 failure of one of our pumps. We had a new pump that was  
13 recently installed as a replacement and this is for two  
14 basic repair kits so that we have materials on hand, so  
15 that in future failures we can immediately, our main  
16 attention crew can immediately replace any  
17 malfunctioning pump that we have. It's a critical pump  
18 required for our daily work. This is for two repair  
19 kits to take care of one bad pump that we already had on  
20 the shelf and the one that we just removed and put a new  
21 pump in service. This is in order to maintain the two  
22 spare pumps as backups.

23 MR. RIVERA: Do I have a motion to accept  
24 project request form?

25 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

Next item, we have quotes. We have  
Bobcat MT100 mini track loader, for the amount of  
\$32,095.00.

MR. ROBINSON: So this is a quote for a  
mini track loader to help with services throughout the  
City. Mainly as the snow season is upon us, we have,  
when we do snow removal, we have a lot of obstacles on  
the main streets, such as Broadway, that will help with  
getting tight corners, get the snow off the streets.  
And this vendor that we are looking to is part of Source  
Real Program.

MR. RIVERA: You operate this, you stand

1 on the back?

2 MR. ROBINSON: Yep, you stand on the back  
3 of it.

4 MR. RIVERA: I see. So this will get  
5 some tight corners and places.

6 MR. ROBINSON: This machine will get  
7 places our traditional Bobcat wouldn't be able to get,  
8 such as around the benches and garbage cans. This  
9 machine will be able to get through any tight spot.

10 MS. CAULEY: When you get a chance, can  
11 you see me regarding that because I may want to purchase  
12 one as well? Make a motion.

13 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

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

18 Next item is Best Equipment Company,  
19 Labrie Equipment Repairs. This is a service quote,  
20 correct?

21 MR. ROBINSON: Correct. This is much  
22 needed service on one of our older garbage trucks, which  
23 is a one arm garbage truck that picks up the cans out of  
24 the alley. This one is 2013, one of the oldest ones.  
25 It went down on us a couple weeks ago and this is just a  
service quote for all the things that are needed for  
repair for the truck to be put back in service. Best  
Equipment is the EPPEM, that's who we buy the vehicles  
from.

MR. FLOWERS: The amount is \$42,408.00.  
Is this needed?

MR. ROBINSON: Yes, it's a City garbage  
truck.

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

1 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

2 Next item, we have three invoices to  
3 be paid for the same place, Element Materials.

4 MR. MYERS: Yes, Commissioners, we have  
5 three invoices for Element Materials, which is our  
6 analytical laboratory. The first invoice for \$3,939.07,  
pretreatment monitoring. That's our industrial client  
that we do monthly monitoring on. That invoice did not  
show up on time until our August billing.

7 The second one is the amount of  
\$5,569.90, that is our water treatment plant monitoring  
required by the discharge permit.

8 And the last one in the amount of  
\$1,738.67 is for pre treatment and that's our September  
9 billing for analytical services that are provided by  
Element.

10 As a side note, we were going to be  
11 preparing a request for proposal for competitive bids on  
our analytical services for next year. So I will be  
12 bringing forward a recommendation to the Board at some  
time in the future, before the end of the year.

13 MR. RIVERA: Is there a motion to approve  
the invoices for Element?

14 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

15 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

18 Motion carries.

19 The next item is past due invoice  
from Milne Supply Company, for the amount of \$1,905.98.  
20 The delinquency reason, states here, Sanitary District  
office received attached invoice in our office mail from  
21 City Hall on 10-3-22. It was mailed to City Hall. City  
Hall spelled with one L. Motion needed to approve past  
due invoice.

22 MR. FLOWERS: Motion.

23 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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



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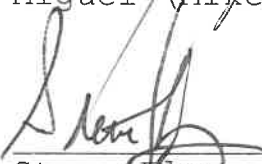
(All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.  
Next item, Unfinished Business:  
None. Public Comment: None.  
Next meeting date is October 20,  
2022, at 4:30 p.m., at the East Chicago City Hall  
Council Chambers. Motion for adjournment.  
MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.  
MS. CAULEY: Second.  
MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye?  
(All signify aye.)  
Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.  
\*\*\*\*\* Meeting adjourned \*\*\*\*\*

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday  
October 6, 2022

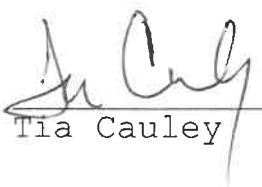
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 11th of October, 2022.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*

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