

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
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Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 7, 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
Miguel Rivera
Present Telephonic Conference: Ben Moricz,
Tia Cauley, Jawann Jones

Staff Present in Chambers:
Ken Myers, Bill Biller

Staff Present Telephonic: Joseph Allegretti

MR. FLOWERS: First is approval of
minutes from September 16th, 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 is check warrants.

SANITARY DISTRICT WASTEWATER DIVISION
WARRANT 100721 SW - amount \$107,684.77

MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept.

1 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

6 WARRANT 1007121 SR - amount of \$31,407.72

7 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve warrant.

8 MR. JONES: Second.

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

13 PAYROLL WARRANTS

14 WARRANT 091721 - Sanitary Board Payroll
15 Dates of 8-28-21 to 9-10-21

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?
20 (All signify aye.)
21 Motion carries.

22 WARRANT 0917021 - Wastewater Payroll
23 Dates of 8-28-21 to 9-10-21

24 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept warrant,

25 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

WARRANT 091721 - Utilities Payroll
Dates of 8-28-21 to 9-10-21

MR. MORICZ: 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.)
3 Motion carries.

4 WARRANT 100121 - Sanitary Board Payroll
Dates of 9-11-21 to 9-24-21

5 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve warrant.

6 MR. JONES: Second.

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

10 WARRANT 100121 - Wastewater Payroll
Dates of 9-11-21 to 9-24-21

11 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve warrant.

12 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

16 WARRANT 100121 - Utilities Payroll
Dates of 9-11-21 to 9-24-21

17 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

18 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

22 SANITARY DISTRICT - SOLID WASTE DIVISION
WARRANT 100721 SS - amount of \$85,386.86

23 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve warrant.

24 MR. MORICZ: Second.

25 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to

1 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
2 Motion carries.

3 WARRANT 091721 - Solids Payroll
4 Dates of 8-28-21 to 9-10-21

5 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

6 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

9 WARRANT 100121 - Solids Payroll
10 Dates of 9-11-21 to 9-24-21

11 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve warrant.

12 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

15 Next report of Field Operations, Mr.
Ken Myers.

16 MR. MYERS: Good evening, Commissioners.
17 I just want to give you a quick update and keep you
apprised of what is going on. The big project is our
18 Phase 2 construction activities for CSO. Just want to
say that we are nearing substantial completion earlier
19 than what we anticipated. A lot of major work has been
done. What we are working on presently is at Alder.
20 The last of the three pump replacements has been
completed. They have be tested.

21 We are working on the SCADA
connection, which is the communication between the pump
22 station and our wastewater operators; and they can see
it at a desktop. That should be completed by the end of
this week.

23 The valve vault that we put in at
151st is operational except for the SCADA connection.
24 Actually tomorrow we'll be doing a walk through for the
road restoration activity and that involves our City
25 engineer to make sure everything is acceptable for the

1 install. The SCADA work is continuing as far as making
those connections to our wastewater plant.

2 And the other thing that's remaining
3 is that the modified pumps and the repaired pumps at
145th lift station, we are waiting on the delivery of
4 those back to the contractor and those are planning to
be installed shortly.

5 One issue that we identified, and I
will bring it up to you now, is that at the Alder lift
6 station, through years of use and lack of routine
maintenance, there is a large buildup of sediment,
7 sludge, waste, grease, in the wet well there, and in
fact somewhat impacts our new pumps. So we have done an
8 inspection there and kind of got a sense of what we were
up against as far as the amount of material that's down
9 there, but we are working out a plan. We have to get
our engineer involved because there is going to be quite
10 an effort. We need to divert the flow from Alder around
the lift station into our forced vein, which will entail
11 significant pumping involved. It has to be scheduled in
dry events. And I will just remind you that when we did
12 the bidding for this work, we took out a piece of work,
which was going to be that diversion to replace a piece
13 of equipment we deemed not necessary and there is a
significant cost with that. Probably a million dollars
to do a diversion.

14 The other things that we learned
about, that as you know, that plant, the lift station I
15 want to say was built in the 1940s. It's been modified
once or twice previously, but as part of that diversion
16 there are gates that are suppose to be manually lowered
down, but those things have not been operated in 25,
17 30 years. So they are seized in their position. It's
going to make things difficult and we are looking to
18 Engineering for that. So we will come in front of you
with a proposal for the engineering cost.

19 The good news is that there are cost
savings under our existing contract. So the contract is
20 with Kokosing and they will be able to complete the work
once we give them approval. It will be a change order
21 and it will be covered by the existing GSC contract.

22 The other things, the wastewater
treatment plant, the quantity of our wastewater is
improving. We have had equipment down and we've been
23 cleaning, both for the construction and cleaning of the
Alder collection main, as well as the plant. We are
24 having some problems with our clarifiers we had done
earlier this year and that's returning back to normal.
25 We have fewer violations experienced on a monthly basis.

1 We have caught up on our monthly reporting with the
2 State. Since our chief operator retired, we had
3 submitted our monthly reports late. We have submitted
4 them for June, July, and August already. September,
5 which is due at the end of this month, is in
6 preparation.

7 And the other good news is our
8 filter press, one of the two filter presses we have
9 that's been down for an extended period of time, the
10 parts have come in. We expect it to be online tomorrow
11 with the new motor and electrical connection being
12 finalized.

13 That concludes my update. If you
14 have any questions -- thank you.

15 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Myers.
16 Report from Solid Waste, Rene Cid. No Report. Report
17 from Financial Consultant.

18 MR. BILLER: No report.

19 MR. FLOWERS: Report from legal counsel.

20 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report.

21 MR. FLOWERS: New business: Request for
22 purchase order dated 9-16-21, XYLEM, amount of
23 \$18,747.37, and this information is in the packet
24 Commissioners.

25 MR. MYERS: Just for further
clarification, those are two pumps for our scum pits at
the wastewater treatment plant. XYLEM is the
manufacturer. This is for replacement of pumps that
have been in service for a long time. We are purchasing
two pumps and several spare parts so that we can repair
one of the pumps that we remove and have a spare pump on
the shelf for future maintenance activities. So we are
just looking for approval for the purchase of that
equipment.

MR. RIVERA: Pump 1 and 3, are they very
old?

MR. MYERS: I don't have the actual date,
but they are old like everything at our plant.

MR. RIVERA: I make a motion to approve
the purchase order.

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MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.
Unfinished Business: None
Public Comment: None
Next meeting date is October 21st,
2021, at 4:30, here in chambers or via phone conference.
Is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. RIVERA: Motion to adjourn.

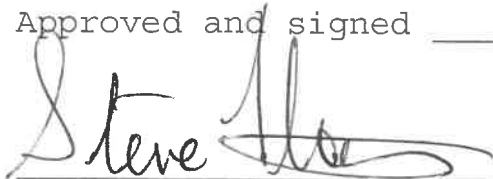
MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

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

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
October 7, 2021

Approved and signed October 21, 2021



Steve Flowers, President

Ben Moricz, Vice-President

Tia Cauley

/s/ TIA CAULEY
/s/ JAWANN JONES
/s/ ALOJZY MORICZ
/s/ MIGUEL RIVERA

Miguel (Mike) Rivera

Jawann Jones



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 13th day of September, 2021.

Peggy S. LaLonde

Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR



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