

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS  
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Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 21, 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  
Present Telephonic Conference: Ben Moricz,  
Miguel Rivera, Tia Cauley, Jawann Jones  
Staff Present in Chambers:  
Ken Myers, Joseph Allegretti

Staff Present Telephonic: Rene Cid

MR. FLOWERS: This is the meeting of the  
East Chicago, Indiana, Board of Sanitary Commissioners.  
First is approval of minutes from October 7, 2021. Is  
there a motion?

MR. JONES: Motion to approve minutes.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

SANITARY DISTRICT - WASTEWATER DIVISION  
WARRANT 101521 SW - \$91,381.04

MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

1 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve warrant.

2 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

6 WARRANT 102121 SC - \$500,765.91

7 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

8 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept warrant.

9 MR. JONES: Second.

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

12 WARRANT 102121 SW - \$78,463.51

13 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

14 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

15 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

19 WARRANT 102121 SR - \$18,644.65.

20 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

21 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept warrant.

22 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

25 PAYROLL WARRANTS:

1 WARRANT 101521 - Sanitary Board Payroll  
2 Dates of 9-25-21 to 10-8-21

3 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

4 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

5 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

10 WARRANT 101521 - Wastewater Payroll  
11 Dates of 9-25-21 to 10-8-21

12 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

13 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

14 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

19 WARRANT 101521 - Utilities Payroll  
20 Dates of 9-25-21 to 10-21

21 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

22 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept warrant.

23 MR. JONES: Second.

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

WARRANT 100821 - Wastewater Payroll  
Dates of 10-8-21 to 10-8-21

MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

1 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

5 SANITARY DISTRICT - SOLID WASTE DIVISION  
WARRANT 102121 SS - \$19,638.63.

6 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

7 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve warrant.

8 MR. JONES: Second.

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

12 WARRANT 101521 - Solids Payroll  
Dates of 9-25-21 to 10-8-21

13 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

14 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve warrant.

15 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

19 WARRANT 100821 - Solids Payroll  
Dates of 10-8-21 to 10-8-21

20 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

21 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

22 MR. RIVERA: Second.

23 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to  
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?  
24 (All signify aye.)  
25 Motion carries. Moving to reports.  
Report of Field Operations, Mr. Ken Myers.

1 MR. MYERS: Good Evening, Commissioners.  
2 Briefly I just want to bring you up to speed on our  
3 activities. First and foremost, I have completed my  
4 portion of the testimony, so our attorney is going to be  
5 filing with the IURC our rate case hearing and that will  
6 be scheduled as soon as possible. I expect that filing  
7 to go in tomorrow, if not tomorrow, by early next week.

8 Other things that have been  
9 happening, our CSO, Phase 2, is nearing substantial  
10 completion. The majority of our large mechanical and  
11 electrical items have already been installed. Most of  
12 it is operational. We are going through the final  
13 installation and testing of several pumps and valves.  
14 And the biggest part that's remaining is some of the  
15 programming for the computer logic for the automated or  
16 remote operation of the valves and pumps.

17 We have ongoing work with Alder  
18 sewer, the main collection line that feeds our lift  
19 station there, that's ongoing, as well as the sewers in  
20 the Roxana neighborhood.

21 Lastly, we are planning on working  
22 on doing the inspection and clean out of our clarifiers.  
23 We were going to be cleaning three of the five  
24 clarifiers this week. The other two have been  
25 previously cleaned when we were doing repairs earlier  
this year. However, the crane at our wastewater plant  
broke down and is scheduled for repairs next week, and  
the work will be rescheduled for the clarifiers next  
week.

And lastly, the quarterly non  
compliance report from the pre treatment program, as  
well as our monthly operations report and discharge  
monitoring reports, which are due next week, are in  
preparation and will be submitted next week prior to  
their due dates. That concludes my presentation.

MR. FLOWERS: Any questions,  
Commissioners? (None) Thank you, Mr. Myers. Report  
from Solid Waste, Rene Cid.

MR. CID: Good evening, Board. I'd like  
to say that Public Works is asking all residents of East  
Chicago to bring their totes for recycling to the  
curbside so we can give them service, so we can pick  
them up and dump them. We were doing this, bringing  
them back to the curb, because we are trying to keep the  
garbage out of the containers. And I also think that  
will help us out a lot by bringing these totes back to  
the curb. We are getting too much garbage in the alley,

1 construction debris and everything else in there, and it  
contaminates the whole load.

2 We are under a program with Solid  
3 Waste of Lake County and we also have been awarded a  
4 grant, so we'd like to keep up our weight at the dump  
site for recycle. And again, this grant helps us offset  
some of the cost of new recycle trucks.

5 So, once again, this is what we are  
6 doing at Public Works. And our target date for bringing  
these totes out to the curb is November 1st on the  
regular schedule route. That's all I have right now.  
Thank you.

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8 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Cid. Report  
from Financial Consultant. The Wastewater cash report  
of September 2021 and recap of two Sanitary bonds.

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10 MR. MYERS: I believe both of those items  
are in your packets.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions,  
12 Commissioners? (None) Report from legal counsel.

13 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report.

14 MR. FLOWERS: New Business. Resolution  
15 SD 21-09, transfer of appropriations into different  
budget categories. It's in the packet, Commissioners,  
16 there is the categories listed there in your packets  
for your review. Mr. Allegretti?

17 MR. ALLEGRETTI: This is purely an  
accounting housekeeping process which we engage in  
18 often. The Controller's office requires spending from  
different budget categories prior to authorizing a PO  
19 and we are just moving money around towards the end of  
the year to make sure we can meet our expenses. It's  
nothing controversial.

20 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

21 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

22 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

25 Motion carries. Next New business

1 is request for purchase order, ES JS 2.0 with sled  
2 extension, amount of \$12,250.00.

3 MR. MYERS: Briefly to explain, there is  
4 a specialized camera to inspect the sewers. It's a jet  
5 camera to be used with our jetter truck. It complements  
6 our regular camera truck that we have. It's something  
7 we can deploy a little quicker and usually use in an  
8 emergency situation for investigating breaks or  
9 blockages. So we are just looking for approval for the  
10 expenditure to make this purchase.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Commissioners, the  
12 information is in your packet also. Is there a motion?

13 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

14 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Unfinished Business: None

Public Comments: None

17 Next meeting date is November 4,  
18 2021, at 4:30, here in the chambers.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

19 MR. RIVERA: Motion to adjourn.

20 MR. MORICZ: Second.

21 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

22 \*\*\*\*\* Meeting adjourned \*\*\*\*\*  
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday  
October 21, 2021

Approved and signed November 4, 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 27th day of October, 2021.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*

Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR



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