

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

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Steve Flowers, President  
Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Vice-President  
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Jawann Jones, Member  
Miguel (Mike) Rivera, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes  
(Via Telephone Conference)  
Thursday, November 4, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates  
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Steve Flowers.

Present Via Telephone: Ben Moricz, Tia Cauley,  
Mike Rivera, Jawann Jones.

Staff Present: Present in Chambers: Alysia Dunbar, Ken  
Myers, Winna Guzman, Joseph Allegretti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 21, 2021

Motion to approve October 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes made by  
Mike Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

CHECK WARRANTS:

Sanitary District, Wastewater Division

MR. FLOWERS: Check Warrants. Sanitary District,  
Wastewater Division. A) 102721 SW. Total amount is \$102.

Motion to approve Check Warrant 102721 SW made by Mike  
Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
3 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

4 MR. FLOWERS: B) 110421 SW. Total amount is \$83,612.09.

5 Motion to approve Check Warrant 110421 SW made by Jawann  
6 Jones. Second by Mike Rivera.

7 Questions/Comments: None.

8 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
9 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

10 Payroll Warrants

11 MR. FLOWERS: Payroll Warrants. C) 102921 Sanitary  
12 Board Payroll from 10/9/21 to 10/22/21.

13 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 102921 Sanitary Board  
14 Payroll 10/9/21 to 10/22/21 made by Jawann Jones. Second by  
15 Ben Moricz.

16 Questions/Comments: None.

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

19 MR. FLOWERS: D) 102921 Wastewater Payroll from 10/9/21  
20 to 10/22/21.

21 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 102921 Wastewater Payroll  
22 10/9/21 to 10/22/21 made by Mike Rivera. Second by Tia  
23 Cauley.

24 Questions/Comments: None.

25 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

MR. FLOWERS: E) 102921 Utilities Payroll 10/9/21 to  
10/22/21.

Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 102921 Utilities Payroll  
10/9/21 to 10/22/21 made by Jawann Jones. Second by Ben  
Moricz.

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1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
3 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

4 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

5 MR. FLOWERS: Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division.  
6 F) 102521 SS. The total amount is \$450.

7 Motion to approve Check Warrant 102521 SS made by Mike  
8 Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

9 Questions/Comments: None.

10 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
11 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

12 MR. FLOWERS: G) 110421 SS. Total amount is \$1,525.73.

13 Motion to approve Check Warrant 110421 SS made by Jawann  
14 Jones. Second by Tia Cauley.

15 Questions/Comments: None.

16 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
17 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

18 MR. FLOWERS: H) 102921 Solids Payroll 10/9/21 to  
19 10/22/21.

20 Motion to approve Check Warrant 102921 Solids Payroll 10/9/21  
21 to 10/22/21 made by Mike Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

22 Questions/Comments: None.

23 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
24 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

25 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS:

MR. FLOWERS: Report of Field Operations, Mr. Ken Myers.

MR. MYERS: Good evening, Commissioners. Just real  
briefly I want to bring you up to date with a couple of  
items.

Today the Sanitary District, myself and  
Mr. Allegretti held a conference call with our consultant,

1 BF&S and with representatives of Safety Clean.

2 We had completed a study in looking at our cyanide  
3 values and the possibility of modifying the local limits so  
4 that we can address concerns that we have with Safety Clean.

5 We presented our findings to them, discussed it  
6 during the call. We're going to let them review, digest the  
7 data and get back to us in a few weeks.

8 The other item I just want to make you aware of is  
9 we only have two to three Board Meetings remaining this year.  
10 So the staff is preparing to put out for public bid two of  
11 our major contracts, the yearly contracts for analytical  
12 services and also the contract for the transportation and  
13 disposal of vital solids.

14 So once we present those, submit those bids and  
15 receive proposals back we'll be coming back to you in the  
16 future for your approval of those contracts.

17 Thank you. If you have any questions, I am here to  
18 answer.

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

20 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE: None.

21 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: None.

22 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

23 NEW BUSINESS:

24 MR. FLOWERS: New Business. Resolution SD 21-10, Third  
25 Quarter Authorizing the Write-Off of Certain Delinquent Water  
Charges and Penalties.

26 In the packet Resolution SD 21-10, I won't read it  
27 to you, Commissioners. But here in the second paragraph it  
28 says attached is a list of delinquent and unpaid water  
29 charges and penalties from 11/15/19 through 9/30/21 totaling  
30 \$8,686.08 that are now deemed uncollectable due to vacancies,  
31 bad debt, bankruptcies, tax sales and/or have been  
32 extinguished by reason of sheriff sales or tax deeds.

33 Motion to approve Resolution SD 21-10 made by Mike Rivera.  
34 Second by Tia Cauley.

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1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
3 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

4 MR. FLOWERS: New Business continues. Request for  
5 Purchase Order, Cummins Repair of Radio Tower Automatic  
6 Transfer Switch \$5,000.

7 I have a question. On the agenda here, I don't  
8 know who addresses this, Mr. Myers or Allegretti, it says  
9 \$5,000 for the switch. But in the packet it's indicated and  
10 maybe I might have missed something, \$1,360.02. Did I miss  
11 something here or is it a typo?

12 MR. MYERS: No. The \$5,000 value was assigned to the  
13 purchase order request. Right now the estimate is \$1,360 to  
14 cover, evaluate the repairs. There may be additional costs  
15 involved with that.

16 These were incurred because again we had a roof  
17 leak at our facility near the tower prompting an emergency  
18 call for them to come out evaluate and make quick repairs.  
19 But we still have to replace the automatic transfer switch  
20 going forward.

21 So the PO was created in the \$5,000 amount with  
22 some work that may be pending.

23 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions, Commissioners?

24 So the figure is \$5,000, Mr. Myers?

25 MR. MYERS: That's what the purchase order will be  
created for. But we will pay accordingly to the estimate for  
the call out and the quote for repairs.

The transfer switch, a full investigation of what's  
going to be needed wasn't able to be performed at this time  
to give us a complete estimate. We just left room in the  
purchase order to cover those extras especially here at the  
end of the year.

MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion, Commissioners?

MR. MYERS: I will point out this is critical equipment  
with the Marine. When it goes out, the transfer switches to  
switch over power from the generator.

1           When this happened, we lost power for what that  
2 service feed provides which is a lot of our data  
3 communications, our servers and such for the Wastewater Plant  
4 and I believe also some City communications.

5           MR. ALLEGRETTI: They may not be hearing this. They may  
6 not be hearing the explanation. I don't know.

7           MR. FLOWERS: Well, it states in the packet that the ATS  
8 is down due to water damage from roof leakage. First call is  
9 to assess the damages as Mr. Myers just mentioned.

10          MR. MYERS: Yes. The \$1,360 that's on that is the first  
11 call which they came out evaluated, made patchwork repairs so  
12 that the system was up and running. But they have to go back  
13 revisit and find exactly what additional parts and repairs  
14 are necessary.

15          MR. ALLEGRETTI: Looking for a motion to approve, Board  
16 Commissioners.

17          MR. FLOWERS: Commissioners, can you hear Mr. Myers and  
18 Joe Allegretti?

19          MR. ALLEGRETTI: Is everyone there?

20          MR. MYERS: Did everyone hear the explanation for that  
21 request for the \$5,000 above the initial call cost that we  
22 have provided in that packet?

23          MS. CAULEY: Yes. This is Tia. I heard it.

24          MR. ALLEGRETTI: We're looking for a motion to approve  
25 please. It's a critical piece of equipment that has to be  
repaired or else the Wastewater Treatment Plant can't  
function properly. We're looking for a motion authorizing  
the expenditure please.

          MR. FLOWERS: Should we table, Mr. Allegretti? I know  
it's important.

          MR. ALLEGRETTI: Would someone please make a motion to  
authorize this expenditure and vote it up or vote it down or  
ask a question about it please?

Motion to approve Cummins Purchase Order made by Tia Cauley.  
Second by Mike Rivera.

1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
3 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

4 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, November  
7 18, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

8 Motion to adjourn made by Mike Rivera. Second by Ben Moricz.

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

11 \* Meeting ended at 4:46 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
Thursday, November 4, 2021

Approved and Signed 11/18/21

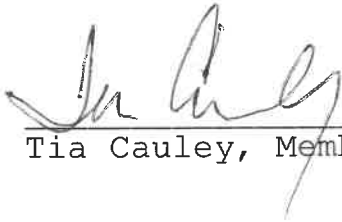


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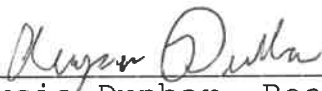
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Alysia Dunbar, Board Secretary




C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lisa Pena, 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 said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Portage, Indiana, this 16th day of November, 2021.

  
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Lisa Pena  
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