

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEMBERS

Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President  
Loreto Gonzalez, Vice-President  
Tia Cauley, Member  
Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Member  
Steven Flowers, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 19, 2020, 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: Miguel Rivera  
Tia Cauley  
Ben Moricz  
Steve Flowers

Also Present: John Martinez, Director of Wastewater  
Operations  
Joseph Allegretti, Legal Counsel  
Keith Selvie, Director of Public Works  
Dr. Abdul Zehraoui, Director of Utilities

MR. RIVERA: First item, approval of  
minutes from March 5, 2020. Do I have a motion?

Motion to approve minutes of March 5, 2020, as  
submitted, made by Steve Flowers. Second by Tia Cauley.

MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.  
(All signify aye.)

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next, Check Warrants for Sanitary  
District Waste Water Division.  
WARRANT 033120 SW - \$79,626.04

Motion to approve Warrant 033120 SW, in the amount of  
\$79,626.04 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Steve Flowers.

MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.  
(All signify aye.)

1 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

2 WARRANT 031920 SW - \$67,977.24

3 Motion to approve Warrant 0319020 SW, in the amount of  
4 \$67,977.24 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Tia Cauley.

5 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.  
6 (All signify aye.)

7 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

8 Next, is Sanitary Board Payroll.

9 WARRANT 030620 - Sanitary Board Payroll

10 Dates of 2/15/20 to 2/28/20

11 Motion to approve Warrant 030620, Sanitary Board Payroll  
12 for dates of 2/15/20 to 2/28/20, made by Tia Cauley.  
13 Second by Steve Flowers.

14 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.  
15 (All signify aye.)

16 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

17 Next, Utilities Board Payroll.

18 WARRANT 030620 - Utilities Board Payroll

19 Dates of 2/15/20 to 2/28/20

20 Motion to approve Warrant 030620, Utilities Board  
21 Payroll for dates of 2/15/20 to 2/28/20, made by Tia  
22 Cauley. Second by Steve Flowers.

23 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.  
24 (All signify aye.)

25 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next, 030620 Wastewater Payroll.

WARRANT 030620 - Wastewater Payroll

Dates of 2/15/20 to 2/28/20

Motion to approve Warrant 030620, Wastewater payroll for  
dates of 2/15/20 to 2/28/20, made by Tia Cauley. Second  
by Ben Moricz.

MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.  
(All signify aye.)

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next, Sanitary District, Solid Waste  
Division.

WARRANT 031920 SS - \$35,071.60

Motion to approve Warrant 031920 SS, in the amount of

1 \$35,071.60 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

2 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.

(All signify aye.)

3 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

Next, 030620, Solids Payroll.

4 WARRANT 030620 - Solids Payroll

Dates of 2/15/20 to 2/28/20

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6 Motion to approve Warrant 030620, Solids Payroll for  
7 dates of 2/15/20 to 2/28/20 made by Tia Cauley. Second  
8 by Steve Flowers.

9 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.

(All signify aye.)

10 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

11 Next, report from Utility Director,  
12 Dr. Zehraoui.

13 DR. ZEHRAOUI: No report.

14 MR. RIVERA: Next item, report from Field  
15 Operations, John Martinez.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: The only thing I have to  
17 report, just to let the Board know, we had ordered three  
18 pickup trucks and we got them in finally. We are still  
19 waiting for our crane truck to come in and it's due to  
20 come in the end of this month. So I'll report the next  
21 time -- when we get it, I'll let the Board know. But  
22 thanks again.

23 MR. RIVERA: Next item is report from  
24 Solid Waste, Keith Selvie.

25 MR. SELVIE: No report at this time.

MR. RIVERA: Next is Bill Biller, who is  
not here, but we have his report. Receipts for February  
\$89,683; disbursements \$42,628. February ending cash  
balance with Operation/Maintenance Fund \$1,888,859, and  
Replacement Fund, \$1,849,969. That concludes the report  
for month of February.

Next item is report from legal  
counsel, Joe Allegretti.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: I'm happy to report we  
were successful in the General Assembly of our bill to  
allow the Sanitary District -- East Chicago Sanitary

1 District to file a rate case with the Indiana Utility  
2 Regulatory Commission, instead of modifying user  
3 charges, rather than getting Council approval. It has  
4 been approved and signed by the Governor. Dr. Zehraoui  
and I are meeting with the Finance team to get some  
short-term finance, so we can proceed to finish Phase 2  
of the long term CSO control plan.

Also I've been preparing with our  
financial advisor our rate case to be filed with IURC to  
get the necessary money to pay debt service on a bond  
issue, and also to increase or modify the rates to bring  
in some needed revenue, so Dr. Zehraoui run the  
utilities.

8 MR. RIVERA: Any questions for Mr.  
9 Allegretti? (None)

10 Next item is New Business. We have  
11 the emergencies. First one, purchase order SDI,  
Sanitary. Scope of work, it says here, emergency call  
out to service the gate at WWTP, for the amount of  
\$2,000.

12 Motion to approve purchase order of SDI for \$2,000 made  
13 by Tia Cauley. Second by Steve Flowers.

14 Questions/Comments: None

15 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.  
(All signify aye.)

16 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

17 Next is Synargo Central LLC,  
actually two invoices. One is for \$25,790.44, and the  
other is \$12,976.92. The scope of work here, removal of  
sludge disposal.

18 Motion to approve two invoices to Synargo Central LLC  
19 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Steve Flowers.

20 Questions/Comments: None

21 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.  
(All signify aye.)

22 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

23 Next is Altofer Cat, service of  
generators, \$5,970.00. Scope of work, states here  
service of generator on Magoun Avenue pump station,  
24 caterpillar.

25 Motion to approve Altofer Cat invoice of \$5,970.00 made

1 by Tia Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

2 Questions/Comments: None

3 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.  
(All signify aye.)

4 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

5 Next is 610 Auto LLC, service for  
generators, \$5,951.99, special call for generator pump  
station.

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7 Motion to approve invoice from 610 Auto LLC made by Tia  
Cauley. Second by Steve Flowers.

8 Questions/Comments: None

9 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.  
(All signify aye.)

10 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

11 Next item, Public comment. (None)  
12 Next meeting date is April 2, 2020, 4:30 p.m. For  
informational purposes I'll need a motion that meetings  
will be held via phone instead of gathering here.

13 Motion to conduct meetings via telephone until further  
notice. Second by Steve Flowers.

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15 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.  
(All signify aye.)

16 MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

17 I will be out of town for the next  
meeting.

18 MS. CAULEY: We'll make arrangements that  
one of us be here.

19 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I've got some memoranda  
20 to send out regarding interpreting the Governor's  
executive order and comments from the State Board of  
21 Accounts, what our obligations are regarding the Open  
Door Law. I'll send that to everybody by e-mail.

22 MR. RIVERA: Next meeting data is April  
2, 2020, 4:30 p.m.. Motion to adjourn?

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24 Motion to adjourn meeting made by Steve Flowers. Second  
by Ben Moricz.

25 MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye.

(All signify aye.)  
MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.

\*\*\*\*\* Meeting adjourned \*\*\*\*\*

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of Thursday  
March 19, 2020

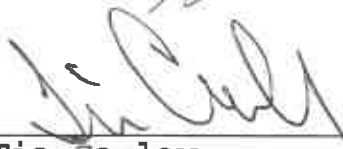
Approved and signed \_\_\_\_\_



Miguel Rivera, President



Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Vice-president



Tia Cauley



Loreto Gonzalez



Steve Flowers



Anthony Herrera



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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 20th day of March, 2020.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR