

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2023, 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, Ben Moricz, Tia Cauley, Jawann Jones

Staff Present in Chambers: Joseph Allegretti, Legal
Ken Myers, Operations
Rene Cid, Solid Waste
Jalan Robinson, Public Works
Rebecca Sliger, Financial
Ateria Allen, Board Secretary

Staff Present via Zoom: Bill Biller

MR. RIVERA: I will now call to order the
regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of Commissioners
of East Chicago, for January 19, 2023.

First is election of officers. I
make a motion and nominate Steve Flowers as President.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. RIVERA: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.
Next we have nominations for

Vice-President.

MR. FLOWERS: I make a motion and
nominate Miguel Rivera for Vice-President.

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MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

MR. RIVERA: Motion carries.
The Board now designates Ateria
Allen as Board secretary.

MS. CAULEY: So move.

MR. FLOWERS: Second.

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

At this time I hand over the meeting
to the new president for the year 2023, Mr. Steve
Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Rivera.
First item is approval of meeting
minutes from December 15, 2022.

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: Any comments or questions
on the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Next is Check Warrants. Sanitary
District, Wastewater Division. I'll read them all and
we'll have one motion.

Warrant 123022 SW, total amount of
\$272,595.66.

Warrant 010923 SW, amount of
\$59,904.61.

Warrant 011923 SW, amount of
\$120,143.74.

Warrant 011923 SR, amount of
\$139,380.04.

Warrant 011923 BI, amount of
\$472,706.26.

Can I have a motion?

MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to approve all
five warrants.

1 MS. CAULEY: Second.

2 MR. FLOWERS: Any comments or questions
3 on the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)

4 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Next we have Payroll Warrants. I'm
going to group them again.

5 Warrant 12162 Wastewater Payroll,
6 dates of 12-16-22 to 12-16-22.

7 Warrant 121622 Utility Payroll,
8 dates of 12-16-22 to 12-16-22.

9 Warrant 122322 Sanitary Board
10 Payroll, dates of 12-3-22 to 12-16-22.

11 Warrant 122322, Wastewater Payroll,
12 dates of 12-3-22 to 12-16-22.

13 Warrant 122322, Utility Payroll,
14 dates of 12-3-22 to 12-16-22.

15 Warrant 010623 Sanitary Board
16 Payroll, dates of 12-17-22 to 12-30-22.

17 Warrant 010623 Wastewater Payroll,
18 dates of 12-17-22 to 12-30-22.

19 Warrant 010623, Utility Payroll,
20 dates of 12-17-22 to 12-30-22.

21 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to approve all
22 eight payroll warrants.

23 MR. JONES: Second.

24 MR. FLOWERS: Any comments or questions
25 on the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Next we have Sanitary District,
Solid Waste Division.

Warrant 123022 SS, amount of
\$2,380,086.04.

Warrant 011923 SS, amount of
\$107,139.44.

Warrant 121622, Solids Payroll,
dates of 12-16-22 to 12-16-22.

Warrant 122322, Solids Payroll,
dates of 12-3-22 to 12-16-22.

Warrant 010623, Solids Payroll,
dates of 12-17-22 to 12-30-22.

Any questions or comments on the
warrants? (None) Is there a motion?

1 MR. JONES: I make a motion.

2 MR. RIVERA: Second:

3 MR. FLOWERS: Any comments or questions
4 on the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.

(All signify aye.)

5 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
6 Report of Field Operations, Mr. Ken
7 Myers.

8 MR. MYERS: No report. I'm here to
9 answer any questions you might have.

10 MR. FLOWERS: Report from Solid Waste,
11 Mr. Rene Cid.

12 MR. CID: Good evening, Board. I'd just
13 like to report on a couple of new pieces of equipment,
14 which is a drop trailer roller, it carries all the
15 equipment, and we also got a mini payloader. This is
16 good for us to clean Main Street, Broadway, four corners
17 in East Chicago here. This is to clean the snow off the
18 sidewalk. This is to get in between the trees and the
19 benches and in between all the other furniture that's on
20 the sidewalks there for the City. It helps us get in
21 and get out of there right away.

22 Also I'd like to say we are ready
23 for any snowstorm or ice storm, for whatever comes our
24 way. We have a very good Vehicle Maintenance
25 Department. They are on top of everything. The trucks
are ready to go. Mr. Robinson is here, and few other
managers, they put together a plan for snow removal for
our City and it's all in place and ready to go. So the
City of East Chicago is in good hands for our residents
to keep the roads open when the time comes for that.
That being said, that's it. Thank you.

26 MR. FLOWERS: Report from Financial
27 Consultant, Bill Biller.

28 MR. BILLER: No report.

29 MR. FLOWERS: Report from legal counsel,
30 Mr. Joe Allegretti.

31 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report.

32 MR. FLOWERS: New Business: Agreements.

1 First one is JM Bennett &
2 Associates, Inc. The agreement is in the packet,
3 Commissioners. This is renewal of professional
4 services.

5 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I believe it's identical
6 to the 2022 contract.

7 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to approve the
8 JM Bennett & Associates agreement.

9 MS. CAULEY: Second.

10 MR. FLOWERS: Motion made and properly
11 second. Any other questions pertaining to the motion?
12 (None) All in favor signify aye.

13 (All signify aye.)

14 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

15 Proposals: SealMaster Pavement
16 Products & Equipment, 4-tone hotbox with dump, with LED
17 arrow sticks installed with parts and labor. That's in
18 your packet, Commissioners, and picture of this item.
19 Total amount appears to be \$45,335.95.

20 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

21 MR. JONES: Second.

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

24 (All signify aye.)

25 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Next is O'Leary's Contractors
Equipment and Supply. New 2023 air-tow T16-10 drop deck
trailer.

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: Any questions on the
motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Next, O'Learys Contractors Equipment
and Supply, 2023 Dynapac CC1200 VI 48-inch diesel double
drum vibratory roller with foldable ROPS.

MR. RIVERA: Mr. Robinson, have we had

1 one of these before or is this the first one?

2 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, this is replacing our
3 old roller. Our old roller is about 15 years old, so we
4 are replacing it because it doesn't function correctly,
5 so we are replacing it with a new one.

6 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

7 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

11 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
12 Delwa Enterprises, vehicle, mounted
13 arrow board, slim power rack bracket, installation and
14 labor.

15 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

16 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

20 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
21 Standard Equipment Company, service
22 on the Elgin Pelican NP.

23 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

24 MR. JONES: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Pro Pump Inc., replace 2 piece steel
drive shaft assembly with pillow block and UNV joints.
Cost is \$14,750.00.

MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

1 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
2 Biomonitor, chronic testing, \$5,000.

3 MR. RIVERA: Motion.

4 MR. MORICZ: Second.

5 MS. CAULEY: I have a question. What is
6 that?

7 MR. MYERS: That's the only testing we
8 do, it's Biomonitoring. They look at our effluents that
9 are required by our permits.

10 MS. CAULEY: Thank you.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
12 the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.
13 (All signify aye.)

14 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
15 A T & T Wireless Communication
16 Services and Equipment.

17 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

18 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

22 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
23 Next we have rate sheets. BioChem,
24 K122 Praestal Polymer, not-to-exceed \$30,000.

25 MS. CAULEY: Motion.

MR. JONES: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Univar Solutions, calcium,
hypochlorite, not-to-exceed \$30,000.

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MR. RIVERA: Second

1 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.
2 (All signify aye.)

3 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
TroCor LLC, 2023 standard services
rates, not-to-exceed \$10,000.

4 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

5 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

8 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
R & R Visual Inc., 2023 rate sheet,
9 not-to-exceed \$75,000.

10 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

11 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

14 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Dream Builders of America/Build NWI,
2023 standard service rates, not-to-exceed \$10,000.

15 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

16 MR. JONES: Second.

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

19 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Austgen Electric Inc., 2023 service
20 rates, not-to-exceed \$50,000.

21 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

22 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

25 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Next we have past due invoices.

1 Elements Materials, \$36,409.94. Delinquency reason, the
2 Sanitary District office did not receive the attached,
3 were e-mailed to another City employee.

4 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

5 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

9 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

10 Tierra Environmental, \$305.00.
11 States here, please find attachment of outstanding
12 invoice because these invoices are over 60 days past due
13 the Board would need to approve them in order to process
14 the payment.

15 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

16 MR. JONES: Second.

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

20 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

21 Next Austgen Electric Inc.,
22 \$7,839.24. It states here, same reason, invoice over
23 60 days past due, the Board would need to approve in
24 order to process for payment.

25 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Mechanical Concepts, \$440.00. The
same thing, 60 days overdue, the Board would need to
approve in order to process the payment.

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

1 (All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

2 First Group Engineering, \$10,682.90.
3 Invoice 60 days overdue, copy should be sent to the
Board's president for approval.

4 I have a question, what is this
pertaining to, Mr. Myers?

5 MR. MYERS: First Group Engineering is
6 one of our engineering consultants that does surveying
and reviews plans and everything else. There should be
7 a reason on there that I think the billing for this was
submitted, as far as PO and the funding period, transfer
8 from 2022 to 2023, whatever. The funds weren't
available. I believe there is a note.

9 MR. FLOWERS: Misplaced invoices.

10 MR. MYERS: They didn't arrive in time.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Myers. Is
there a motion?

12 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

13 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

16 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Unfinished Business: None

17 Public Comments: None

18 Our next meeting date is February 2,
2023, at 4:30, here in the Chambers. Is there a motion
for adjournment?

19 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

20 MR. JONES: Second.

21 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
22 the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.

(All signify aye.)

23 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries. Meeting
24 adjourned.

25 ***** Meeting adjourned *****

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
January 19, 2023

Approved and signed February 2, 2023



Steve Flowers, President



Miguel (Mike) Rivera, Vice-President



Tia Cauley



Ben Moricz



Jawann Jones



Ateria Allen, 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 23rd day of January, 2023.

Peggy S. LaLonde

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