

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

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

Reported for Fissinger & Associates
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

MR. FLOWERS: We can also stipulate that the Members delegate the President the authority to execute all warrants, documents and minutes on behalf of the Commission eliminating the need to collect signatures from the Members participating electronically.

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Steve Flowers

Present Via Telephone: Alojzy Moricz, Tia Cauley, Loreto Gonzalez.

Also Present: Present in Chambers: Anthony Herrera.

Present Via Telephone: Abdul Zehraoui, Bill Biller, Winna Guzman, Joe Allegretti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 18, 2021

Motion to approve February 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes made by Tia Cauley. 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

1 MR. FLOWERS: Check Warrants, Sanitary District,
Wastewater Division. (A) 030421 SW total \$34,956.57.

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3 Motion to approve Check Warrant 030421 SW made by Tia Cauley.
Second by Ben Moricz.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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7 MR. FLOWERS: (B) 030421 SC total amount \$42,791.73.

8 Motion to approve Check Warrant 030421 SC made by Ben Moricz.
Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

9 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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12 MR. FLOWERS: (C) 021821 SC total \$470,605.

13 Motion to approve Check Warrant 021821 SC made by Ben Moricz.
Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

14 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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17 MR. FLOWERS: (D) 021921 Sanitary District Board Payroll
1/30/21 to 2/12/21.

18 Motion to approve Check Warrant 021921 Sanitary Board Payroll
1/30/21 to 2/12/21 made by Ben Moricz. Second by Loreto
19 Gonzalez.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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23 MR. FLOWERS: (E) 021921 Wastewater Payroll 1/30/21 to
2/12/21.

24 Motion to approve Check Warrant 021921 Wastewater Payroll
1/30/21 to 2/12/21 made by Ben Moricz. Second by Loreto
25 Gonzalez.

1 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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4 MR. FLOWERS: (F) 021921 Utilities Payroll 1/30/21 to
5 2/12/21.

6 Motion to approve Check Warrant 021921 Utilities Payroll
7 1/30/21 to 2/12/21 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

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7 Questions/Comments: None.

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

9 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

10 MR. FLOWERS: (G) 030421 SS total amount \$29,940.24.

11 Motion to approve Check Warrant 030421 SS made by Ben Moricz.
12 Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

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13 Questions/Comments: None.

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

16 MR. FLOWERS: (H) 021921 Solids Payroll 1/30/21 to
17 2/12/21.

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18 Motion to approve Check Warrant 021921 Solids Payroll 1/30/21
19 to 2/12/21 made by Ben Moricz. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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21 REPORT FROM UTILITY DIVISION MATTERS:

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22 MR. FLOWERS: Report from Utility Division Matters,
23 Dr. Z, Director of Utilities.

24 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Mr. President, I have two items to talk
25 about. The first one is due to the cold weather that we had
especially on 2/22 and 2/23 the team had to work late,
overtime because the scum had been frozen and all our
clarifiers were down.

1 So we did one by one. So the next day we completed
2 to remove the frozen scum. This is my first time seeing like
3 this.

3 Then we have motor that is not working at 145th
4 pumping station that we had to fix. Maybe this will come in
5 for the New Business because we are tied with two things, the
6 snow that was melting and the second thing is that we are
7 tied by the project for Kokosing.

6 We are working 145th pumping station. And we have
7 to dewater that. So this is the main thing that we had this
8 last two weeks. Thank you.

8 MR. FLOWERS: That was the Plant Operations?

9 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Yes.

10 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Dr. Z.

11 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS:

12 MR. FLOWERS: Report of Field Operations, Dr. Z,
13 Director of Utilities. That was it?

13 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Yes.

14 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you.

15 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE:

16 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Keith Selvie has moved up the food
17 chain I guess. Rene Cid is now in charge of Public Works. I
18 don't know if Rene is on the call today. But we should
19 probably change the agenda so that we substitute Rene Cid for
20 Keith Selvie since he is taking over those responsibilities.

19 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Attorney Allegretti.

20 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: None.

21 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

22 NEW BUSINESS:

23 MR. FLOWERS: New Business. Cancellations of Warrants,
24 informational only.

25 License for Underground Pipelines, Cables and

1 Conduits.

2 DR. ZEHRAOUI: We are lucky that the railroad, the
3 company that worked for them, the Wisconsin Sanitary,
4 approved our license because we have to work and cross the
5 street. And the property of our main, first main is in their
6 right-of-way at the railroad.

7 So this process started maybe six or eight months.
8 And we are lucky that they approved it. So then we have to
9 pay the fee, one time fee of \$8,500 that I'm asking the Board
10 to approve.

11 This is for us to complete the work without any
12 delay.

13 MR. FLOWERS: So we need a motion to approve, Dr. Z?

14 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Yes, sir.

15 Motion to approve License for Underground Pipelines, Cables
16 and Conduits made by Tia Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

17 Questions/Comments: None.

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

20 MR. FLOWERS: Equipment Rebuild, Electric Motor
21 Services, \$13,995.

22 DR. ZEHRAOUI: As I mentioned, Mr. President, we have
23 the motor that has to be repaired at 145th pumping station.
24 We have two quotes. One is the expensive one, this one,
25 Electrical Motor, 13,995. But it's 15 days.

26 The other company, the other invoice is coming from
27 Mills Electric Company. That is like \$12,849. But the work
28 will be done from three to four weeks which is far away for
29 us.

30 So we chose to go with the expensive one. But the
31 time will be very quick to repair. I am asking the Board to
32 approve this motion please.

33 MR. FLOWERS: What is the time frame, Dr. Z, for the one
34 that's a little more expensive, the \$13,995?

35 DR. ZEHRAOUI: 10 to 15 days. The other one three to

1 four weeks, around one month to 15 days. And we have to
2 repair it right now. We cannot wait.

3 MR. ALLEGRETTI: This is a service on the Public
4 Purchasing Statute which we're exempt on anyway. We're not
5 required to make a competitive decision. But rather you can
6 make a decision based on any reason.

7 And expediency is a completely legitimate reason
8 for selecting a person to perform a service like this.
9 Thanks.

10 Motion to approve Electric Motor Services Equipment Rebuild
11 made by Ben Moricz. Second by Tia Cauley.

12 Questions/Comments: None.

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

15 MR. FLOWERS: Adjustments, 4729 Kennedy Avenue.

16 MS. GUZMAN: Mr. President, Winna Guzman, Water
17 Department Director for the record. This is in reference to
18 4729 Kennedy, Account Number 14039.

19 We are requesting adjustment for this particular
20 account. Owner was estimated usage for a period of time.
21 And during that time he was estimated he had no service line.

22 So we are requesting adjustment to adjust his
23 account and to charge the base flat fee. And our
24 recommendation is to adjust this account as such.

25 Just to note the service line was replaced on
26 March 5. So they have been billed under the New Meter
27 Program. So they are being billed on a monthly basis.

28 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Winna, did the Water Board make a
29 similar adjustment for the water bill?

30 MS. GUZMAN: That is correct. On March 1 of 2021.

31 Motion to approve 4729 Kennedy Avenue Adjustment made by Tia
32 Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

33 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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MS. GUZMAN: Thank you.

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MR. FLOWERS: Thank you.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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7 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, March 18,
2021 @ 4:30 p.m., East Chicago City Hall Council Chambers.

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9 Motion to adjourn made by Ben Moricz. Second by Tia Cauley.

10 Questions/Comments: None.

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

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13 * Meeting ended at 4:47 p.m.

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

Approved and Signed _____



Steve Flowers, President

(S) Alojzy Moricz

Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Vice-President

Loreto Gonzalez, Member

(S) Tia Cauley

Tia Cauley, Member

(S) Miguel Rivera

Miguel Rivera, Member



Anthony Herrera, Board Secretary


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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 14th day of March, 2021.



Lisa Pena
Notary Public Porter County
Certified Shorthand Reporter
License Number 084-003483

