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Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 17, 2022, 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
Jawann Jones

Present Telephonic Conference: Ben Moricz
Tia Cauley

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

Staff Present Telephonic: Bill Biller

MR. FLOWERS: I will now call to order
the regular meeting for March 17, 2022.

Should be noted that President
Rivera is out of town and I will be conducting this
meeting in his place.

Can I have a motion to approve the
minutes of March 3, 2022?

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Next we have Check Warrants:

1 Sanitary District Wastewater Division. Warrant 030722
2 SW, in the amount \$90,646.04. Is there a motion?

3 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

4 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

7 Motion carries. Warrant 031722 SC,
8 in the amount of \$13,625.00. Is there a motion?

9 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

10 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

13 Motion carries. Warrant 031722 SW,
14 in the amount of \$240,617.25. Is there a motion?

15 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

16 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

19 Motion carries. Payroll Warrants,
20 030422 Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of 2-12-22 to
21 2-25-22. Is there a motion?

22 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

23 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

Motion carries. Warrant 030422,
Wastewater Payroll, dates of 2-12-22 to 2-25-22. Is
there a motion?

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

2 (All signify aye.)

3 Motion carries. Warrant 030522
Utilities Payroll, dates of 2-12-22 to 2-25-22. Is
there a motion?

4 MR. JONES: Motion.

5 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

8 (All signify aye.)

9 Motion carries. Sanitary District,
Solid Waste Division. Warrant 031722 SS, in the amount
of \$714,996.38. Is there a motion?

10 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

11 MR. JONES: Second.

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

13 (All signify aye.)

14 Motion carries. Warrant 030422,
Solids Payroll, dates of 2-12-22 to 2-25-22. Is there a
motion?

15 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

16 MR. JONES: Second.

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

19 (All signify aye.)

20 Motion carries. Report of Field
Operation, Ken Myers.

21 MR. MYERS: Quickly I want to mention a
22 few items of importance to bring you up to speed. This
23 past Monday, Attorney Allegretti and I participated in a
24 conference call with the Department of Justice, US EPA,
and IDEM officials to discuss potential settlement
25 arrangements, concerns were some of the violations that
historically have happened and come to a resolution of
those matters going forward. So as this continues to
move forward, we'll give you further details, but right
now it's a general scope of discussion of what the

1 consent order requirements would be.

2 The other item is right now our
3 financial consultant's attorneys are in discussion with
4 regard to settlement, potential settlement agreement
5 with regard to our proposed rate case hearing that is
6 pending in front of the IURC, the OECC and with their
7 intervenor, who had provided a settlement agreement for
8 our consideration. But the primary criteria of that
9 would be reducing our proposed rate increase, which if
10 you recall, our cost of service study and rate increase,
11 we are asking for 37 percent increase over a three-year
12 period, and it's been proposed to be reduced from their
13 side. They wanted it much lower and we are looking at a
14 settlement agreement of proposing possibly an increase
15 of 29 percent. So we have got our requirements of seven
16 percent, but not finalized. We have the discussions
17 ongoing right now as far as where we may go forward with
18 that outcome. Right now I am scheduled for Tuesday,
19 March 29th, to appear in front of the IURC or the OECC
20 down Indianapolis for my testimony for that rate case
21 hearing.

22 And lastly, on Monday of this week,
23 bring you up to speed, we had an accident outside our
24 plant, right on 152nd Street. A car drove into our
25 fencing and caused -- took out five or so fence posts
and we are going to be working on getting quotes for the
emergency repair of that fencing. That's all I have
right now. Do you have any questions? (None)

16 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Myers.
17 Report of Solid Waste, Rene Cid. No report.

18 Report from Financial Consultant,
19 Mr. Bill Biller. The cash report is inserted in the
20 packet.

21 Report from legal counsel, Mr.
22 Allegretti.

23 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report.

24 MR. FLOWERS: Under New Business,
25 Agreements. 145th Street and Alder Street Pump Station
Rehabilitation Projects, Phase 2, Supplemental Agreement
No. 2.

MR. MYERS: I can give you some
background on this. This agreement is with our
consultant, Faegre, to require additional engineering
services regarding our Phase 2 construction. These
consist of two items. The primary one is the

1 preparation of amendments and the second one is to
2 continue with the construction inspection to regaining
work activity as you see in the packet. That total
amount is \$42,745.00, as well as proposed cost estimate.
3 The PER amendment is critical for our need to include
4 additional activity for approval so we can get SRF
approval to get SRF qualified funds to payoff our
5 commitment on this project. So I look for your approval
of that agreement.

6 MR. FLOWERS: So should there be a
7 motion?

8 MR. MYERS: Yes.

9 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions,
Commissioners? (None) Is there a motion to approve?

10 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

11 MR. JONES: Second that motion.

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

14 Motion carries. Next is Synagro,
2022 Biosolids hauling and disposal contract renewal.

15 MR. MYERS: So the second item is
16 Synagro, 2022 biosolids contract renewal. If you recall
last month or last meeting, you approved the contract
17 extension from Synagro to continue our biosolids
transportation and disposal for this month. They have
provided us a new rate. This rate has been increased.
18 We have been going under the current rate for the last
two years. This is a new rate and they are incurring
19 extra charges, both at the landfill as well as
transportation related. So they have provided that rate
20 of \$70.46 a ton. We would make a recommendation to
accept this contract extension that would give us a
21 consistent rate for the balance of this year up until
the end of February of next year.

22 One other item I would ask is that
23 based on our normal production of biosolids at the
plant, we are assured transportation and disposal cost
of approximately \$20,000 a month in those fees. It's a
24 purchase order to be limited not to exceed amount of
\$240,000 to comply with the controller's requirements.
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1 MR. FLOWERS: Do I have a motion?

2 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

3 MR. JONES: Second the motion.

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

5 (All signify aye.)

6 Motion carries. Next we have
Proposals. Atlas Bobcat, Road Hog G5, 24 inch high flow
planer, amount of \$17,900.00.

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8 MR. JOHNSON: What you have before you is
a proposal for Road Hog high flow planer, which in other
9 terms is a grinder for the road for upcoming repairs
from Bobcat. It's an attachment to these machines which
10 help with grinding the roads to make a smoother surface
for our patch crews. We are asking for approval.
11 Again, total price is \$17,900.00 for this attachment.
Any questions? (None)

12 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

13 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

14 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

16 (All signify aye.)

17 Motion carries. Next, Gluth
Brothers Roofing Company, emergency roof replacement,
amount of \$16,625.00.

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19 MR. MYERS: Commissioners, that proposal
is from Gluth Brothers to complete repairs for
replacement of the roof at the Roxana Lift Station.
20 Last Monday during a rainy event water was leaking and
was causing damage to our newly installed sanitary pumps
21 at that station. It was causing various faults. We
took action where we retained Gluth Roofing to do an
22 emergency patch repair, which is placing tarp over the
leaked area, which is also discussed later on in the
23 invoice to be paid. But we asked them to provide a
proposal to do the complete repair of the roof more
24 thoroughly. I don't have the exact date of when that
roof was last worked on, but it's in disrepair.

25 One other thing I would note is that

1 we do have another roofing contractor estimate pending.
2 We are waiting for Corelis Roofing to provide that
3 estimate. So I would seek approval from the
4 Commissioners to approve us retaining a contract by
5 Gluth Brothers or Corelis Roofing with the amount not to
6 exceed of \$16,625.00 to make those necessary repairs.

7 I am also asking with that, that
8 took one of our new pumps out of service. We have two
9 sanitary pumps that alternate operation and that's
10 constantly been tripping until we get the repairs. It
11 was obvious that the water was in the driver.
12 Fortunately we were able to dry that equipment out. We
13 had a representative of the manufacturer of the
14 equipment come out and do a final repair, and we are
15 still having tripping faults, but the issue is with the
16 BFD driver. Fortunately upon completion of their work,
17 they were able to bring that BFD driver back in
18 operation. And also, they did not note any type of
19 water damage in their report. So that equipment is
20 still under warranty as opposed to us having to replace
21 it. Thank you very much.

22 MR. FLOWERS: In the proposal it stated
23 that amount that's quoted would be in place for 30 days.
24 Has that changed?

25 MR. MYERS: It could, but generally they
stay with their quote. We are looking for quick
approval.

MR. FLOWERS: What is the added 1200 base
price in the proposal? I wasn't sure what that was.

MR. MYERS: The alternate warranty and
asking for 1200 limit on that. Our maintenance
supervisor thought again that estimate by Gluth was a
little high, but it's expected that other estimate will
be higher. We are hoping that that will represent a
savings.

MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

MS. CAULEY: I have a question. Once you
find out which contractor is awarded for the roofing, at
the following meeting that will be in our packet?

MR. MYERS: Yes. We'll provide you an
update, it's just that we would like to initiate these
repairs as soon as we possibly can just to further

1 protect that valuable equipment that was newly installed
2 last year.

3 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

4 MR. JONES: Second.

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

7 Motion carries. Next is rate
8 sheets. Gluth Brothers Roofing Company 2022 rates.

9 MR. MYERS: Typically with contractors
10 that we use, we obtain rate sheets so they can be
11 contracted rather quickly based on those rates provided
12 for us. So we are looking for acceptance of those
13 rates. There is no other action or monies associated
14 with that. You'll have the same Gluth rates in the
15 Storm Water packet also.

16 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

17 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

18 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

21 Motion carries. Project Request
22 Forms. Atlas Bobcat, snowplow attachment for \$6,607.00.

23 MR. ROBINSON: So this is the attachment
24 for the Bobcat machines. We are asking for approval of
25 this snowplow attachment as far as helping doing
26 pathways and sidewalks for snow removal, as well as
27 trails in our parks. If you have any questions?

28 MR. FLOWERS: This is an upgrade?

29 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

30 MS. CAULEY: Can you make sure that I get
31 a copy of that for my own personal use, for the Housing
32 Authority?

33 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, ma'am.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

2 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

3 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

5 (All signify aye.)

6 Motion carries. Next we have Best
Equipment Preventative Maintenance for first visit.

7 MR. ROBINSON: So this is preventative
maintenance package. It would include all of our
8 garbage trucks for Public Works. That would also be
coming out and doing these inspections and services on
9 the bodies of these garbage trucks, oil changes and
fluid changes, checking all points of the truck. And
10 these are actually the manufacturer of all of our
trucks. So they actually had Standard Equipment
11 previously doing this preventative maintenance, and
based on it being short staffed at the time, they can't
12 handle it anymore.

13 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

14 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

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. Next is Best
Equipment Preventative Maintenance for first visit,
\$34,314.00.

19 MR. ROBINSON: The second one is related
20 to Best Equipment, that price of \$34,314, is for the
second visit. This price is different from the first
21 price because the first price, that's for all our
garbage trucks. This second visit is for a few less
22 garbage trucks. These are spares. So the second and
third visits are both the same. They all get the same
23 treatment and same inspections.

24 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

25 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

1 MR. JONES: Second.

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

3 (All signify aye.)

4 Motion carries. The last one is the
same thing?

5 MR. ROBINSON: That's the same thing.

6 MR. FLOWERS: So motion should be made
for that one also?

7 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

8 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

9 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

12 (All signify aye.)

13 Motion carries. Next, invoice to be
paid, Gluth Brothers Roofing Company, \$384.00. Is there
a motion?

14 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

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. Past due, Elements
Materials Tech, amount of \$237.00. Is there a motion?

19 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

20 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

22 (All signify aye.)

23 Motion carries.

24 Unfinished Business: None

25 Public Comment: None

Our next meeting date is April 7,
2022, at 4:30 p.m., here At Council Chambers.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

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MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. JONES: Second.

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

***** Meeting adjourned *****

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
March 17, 2022

Approved and signed April 7, 2022



Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President


Steve Flowers, Vice-President

Tia Cauley

/s/ Alojzy (Ben) Moricz,
/s/ Tia Cauley,

Ben Moricz


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 22nd day of March, 2022.

Peggy S. LaLonde

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