

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, April 6, 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
Rebecca Sliger, Financial
Ateria Allen, Board Secretary

MR. FLOWERS: I will now call to order
the regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of
Commissioners of East Chicago, for April 6, 2023.
First item, approval of minutes from
March 16, 2023.

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Check Warrants. I'm going to read
the entire warrants and then we'll have one motion at
the end.

This is Sanitary District,
Wastewater Division: Warrant 033023 SW, amount of

1 \$35,659.00; Warrant 040623 SW, total amount of
2 \$195,366.65; Warrant SR, total amount of \$5,898.51.

3 MR. JONES: Make a motion to approve.

4 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

8 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

9 Payroll Warrants: 031723 Sanitary
10 Board Payroll, dates of 2-25-23 to 3-10-23; Warrant
11 031723 Wastewater Payroll, dates of 02-25-23 to 3-10-23;
12 Warrant 031723, Utility Payroll, dates of 2-25-23 to
13 3-10-23; Warrant 033123 Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of
14 3-11-23 to 3-24-23; Warrant 033112 Wastewater Payroll,
15 dates of 03-11-23 to 3-24-23; Warrant 033123, Utility
16 Payroll, dates of 03-11-23 to 3-24-23.

17 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve warrants.

18 MR. JONES: Second.

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

22 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

23 Sanitary District, Solid Waste
24 Division: Warrant 040623 SS, amount of \$75,020.75;
25 Warrant 031723, Solids Payroll, dates of 2-25-23 to
3-10-23; Warrant 033123, Solids Payroll, dates of
3-11-23 to 3-24-23.

MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve warrants.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Report of Field Operations, Mr. Ken
Myers.

MR. MYERS: I have no report.

MR. FLOWERS: Report from Solid Waste,
Rene Cid. No report.

1 Financial Consultant, Bill Biller or
2 Rebecca Sliger.

3 MS. SLIGER: No report.

4 MR. FLOWERS: Legal counsel, Joseph
5 Allegretti.

6 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report.

7 MR. FLOWERS: New Business. Start with
8 proposals. Standard Equipment, repairs needed on street
9 sweeper, amount of \$22,007.34. Attached are two
10 estimates for repair of Public Works street sweeper.
11 Asking for approval of estimate from Standard Equipment.

12 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

13 MR. JONES: Second.

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

16 (All signify aye.)

17 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

18 SDI Inc., remove and replace doors
19 at the sample room, sludge holding building, dewatering
20 building, amount of \$13,928.00.

21 MR. RIVERA: I have a question. Mr.
22 Johnson is not here but maybe Mr. Myers can answer. Why
23 does it cost so much to replace the doors?

24 MR. MYERS: Couple of them are double
25 doors, steel frames. The original doors are actually on
the sludge holding building. It's a 1950, 1940
structure. It's a double door. If you notice, we have
got SDI and below that is Door Tech, they were both
providing bids. We had competitive bids and we took the
lowest on each installation.

So SDI is replacing the sample room,
which is our operators building badly corroded door.
This is a door actually that I believe was replaced six,
7 years ago, but it's in total disarray as far
corrosion.

The sludge holding building is
double door with wind damage and age. Again, the frames
on them are also busted loose from the concrete. So
there is a lot more labor intensive work.

1 MR. RIVERA: The next one is the same
2 type of door?

3 MR. MYERS: Remove and replace doors an
4 administration building is the entry double door and
5 that's the older part of the building. The
6 administration building was added in '62, I believe, but
7 this is the older building that was already established
8 there. It's the back entry door used by all our
9 employees or majority of our employees.

10 MR. RIVERA: I make a motion to approve
11 replacing the doors at the Sample Room, Sludge Holding
12 Building, Dewatering Building with SDI.

13 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

17 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
18 Door Tech Industries, Inc., remove
19 and replace doors at the Administration building, amount
20 of \$10,145.00.

21 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

22 MR. RIVERA: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Rate sheets. This is R & D
Construction 1 Inc., 2023 lawn maintenance rates,
not-to-exceed \$21,000.00.

MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
STM Enterprises LLC, 2023 lawn
maintenance rates, not-to-exceed \$55,000.00.

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

1 MR. RIVERA: Second.
2 MR. FLOWERS: Any comments or questions
on the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.
3 (All signify aye.)
4 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Regional Service, 2023 lawn
5 maintenance rates, not-to-exceed \$4,498.00.
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7 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.
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9 MR. JONES: Second.
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11 MR. FLOWERS: Any comments or questions
on the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.
12 (All signify aye.)
13 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
SDI, Inc., hourly labor and
14 equipment rates, not-to-exceed \$30,000.00.
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16 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.
MS. CAULEY: Second.
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18 MR. FLOWERS: Any comments or questions
on the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.
19 (All signify aye.)
20 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Invoices to be paid, Elements,
21 \$3,146.80.
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23 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve invoice.
MR. JONES: Second.
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25 MR. FLOWERS: Any comments or questions
on the motion? (None) All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Invoice, Elements, \$5,381.27.

1 Adjustments: Refugio Perex
2 Fernandez, 5662 Indianapolis Boulevard. The owner
3 disputes the bill of \$146.25. In reviewing account in
4 detail the bill was adjusted due to the reading being
5 entered manually. The previous manual reading was not
6 updated resulting in a higher usage and bill. Also
7 while the owner was disputing the billing and pending a
8 review, penalties were assessed. Recommendation for the
9 Board to approve adjustments to correct the manual entry
10 and remove the penalties assessed. The penalty amount
11 requested to be adjusted, total of \$61.68 and the total
12 adjusted bill numbers of \$146.25; \$132.86 water and
13 \$99.16 sewer.

14 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve
15 recommendation for 5662 Indianapolis Boulevard.

16 MR. JONES: Second.

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

20 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
21 Past due invoices: Ace
22 Exterminating, amount of \$154.00. Invoice e-mailed to
23 the Sanitary District office prior to March 31, 2023.

24 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

25 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.
Past due invoice: Butler Fairman &
Seufert, \$552.00.

MR. RIVERA: That amount should be
corrected to \$552.50. With that correction being made,
I make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Tierra Environmental, amount of

1 \$4,410.00.

2 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

3 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

6 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
7 Unfinished Business: None
8 Public Comment: None
9 Next meeting date is April 20, 2023,
10 here at City Hall Chambers.

11 Is there a motion to adjourn?

12 MR. JONES: Make a motion to adjourn.

13 MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

16 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
17 Meeting adjourned.

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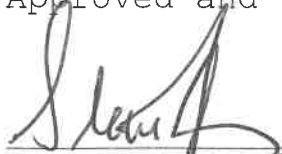
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
April 6, 2023

Approved and signed


April 20, 2023



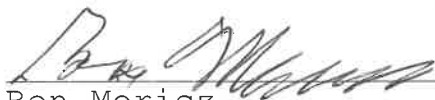
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 10th day of April, 2023.

Peggy S. LaLonde

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