

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 7, 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: Miguel Rivera,
Steve Flowers, Jawann Jones

Present Telephonic Conference: Ben Moricz

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

Staff Present Telephonic: Rene Cid

MR. RIVERA: I will now call to order the
regular meeting of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners
for April 7, 2022.

Can I have a motion to approve the
minutes of March 17, 2022?

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

Check Warrants for Sanitary District
Wastewater Division. WARRANT 040722 SC, amount of
\$61,122.57.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

2 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

5 WARRANT 040722 SW, amount of
6 \$148,571.74.

7 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

8 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

9 MR. RIVERA: Any questions or comments
10 pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

11 Payroll Warrants: WARRANT 031822,
12 Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of 2-26-22 to 3-11-22.

13 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

14 MR. JONES: Second.

15 MR. RIVERA: Any questions or comments
16 pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

17 WARRANT 031822, Wastewater Payroll,
18 dates of 2-26-22 to 3-11-22.

19 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

20 MR. MORICZ: Second.

21 MR. RIVERA: Any questions or comments
22 pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

23 WARRANT 031822, Utilities Payroll,
24 dates of 2-26-22 to 3-11-22.

25 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to

1 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

2 Motion carries.

3 WARRANT 040122, Sanitary Board
Payroll, dates of 3-12-22 to 3-25-22.

4 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

5 MR. JONES: Second.

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

8 Motion carries.

9 WARRANT 040122, Wastewater Payroll,
10 dates of 3-12-22 to 3-25-22.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

12 MR. JONES: Second.

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

15 Motion carries.

16 WARRANT 040122, Utilities Payroll,
17 dates of 3-12-22 to 3-25-22.

18 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

19 MR. MORICZ: Second.

20 MR. RIVERA: Any questions or comments
21 pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

22 Motion carries.

23 Sanitary District Solid Waste
24 Division: WARRANT 040722 SS, amount of \$113,174.29.

25 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any comments or questions
pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

WARRANT 031822, Solids Payroll,
dates of 2-26-22 to 3-11-22.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

2 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

5 WARRANT 040122, Solids Payroll,
6 dates of 3-12-22 to 3-25-22.

7 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

8 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

11 Next item is reports. Field
12 Operations, Mr. Ken Myer.

13 MR. MYER: I have no report at this time,
14 but I'm available for any questions you may have.

15 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for
16 Mr. Myers? (None) Thank you. Report from Solid Waste,
17 Rene Cid.

18 MR. CID: I have no report at this time.

19 MR. RIVERA: Any questions for Mr. Cid?
20 (None) Thank you.

21 Next report from Financial
22 Consultant, Bill Biller. Not here.

23 Next report from legal counsel, Mr.
24 Allegretti.

25 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Nothing to report
really. At the next meeting Mr. Myers and I are going
to have some handouts and explanation about the IURC
pending application and where it's heading. We reached
a tentative settlement in the petition process and we'll
have a full, detailed report at the next meeting.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions for Mr.
Allegretti? (None) Thank you.

Next item is New Business. We have
Resolution SD 22-03, a Resolution of the Board of

1 Sanitary Commissioners of the East Chicago Sanitary
2 District modifying fees and charges for the users of the
3 District's sewage system by establishing a monthly base
4 rate for customers with a 12-inch meter.

5 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Under our statutory or
6 ordinance methodology, our base rate for customers, both
7 industrial and residential, is determined by the size of
8 your meter. We have one, one customer, industrial
9 customer with a 12-inch water meter, and our ordinance
10 does not establish a rate for a 12-inch meter. It only
11 goes up to ten inches.

12 We have two processes for amending
13 our sewer user charges. The traditional one, we
14 establish and adopt a resolution, hold a public hearing,
15 and then adopt a final resolution and submit it in the
16 form of an ordinance to the Common Council for approval.
17 Or we can file a rate case with the IURC, which we know
18 is complicated, expensive, and time consuming. We are
19 going to try and do this the traditional way.

20 This resolution will require a
21 public hearing, requires introduction at today's
22 meeting, which I am going to ask for the Board to
23 introduce and not to adopt it, schedule a public
24 hearing, and see that the public notices are advertised
25 in our two local papers -- which I was already taken the
liberty of doing -- setting the public hearing for two
weeks from today, here in the Council Chambers, then
adopting the resolution two weeks from today, and then
we can prepare an ordinance and go to the Common Council
and talk them into it.

We know back in December of 2019 we
didn't get much cooperation from the Council and we'll
take baby steps here and try to see if they will
participate in this process and we can get this done.
We are just losing money from this industrial customer.

So what I am asking is that the
Board consider a motion to introduce this Resolution,
acknowledge that the public hearing will be scheduled on
the resolution, public hearing before adoption will be
scheduled for two weeks from today, authorize staff to
publish notices as provided by the statute in the two
local newspapers, and be prepared to consider the final
resolution be introduced at that meeting.

MR. RIVERA: I'm sorry, so this is the
only customer. And since we didn't have the 12-inch
charge, he was charged as a ten-inch?

1 MR. ALLEGRETTI: He's being charged as
2 ten-inch. He's not paying the appropriate base rate.
3 We took this matter up before our consultant,
4 Bakertilly, and they extrapolated what the rate should
5 be and which is contained in the ordinance, 2,000
6 whatever dollars per month, which is a significant
7 amount, an amount we are just losing and not collecting
8 and should be collecting.

9 MR. RIVERA: We need a motion for
10 introduction of this resolution?

11 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes, sir.

12 MR. FLOWERS: Mr. Allegretti, quick
13 question, educate me on this. Now you stated earlier
14 this is based on residents, obviously in East Chicago.

15 MR. RIVERA: Yes, this is an industrial
16 customer that has a 12-inch water meter, whereas a
17 residential customer would have a half or three-quarter.

18 MR. FLOWERS: Okay, I got it.

19 MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion for
20 introduction of Resolution SD 22-03?

21 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

22 MR. JONES: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

25 Motion carries.

Next we have Resolution SD 22-04, a
Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the
East Chicago Sanitary District authorizing the transfer
of appropriations into different budget categories.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: This is just kind of an
accounting housekeeping resolution.

MS. GUZMAN: Yes, this is transferring
from different accounts. The total is 82,400 is going
to be transferred over to contractual services and it's
account number 311-704-746098, in the amount of \$30,000
and contractual services account 311-706-736098, in the
amount of 53,400, for total of 82,400. So we are just

1 moving some money around to cover some expenses and
2 that's for the Sanitary District, on behalf of Bill
3 Biller.

4 MR. FLOWERS: We did this last year,
5 didn't we, Mr. Allegretti?

6 MS. GUZMAN: We do it often on the Water
7 side, yes. We try to find funds to cover those
8 expenses.

9 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

10 MR. JONES: I'll second the motion.

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

13 (All signify aye.)

14 Motion carries.

15 Next, Resolution SD 22-05, a
16 Resolution of the Sanitary District Board of
17 Commissioners authorizing the write-off of certain
18 delinquent sewer charges and penalties. We have had
19 this before.

20 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

21 MR. JONES: Second the motion.

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

24 (All signify aye.)

25 Motion carries.

Next item is proposals. Altorfer,
CAT proposal, amount of \$11,943.70.

MR. MYERS: Commissioners, just for
explanation of that proposal. This is to cover repairs
to our generator and automatic transfer switch at the
plant. This is at our radio control tower where
communication come in. This was damage caused by a
rainstorm from a leak that we had earlier this year.
That's the quote we received from Altofer CAT and they
are the company that maintains our generator equipment.
So we are just looking for approval of that proposal
amount for creation of a purchase order.

MR. FLOWERS: Was this introduced several
weeks ago?

1 MR. MYERS: It was a portion because the
2 emergency repair was a lesser amount. Then they did the
3 full inspection to find out what all was necessary to
4 complete the entire repair and this is the balance to
5 complete that work and get the transfer switch to make
6 sure we don't have problems. They are going to replace
7 the material that was damaged because of the rain, the
8 leakage from the rainy event.

9 MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion?

10 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

14 Next item is Altofer CAT quotes,
15 \$25,000.00.

16 MR. MYERS: This second request of quotes
17 in the amount of \$25,000, this is for Altofer for the
18 annual maintenance, inspection and maintenance of our
19 generator equipment at each of our lift stations and the
20 radio tower. This is their only package. It's a
21 monthly inspection that gets completed. They also do
22 check our transfer switches, and that \$25,000 will cover
23 all that work on a yearly basis at every site that we
24 have a generator.

25 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MR. FLOWERS: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Next item is SL Technologies Inc.,
proposal, \$44,100.00. The purchase order itself says
44,000, so I assume it's \$44,000, since that's what the
purchase order states.

MR. MYERS: Actually if you look at the
top line, mit's 44,100. I think somebody at the bottom
miswrote it.

1 MR. RIVERA: So the amount is of 44,100.

2 MR. MYERS: Just as an explanation, SL
3 Technologies is our service contractor. They service
4 our air monitoring equipment or gas monitors at each of
5 our lift stations. This is to make sure that our people
6 can safely enter the lift station, so they monitor.
7 They take care of a monthly inspection and repair and
8 calibration of the gas monitors for sulfides, explosive
9 vapors, oxygen levels, and this is their proposal to
10 maintain that for the year.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Same company does this
12 every year?

13 MR. MYERS: SL Technologies is the
14 contractor we use on a monthly basis. These are tested
15 and calibrated, which is the requirement for our health
16 and safety procedures.

17 MR. RIVERA: Is there a motion to accept
18 the purchase order for SL Technologies?

19 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

20 MR. JONES: Second.

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

23 (All signify aye.)

24 Motion carries.

25 Next, Millwright Machine proposal,
\$20,657.00.

MR. MYERS: This proposal from Millwright
Machines, the amount of \$20,657.00. This is for
Millwright Machine Company to repair the stainless steel
carriage on one of our bar screens at the Alder lift
station. As you know, we have been performing a lot of
work at Alder with the cleaning of the interceptor main,
as well as now we are cleaning the wet well. We have
got the new pumps installed on the sanitary side.
Through this, and not as a result of the work, but we
have had damage to our bar screen where it is not
removing the trash that can damage our pumps. So we
have this proposal from Millwright Machine to complete
the necessary repairs of one of the bar screens over at
Alder to bring it back into operation.

1 MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion to
accept the purchase order?

2 MR. JONES: Make a motion to accept.

3 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

6 Motion carries.

7 Now we come to the rate sheets.
Altofer Sanitary rate sheet for 2022. Do I have a
motion to accept the rate sheet?

8 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

9 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

12 Motion carries.

13 Next we have purchase order, Tierra,
\$25,000.00.

14 MR. MYERS: Commissioners, this is more
of a kind of accounting thing within the new
15 requirements of the controller's office. We already
have Tierra on the contract and we have already adopted
16 their sanitary rate sheet earlier this year, but we had
limited values in our purchase orders. So we are just
17 asking to create another purchase order in the amount of
\$25,000 within that categorical budget item so that they
18 can continue doing the work that they provide, which is
televising and doing point repairs of our sewer system
19 on an as needed basis.

20 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

21 MR. JONES: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

23 Motion carries.

24 Next, purchase order is for Hasse
Construction, amount of \$75,000.00.

25

1 MR. MYERS: Again, this is similar to
2 what we just passed. We already have their rate sheet
3 accepted, we just need to create a separate purchase
4 order in another amount to accommodate the controller's
5 office. So this for Hasse Construction, amount of
6 \$75,000, and this is for the various emergency work that
7 they do with point repairs and sewer grid.

8 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

9 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

10 MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
11 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
12 (All signify aye.)
13 Motion carries.

14 Next item is project request form,
15 Atlas Bobcat, amount of \$5,240.00.

16 MR. ROBINSON: We are requesting approval
17 for an 80-inch industrial bucket for our Bobcat machine.
18 This bucket will help us throughout the City keeping the
19 alleys clean, for an amount of \$5,240.00.

20 MR. FLOWERS: What does it do?

21 MR. ROBINSON: It's an industrial bucket
22 that has claws that will help you clean up the alley,
23 preventing having one person using his hands.

24 MR. RIVERA: We didn't have one before?

25 MR. ROBINSON: We had a standard bucket
without the claws.

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

Next item is Great Lakes Landscape,
amount of \$8,230.00.

MR. CID: This is a project for our
facility. It involves Great Lakes Landscape for the
landscaping around Public Works, the flowers, mulch and

1 bushes. This is to give the facility a decorative and
2 better look. We are asking for the amount of \$8,230.00.

3 MR. FLOWERS: Is this the same company
4 you used last year, Mr. Cid?

5 MR. CID: Yes, we contract this company
6 to put the flowers on Columbus Drive and the baskets
7 along our light poles around the City. They are very
8 responsible company and everybody is satisfied with
9 their work.

10 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

11 MR. JONES: Second.

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

14 (All signify aye.)

15 Motion carries.

16 Next is invoice to be paid. Element
17 Materials bulk invoice, 286626 final, \$5,477.13.

18 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

19 MR. MYERS: Just for explanation, that
20 first invoice, the \$5,477.13, that is analytical
21 services provided by Element for pretreatment program
22 for the monitoring of our industrial customers, and
23 that's the monthly bill that we receive for those
24 services.

25 MR. FLOWERS: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Next, Element Materials, bulk
invoice, 286679 final, \$5,693.54.

MR. MYERS: This is an amount -- this is
for the analytical services for the wastewater treatment
plant analysis. This is our daily monitoring of our
MPDK permit conditions and a separate account that we
have. We are looking for that invoice to be paid.
Again that's a monthly amount.

MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

1 MR. JONES: Second.

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

3 (All signify aye.)

4 Motion carries.

5 Next item is past due invoice,
Lindy's Hardware, \$81.46.

6 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

7 MR. JONES: Second.

8 MR. RIVERA: The reason for the
delinquency, states here invoice was not given to
Sanitary District office to process for payment. Any
9 questions or comments on the motion? (None) All in
favor say aye?

10 (All signify aye.)

11 Motion carries.

12 Next is adjustment, Omega Micro
Service, LLC, 4506 Magoun, amount of \$19.02. Motion to
approve recommendation by the Water Department?

13 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

14 MR. MORICZ: Second.

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

16 (All signify aye.)

17 Motion carries.

18 Next item is Unfinished Business:
None

19 Public Comment: None

20 Next meeting date is April 21st,
2022, at 4:30, at the East Chicago City Hall Council
Chambers. I need a motion for adjournment.

21 MR. FLOWERS: Make a motion.

22 MR. JONES: Second.

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

24 (All signify aye.)


25 Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

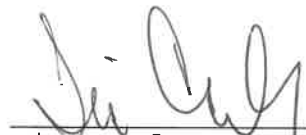
***** Meeting adjourned *****

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
April 7, 2022

Approved and signed April 21, 2022


Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President


Steve Flowers, Vice-President


Tia Cauley


Ben Moricz


Jawann Jones


Alysia Dunbar, Secretary

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

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 13th day of April, 2022.

Peggy S. LaLonde

Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25