

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 21, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
Reported for Fissinger & Associates
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Miguel Rivera, Steve
Flowers, Ben Moricz, Tia Cauley, Jawann Jones.

Staff Present: Present in Chambers: Alysia Dunbar, Ken
Myers, Bill Biller, Joe Allegretti.

MR. RIVERA: The first item would be the Public Hearing
in the matter concerning Resolution SD 22-03.

A Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners
of the East Chicago Sanitary District modifying fees and
charges for the users of the District's Sewerage System by
establishing a monthly base rate for customers with a 12-inch
meter.

Are there any public comments, questions or
concerns?

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None. Now we close the Public Hearing.

There is a motion on the floor to adopt Resolution
SD 22-03.

1 Motion to approve Resolution SD 22-03 made by Tia Cauley.
2 Second by Jawann Jones.

3 Questions/Comments: None.

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

6 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Just for discussion this is one of a
7 two-step process. I'll be preparing an Ordinance and
8 appearing before the Common Council, lucky me, at the first
9 meeting in May at which time we'll ask them to take it up.

10 This Statute provides that even though we adopt the
11 Resolution here and hold the Public Hearing the modification
12 to the user charge system does not go into effect until
13 approved by an Ordinance adopted by the local legislative
14 body.

15 So that's our next step. Thank you.

16 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 7, 2022

17 Motion to approve April 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes made by Steve
18 Flowers. Second by Tia Cauley.

19 Questions/Comments: None.

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

22 CHECK WARRANTS:

23 Sanitary District, Wastewater Division

24 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Check Warrants for the
25 Sanitary District, Wastewater Division.

Warrant Number 041422 SW for the amount of
\$90,656.04.

Motion to approve Check Warrant 041422 SW made by Tia Cauley.
Second by Jawann Jones.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

1 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 042122 SW for the
amount of \$163,042.87.

2 Motion to approve Check Warrant 042122 SW made by Tia Cauley.
3 Second by Steve Flowers.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

7 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 042122 SC for the
amount of \$611,970.

8 Motion to approve Check Warrant 042122 SC made by Ben Moricz.
9 Second by Tia Cauley.

10 Questions/Comments: None.

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

13 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 042122 SR for the
amount of \$5,322.81.

14 Motion to approve Check Warrant 042122 SR made by Steve
15 Flowers. Second by Jawann Jones.

16 Questions/Comments: None.

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

19 Payroll Warrants

20 MR. RIVERA: Next we have the Payroll Warrants. Warrant
21 Number 041422 Sanitary Board Payroll 3/26/22 to 4/8/22.

22 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 041422 Sanitary Board
23 Payroll 3/26/22 to 4/8/22 made by Steve Flowers. Second by
24 Jawann Jones.

25 Questions/Comments: None.

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

MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 041422 Wastewater
Payroll 3/26/22 to 4/8/22.

1 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 041422 Wastewater Payroll
2 3/26/22 to 4/8/22 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Tia
3 Cauley.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

7 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 041422 Utilities
8 Payroll 3/26/22 to 4/8/22.

9 Motion to approve Payroll Warrant 041422 Utilities Payroll
10 3/26/22 to 4/8/22 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Tia
11 Cauley.

12 Questions/Comments: None.

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

15 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

16 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 042122 SS for the
17 amount of \$542,738.53.

18 Motion to approve Warrant Number 042122 SS made by Jawann
19 Jones. Second by Ben Moricz.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

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

23 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 041422 Solids
24 Payroll 3/26/22 to 4/8/22.

25 Motion to approve Warrant 041422 Solids Payroll 3/26/22 to
4/8/22 made by Jawann Jones. Second by Ben Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS:

MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report of Field Operations,
Mr. Ken Myers.

1 MR. MYERS: Commissioners, I have no report for you. If
2 you have any questions or any concerns?

3 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for Mr. Myers?
4 Thank you.

5 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE: None.

6 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT:

7 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from Financial
8 Consultant, Bill Biller.

9 MR. BILLER: Mr. President, there is a report in the
10 packet. If the Board has any questions, I'll be happy to
11 answer them.

12 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for Mr. Biller?
13 Thank you.

14 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

15 NEW BUSINESS:

16 Agreements

17 MR. RIVERA: Next item we have is Agreements. STM,
18 Sanitary District of East Chicago Contract for Grass Cutting
19 and Green Space Maintenance for the year 2022.

20 MR. ALLEGRETTI: If I may, I created some confusion. In
21 the packet at the end the last item on the -- well, there's a
22 spreadsheet showing the various locations where lawn
23 maintenance will be performed and identifying the three
24 vendors, contractors who will perform that.

25 If I may just read that for the court reporter and
then ask the Board to approve this item with these locations,
the crew cut price and the vendor.

Pump Station 145th and Cline \$150 a cut. Canal
Street Pump Station \$150 a cut. That's for R&D.

Pump Station Magoun Avenue and Pump Station
Marktown, that's for Regional. Those are going for \$75 per
cut.

And the last vendor is STM. And those locations
are Pump Station Michigan and Sheridan Avenue \$75. Pump

1 Station Riley Road \$150 per cut. Pump Station Michigan
2 Street north of the toll road \$150 per cut. And the Sanitary
3 District Facility \$1,200 per cut.

4 Those are the three vendors and the three cut
5 amounts. And the cuts will depend on weather and the need of
6 course. But it's up to 30 times.

7 And just to clarify and to get proper authorization
8 for the expenditure, and we'll clean up those contracts, I'd
9 be asking the Board to approve the list and the vendors and
10 the locations that I just identified.

11 MR. RIVERA: So we should have a motion on all four are
12 you saying?

13 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes. And Mr. Myers agrees. I think
14 that will then take care of those items on the action, on
15 agenda.

16 Motion to approve 2022 Grass Cutting and Green Space
17 Maintenance Agreements made by Tia Cauley. Second by Jawann
18 Jones.

19 Questions/Comments: None.

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

22 MR. RIVERA: The next item we have is Rate Sheets for
23 the year 2022. R&D Construction, Inc.

24 MR. MYERS: This is just the rate sheet for R&D
25 Construction 1, Inc. Addendum Number 1. They have submitted
a revised rate sheet.

We already have one working for this year. But due
to the increased fuel costs that we have been incurring with
their work they have supplemented this addendum and are
seeking our approval.

We've all experienced the high charges in gasoline
increases. And they're looking to make adjustments on their
previous rate schedule.

Motion to approve R&D Construction Addendum 1 Rate Sheet made
by Tia Cauley. Second by Steve Flowers.

1 Questions/Comments: None.

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

4 MR. RIVERA: Next one is R&D 2022 Lawn Maintenance.

5 MR. MYERS: Mr. President, there is no action required
6 on this. This is the pricing that was provided that was
7 previously approved where R&D is doing the two Pump Stations
8 at 145th as well as Canal Street.

9 And those prices were already approved in your
10 previous motion. So that item can just be ignored.

11 MR. RIVERA: No action necessary?

12 MR. MYERS: No action is necessary.

13 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Next item is Invoice. Element
14 Invoice for the amount of \$3,024.53.

15 MR. MYERS: Mr. President, by way of explanation the
16 Element Invoice, that's our subcontract laboratory.

17 This particular invoice is an analysis that we do
18 in our pretreatment program monitoring the industrial
19 clients. And that's our monthly invoice for last month.

20 Motion to approve Element Invoice #EFW285980IN made by Tia
21 Cauley. Second by Jawann Jones.

22 Questions/Comments: None.

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

25 MR. RIVERA: Does that include both?

MR. MYERS: No. The second item, Element Invoice in the
amount of \$5,223.89, this is also same laboratory, our annual
cost. But this is in regard to the services they provide to
our Treatment Plant. And this is the sampling we do to
comply with our NPDES permit.

That is the monthly billing for last month, for
March. We're seeking your approval.

1 Motion to approve Element Invoice #EFW285983IN made by Steve
2 Flowers. Second by Tia Cauley.

3 Questions/Comments: None.

4 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

5 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

6 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Faegre Drinker, LTCP Phase 2
7 Rate Case. This invoice is for the amount of \$67,659.50.

8 MR. MYERS: Mr. President, by way of explanation this
9 invoice is for our attorneys down in Indianapolis, Faegre
10 Drinker, for the work that they have been doing on our rate
11 case hearing and preparation of our testimonies and
12 settlement discussions that have been held.

13 Motion to approve Faegre Drinker Invoice made by Tia Cauley.
14 Second by Ben Moricz.

15 Questions/Comments: None.

16 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

17 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

18 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Adjustment for the address of
19 3935 Catalpa Street.

20 It says here this account has been double billed.
21 This was during the transition of a new system. Owner
22 received two bills, a final and regular bill.

23 The recommendation is need to be zeroed out and
24 late fees will have to be removed.

25 Motion to approve 3935 Catalpa Street Adjustment made by Tia
Cauley. Second by Steve Flowers.

Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

Opposed: None Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

1 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, May 5,
2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

3 Motion to adjourn made by Jawann Jones. Second by Tia
4 Cauley.

5 Questions/Comments: None.

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


7 * Meeting ended at 4:49 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
Thursday, April 21, 2022

Approved and Signed 5/5/2022


Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President


Steve Flowers, Vice-President


Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Member


Tia Cauley, Member

/s/ JAWANN JONES

Jawann Jones, Member


Alysia Dunbar, Board Secretary

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 28th day of April, 2022.



Lisa Pena
Notary Public Porter County
Certified Shorthand Reporter
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