

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:

John Bakota, President
Henry Ventura, Vice-President
Joseph Ochoa, Member
Anthony Askounis, Member
Ray Lopez, Member

STAFF:

Joseph Allegretti
Winna Guzman
Allan Lee
Ateria Allen

Reported by: Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.
By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: Joseph Ochoa, Ray
Lopez, Henry Ventura, Anthony Askounis

STAFF Present in Chambers: Ateria Allen,
Rebecca Sliger, Joseph Allegretti

STAFF Present via Zoom: Obed Perez, Jr.

MR. VENTURA: I would call to order the
meeting of the Water Board for May 15, 2023. We'll move
on to approval of minutes of May 1st, as written.

MR. LOPEZ: Make a motion to approve.

MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

MR. VENTURA: All in favor?
(All signify aye.)

MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.

Approval of Warrants: Payroll
Warrant 051223, amount of \$14,833.73, Utilities Payroll,
dates of 4-22-23 to 5-5-23. Do I have a motion to
approve?

MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.

MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

MR. VENTURA: All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
Warrant 051223, amount of
\$45,141.72, Payroll, dates of 4-22-23 to 5-5-23.

MR. ASKOUNIS: Motion to accept.

MR. OCHOA: Second.

MR. VENTURA: All in favor?
(All signify aye.)

MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
Accounts Payable: Warrant 050823
WB, amount of \$159,627.49. Do I have a motion to
approve?

MR. LOPEZ: Make a motion to approve.

MR. OCHOA: Second.

MR. VENTURA: Warrant 051523 WB, amount
of \$143,782.76. Do I have a motion to approve?

MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

MR. VENTURA: All in favor?
(All signify aye.)

MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
Warrant 051523 CD, amount of
\$1,119.04. Do I have a motion to approve?

MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

MR. LOPEZ: Second.

MR. VENTURA: All in favor?
(All signify aye.)

MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
Filtration Report: Obed Perez, Jr.

MR. PEREZ: Nothing to report.

MR. VENTURA: Next, Water Report: Winna
Guzman. No report.

Distribution Report: Allan Lee. No
report.

Legal Counsel: Joe Allegretti.

1 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report.

2 MR. VENTURA: Financial Report: William
3 Biller and Rebecca Sliger.

4 MS. SLIGER: No report at this time.

5 MR. VENTURA: New Business. We have
6 proposals. I will, like we have done in the past,
7 number them 1 through 15. Any questions or comments on
8 any of them, please refer by the number for that
9 proposal for that specific one as we've done in the
10 past. We'll make one motion at the end.

11 First proposal, Calumet City
12 Plumbing, meter pit repair at 4920 Grasselli Avenue,
13 \$5,500.00.

14 2. Calumet City Plumbing, meter pit
15 repair at 1213 East Columbus Drive, \$7,200.00.

16 3. Calumet City Plumbing, meter pit
17 repair at 3801 Carey Street, \$5,625.00.

18 4. Calumet City Plumbing, meter pit
19 repair at 3911 Elm Street, \$5,875.00.

20 5. Calumet City Plumbing, meter pit
21 repair at 531 West 143rd Street, amount of \$5,375.00.

22 6. Calumet City Plumbing, Bbox
23 repair at 1221 Kosciusko Boulevard, amount of \$4,625.00.

24 7. Calumet City Plumbing, Bbox
25 repair at 3816 Euclid Avenue, amount of \$8,000.00.

8. Calumet City Plumbing, meter pit
repair at 1501 Broadway Street, amount \$7,950.00.

9. Calumet City Plumbing, water
main break at 601 East Chicago Avenue, amount
\$25,200.00.

10. Calumet City Plumbing, meter
pit repair at 3712 Grand Boulevard, amount of \$5,875.00.

11. Calumet City Plumbing, meter
pit repair at 3413 Olcott Avenue, amount \$7,700.00.

12. Calumet City Plumbing, meter
pit repair at 530 Emlyn Place, amount \$5,625.00.

13. Hessville Plumbing, meter pit
repair at 4722 Carey Street, amount \$2,733.50.

14. USA Bluebook, McLaughlin
Verifier FLX32, with coil clamp and A-frame, amount of
\$12,593.06.

15. Air Services Company, oil
flooded rotary compressor, amount of \$15,701.20.

That concludes our proposals. Do I
have a motion to approve?

1 MR. ASKOUNIS: Motion to accept proposals
from 1 to 15.

2 MR. LOPEZ: Second.

3 MR. PEREZ: The compressor with Air
4 Services, we had two quotes. We are going with Air
5 Services because we have dealt with them in the past.
6 They are more reliable with their services and their
product is superior.

7 MR. VENTURA: We have a motion and a
second. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

8 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.

9 Next rate sheet. This is from
Shannon Chemical Corporation, for 2023 rates for
10 poly-orthophosphate and citric acid, not-to-exceed
\$250,000.00. Do I have a motion to approve?

11 MR. OCHOA: Make a motion to approve.

12 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

13 MR. VENTURA: All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

14 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.

15 Next is authorizations. De-Vine
Landscaping, revised authorization for the release for
16 property damage, and the amount on that release is
\$12,650.00.

17 MR. SLIGER: You signed off on this at
18 the last meeting. It was for like 7,000 and some
dollars, but we asked them, because there was damage
19 included to the door not just the wall, so we asked them
for a revised proposal. So that's what you are seeing
20 now. So this \$12,650.00 will supersede the 7,000.
That's null and void now, just so you guys know.

21 MR. VENTURA: So the motion would be for
\$12,650.00 to supersede the previous one.

22 MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.

23 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

24 MR. VENTURA: All in favor?

25 (All signify aye.)

1 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
2 Past Due Invoice: Mechanical
3 Concepts, amount of \$476.75. And the reason for that
4 delinquency, invoice was sent late after we had to keep
5 contacting the company to send it over.

6 MR. OCHOA: Motion to approve.

7 MR. ASKOUNIS: Second.

8 MR. VENTURA: All in favor?
9 (All signify aye.)

10 MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
11 Under other business, these next two
12 are just for information, correct?

13 MS. SLIGER: Correct.

14 MR. VENTURA: First one is for FYI,
15 Indiana Finance Authority Environmental Program,
16 Addendum 1, East Chicago membrane plant improvements SRF
17 project, and that's for the Water Department.

18 And the second FYI is for East
19 Chicago Water Department, equipment report for
20 April 2023, and that's from the Fire Department

21 MS. SLIGER: That's for their usage.

22 MR. VENTURA: Any questions on these FYI
23 items? (None)

24 Next on the agenda, we have any
25 Unfinished Business: None. Public Comment: None.

Next meeting regular meeting will be
on Monday June 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., East Chicago
Council Chambers, City Hall.

Do I have a motion to adjourn?

MR. ASKOUNIS: Motion to adjourn.

MR. OCHOA: Second.

MR. VENTURA: All in favor?
(All signify aye.)

MR. VENTURA: Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
May 15, 2023

Approved and signed June 5th, 2023

John Bakota

John Bakota, President

Henry Ventura

Henry Ventura, Vice-President

Joseph Ochoa

Joseph Ochoa, Member

Anthony Askounis

Anthony Askounis, Member

Ray Lopez, Member

Ateria Allen

Ateria Allen, Secretary.

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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 18th day of May, 2023.

Peggy S. LaLonde



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR