

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
(Via Telephone Conference)
Thursday, June 18, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

MR. RIVERA: We stipulate that the members delegate the President the authority to execute all warrants, documents, minutes, et cetera on behalf of the Commission eliminating the need to collect signatures from the members participating electronically.

ROLL CALL: Present: Miguel Rivera.
Present Via Telephone: Alojzy Moricz, Tia Cauley, Loreto Gonzalez, Steve Flowers.

Also Present: Anthony Herrera.
Present Via Telephone: Dr. Abdul Zehraoui, Joe Allegretti, Keith Selvie, Bill Biller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 4, 2020

Motion to approve June 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Ben Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

CHECK WARRANTS:

Sanitary District, Wastewater Division

MR. RIVERA: Next item is Check Warrants for the

1 Sanitary District, Wastewater Division. Warrant Number
2 063020 SW for the amount of \$78,876.05.

3 Motion to approve Check Warrant 063020 SW made by Loreto
4 Gonzalez. Second by Ben Moricz.

5 Questions/Comments: None.

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

8 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 061820 SW for the
9 amount of \$61,501.98.

10 Motion to approve Check Warrant 061820 SW made by Loreto
11 Gonzalez. Second by Ben Moricz.

12 Questions/Comments: None.

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

15 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 061820 SC for the
16 amount of \$17,292.

17 Motion to approve Check Warrant 061820 SC made by Loreto
18 Gonzalez. Second by Ben Moricz.

19 Questions/Comments: None.

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

22 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 061820 SR for the
23 amount of \$54,423.

24 Motion to approve Check Warrant 061820 SR made by Loreto
25 Gonzalez. Second by Ben Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 061220 Sanitary
Board Payroll 5/23/20 to 6/5/20.

1 Motion to approve Check Warrant 061220 Sanitary Board Payroll
2 5/23/20 to 6/5/20 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Ben
3 Moricz.

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 061220 Utilities
8 Payroll 5/23/20 to 6/5/20.

9 Motion to approve Check Warrant 061220 Utilities Payroll
10 5/23/20 to 6/5/20 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Steve
11 Flowers.

12 Questions/Comments: None.

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

15 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 061220 Wastewater
16 Payroll 5/23/20 to 6/5/20.

17 Motion to approve Check Warrant 061220 Wastewater Payroll
18 5/23/20 to 6/5/20 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Ben
19 Moricz.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

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

23 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

24 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrants for the Sanitary District,
25 Solid Waste Division. Warrant Number 061820 SS for the
amount of \$5,076.06.

Motion to approve Check Warrant 061820 SS made by Loreto
Gonzalez. Second by Ben Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 061220 Solids
Payroll 5/23/20 to 6/5/20.

1 Motion to approve Check Warrant 061220 Solids Payroll 5/23/20
2 to 6/5/20 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Ben Moricz.

3 Questions/Comments: None.

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

6 REPORT FROM UTILITY DIVISION MATTERS:

7 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from Director of
8 Utilities, Dr. A. Zehraoui.

9 DR. ZEHRAOUI: The Sanitary District is partly cleaning
10 the area in Roxana. So this week we continue with inspection
11 for the storm. However there is much of the parts they're
12 leaking. There's roots cleaned and broken away and parts
13 they are also full of sand. So this is because maybe this is
14 like 40 years and no maintenance has been done.

15 So we will tackle the problems once we get the
16 report.

17 Also the Sanitary District cleaning the Sanitary
18 deck. This would be easier to do inspection maybe next week.
19 So this is my report.

20 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for Dr. Zehraoui?
21 Thank you.

22 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS: None.

23 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE:

24 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from Solid Waste,
25 Keith Selvie.

MR. SELVIE: Good afternoon, Mr. President and the
Commissioners. I just want to give a quick update over on
the Solid Waste side. We have made some changes to our
compost collection. I hope that Anthony provided the actual
changes to each and every one of you. But I did want to come
before you today to kind of give you an update.

What I changed is we have a set compost date to be
picked up. And those particular days are going to be on
Tuesday and Thursday of each week. (Inaudible) compost on
the curb side in front of the houses. And we ask that actual
residents (Inaudible).

1 The group is aware of this as well as so far so
2 good.

3 MR. RIVERA: You were breaking up the last part of your
4 statement.

5 MR. SELVIE: I'm sorry.

6 MR. RIVERA: We have a memo in our packet about the
7 collection dates of Tuesday and Thursday.

8 Does that conclude your report?

9 MR. SELVIE: That is correct, sir. That concludes my
10 report. Thank you.

11 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for Mr. Selvie?
12 Thank you, Mr. Selvie.

13 MR. SELVIE: Thank you.

14 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT:

15 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from Financial
16 Consultant, Bill Biller.

17 MR. BILLER: Good evening, Mr. President. You have a
18 Cash Report in your packet. Just a couple of comments. Our
19 collections continue to be low compared to last year. And
20 this is due primarily to Covid 19.

21 And collections are down approximately 4 percent
22 with the exception of industrial. And in my report, written
23 report, I stress again that increase is due to some high
24 loadings we're having from WR Grace. But they are paying
25 those high loadings.

 The first of the month the only key is payroll was
217,000. There was three months and three payments in there.

 If there are questions, I will attempt to answer
them. That concludes my report, Mr. President.

22 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Biller?
23 Thank you, Mr. Biller.

24 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:

25 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from Legal Counsel,

1 Attorney Joe Allegretti.

2 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Good afternoon. The Sanitary District
3 Staff and financial advisers and legal advisers are working
4 towards completing the amended contract for Kokosing to
5 proceed with this next phase of the CSO Public Works Project.
6 We hope to have a final document for consideration for Board
7 approval on the second meeting in July after which we will
8 give a Notice to Proceed.

9 There is a very important document that hasn't had
10 much discussion with the Board. It is the Long-Term CSO
11 Control Plan. It dates back to 2003. It's been amended
12 once. And basically is the blueprint for solving the
13 combined sewer overflow wet weather issues that the Sanitary
14 District Collection System experiences during wet weather and
15 particularly during significant storm events.

16 It has to be updated. And staff is negotiating
17 with our current outside environmental engineers, Butler
18 Fairman, for a scope of services to make a final review of
19 some final recommendations. After that I am going to
20 recommend that they appear before the Board during maybe a
21 workshop session to give a full explanation.

22 It involves spending tens of millions of dollars in
23 the future by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners. So it's
24 very important that we all get a good full understanding of
25 what our obligations are and the significance of all of this.

So that will be coming up. And we're still working
to try to solve some other financing problems. But the
solutions look like they will be arrived at quickly. That's
my report.

MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Any questions for Attorney
Allegretti?

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. RIVERA: Next item is New Business. We have an
additional item here which is Resolution SD 20-07.
Mr. Allegretti, are you there?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes. Bill Biller I think wrote this.
So he's probably the one to talk about it.

MR. BILLER: Yes. This Resolution 20-07 is an
additional appropriation giving the Sanitary District the

1 authority to spend the fees from the (inaudible) that was
2 closed on June 3 or 4 in the tune of (inaudible). We ask the
Board to approve the Resolution for Appropriations.

3 MR. ALLEGRETTI: As the Board recalls we had five.
4 We're finishing the second and last phase of that project I
referred to earlier.

5 We had \$5.5 million in the bank unspent. And we
6 needed an additional about \$8.3 million which was the amount
of this most recent financing to be able to have the needed
7 money in the bank to pay for the project which State Law
requires us to have the money on hand before we give a Notice
to Proceed to the general contractor.

8 That is what Mr. Biller is referring to and that's
9 what the purpose of this Resolution is.

10 MR. RIVERA: This is not an additional 8 million, the
original 8 million that we agreed on before, correct?

11 MR. BILLER: Yes.

12 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes. Let me remind you. This is just
13 a housekeeping ordinance. The loan has occurred, the loan
which was previously approved by the Board of Sanitary
14 Commissioners. This just will allow us once the contract is
signed and the Notice to Proceed is authorized and given to
15 the general contractor, this will authorize our fiscal
officer, the City Controller to pay the general contractor
16 for their work.

17 MR. RIVERA: There was previously another Resolution,
correct, with the same amount that we voted on?

18 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes. Well, that was part of the
19 original Bond Resolution that was authorized last year. But
this is part of the same financing.

20 MR. RIVERA: Okay. Thank you.

21 Motion to approve Resolution SD 20-07 made by Tia Cauley.
22 Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

23 Questions/Comments: None.

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

1 MR. RIVERA: Next item is a Proposal, a Purchase Order
2 for Wonderware, SCADA upgrade, for the amount of \$8,969. It
3 says here that the project is software license and upgrade of
4 SCADA System.

5 DR. ZEHRAOUI: This is one year upgrade and license for
6 Wonderware for our SCADA. We have to do it every year. So
7 this is like a maintenance fee for them. Every year we have
8 to pay.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Dr. Z, you said this software is
10 used every year with the same company?

11 DR. ZEHRAOUI: We use it everyday. We have to renew the
12 contract and upgrade this is what it should be. We are using
13 it every minute. This is our eyes for running all the plants
14 and all the pumping stations.

15 Motion to approve Wonderware SCADA Upgrade Proposal made by
16 Tia Cauley. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

17 Questions/Comments: None.

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

20 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Past Due Invoice for the South
21 Shore Clean Cities, Inc. for the amount of \$1 million. It
22 says here that the --

23 DR. ZEHRAOUI: \$1,000.

24 MR. RIVERA: I'm sorry. 1,000. My eyes saw too many
25 zeros there.

The delinquency reason states here AP received call
from vendor inquiring about said invoice. AP informed vendor
she did not receive invoice. Vendor e-mailed invoice on
Monday June 8 after talking to AP.

Motion to approve South Shore Clean Cities, Inc. Past Due
Invoice made by Steve Flowers. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

1 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

2 MR. HERRERA: Is there a Donna Lucero on the line?

3 MS. LUCERO: Yes, I'm here.

4 MR. HERRERA: Can you state your name and address for
the record please?

5 MS. LUCERO: Donna Lucero, 5502 Wegg Avenue in East
6 Chicago.

7 MR. HERRERA: Can you go ahead and state your concern
please?

8 MS. LUCERO: My concern was that we had a total flooding
9 of our basement a couple weeks ago when it rained. My
stepson's car was totaled out. We had to get a new one. My
10 car had water in it. My husband's car had water in it. Just
want to know what's going on with this case.

11 Are we getting any money for it? Are we doing a
12 lawsuit? What's going on?

13 MR. HERRERA: Attorney Allegretti, maybe you can address
the concern please.

14 MR. ALLEGRETTI: If Dr. Z is on the phone, he can talk
15 about the hydraulics situation. I can just state that the
storm event on May 23 was a 185 year storm which is the
16 intensity of that storm only occurs once every 185. Of
course it seems with this climate change these things happen
17 at much greater frequency.

18 So the storm water collection system was
overwhelmed and basements backed up. And I heard there were
19 also reports of water coming in not only to basement backups
but also into doors and windows. So it was a very intense
20 storm that overwhelmed.

21 MS. LUCERO: But what are you doing to prohibit this
from happening again?

22 MR. ALLEGRETTI: The system is not generally speaking --
23 and I'm a lawyer. I am not an environmental engineer. But
generally speaking the system is not designed, no system is
24 designed to handle a storm that large.

25 There's two things. I referred to the long-term

1 CSO Control Plan which involves some sewer separation, some
2 other Public Works projects that will have the effect of
3 lessening the surcharging of sewers which causes sewers to
4 backup into basements and will relieve the system.

5 Secondly the Sanitary District recently adopted a
6 provision whereby the City through the Sanitary District will
7 pay up to 75 percent of \$1,500 for a check valve or backflow
8 prevention system that persons can have installed.

9 The homeowners can have installed in their lower
10 levels of their house, their basements which will prevent
11 backup through the lateral service line when the sewers are
12 surcharged, prevent that from backing up into their basements
13 through their drains or sinks or other fixtures located in
14 the lower level of the property.

15 That's the best way to protect people from basement
16 backups.

17 There's also other measures such as stand pipes.
18 If there is a floor drain in the middle of the basement, a
19 stand pipe is kind of a conventional means of protecting the
20 lower level from basement backup.

21 MS. LUCERO: Why are you only paying 75 percent? Why
22 not 100 percent? I mean we already lost so much.

23 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I understand. And this is not for
24 payment. This is to prevent these kind of incidents from
25 happening in the future.

Of course I guess the rationale is that we hope the
property owner will make improvements on the property to
protect their property. We encourage them to do so by
subsidizing 75 percent of it.

As far as the technical aspects of the hydraulic
situation Dr. Zehraoui is probably, not probably, most
definitely better suited and qualified to discuss that.

DR. ZEHRAOUI: Let me complement what you said. The
basement sump pump to the sewer should pump. What make the
(inaudible) and they have the backup. It should be sending
all the storm back to the storm pipe on the street.
(Inaudible)

Pumping is what we're working on. I went there and
received a much -- there is no much more drain. So between

1 maybe 200, 350 main hose. This is wrong.

2 We would be including more drainage so the water
3 cannot be flooding all the street. What we'll be doing next.

4 But anyway this happens once maybe 125 years. So
5 it is designed for that. So we just flooding. We have
6 others that flooded on May 23 the same. But hopefully our
7 pumping stations they were working good, all the workers and
8 work on the street maybe 1 hour a day.

9 MR. RIVERA: Thank you, Dr. Zehraoui. Is there anyone
10 else out there with a public comment?

11 MR. VELASCO: Yes. I am Rudy Velasco.

12 MR. RIVERA: Could you state your address please?

13 MR. VELASCO: I do not like to give my address publicly
14 because I am disabled. So I don't like having anybody with
15 access. But due to this situation I will.

16 MR. HERRERA: Mr. Velasco, your address can be taken and
17 removed from the public.

18 MR. VELASCO: I appreciate that. Thank you so much.
19 Let me begin first of all we had a meeting here for us. To
20 say that this flood only happens every 125 years is wrong.
21 I've been over here living in Roxana now for over 15 years.
22 And we've been flooding already for the last several times.

23 I talked to the doctor and the Mayor at a Roxana
24 meeting, City meeting five years ago. And they stated that
25 they would address Wegg Avenue immediately as soon as it was
spring. We've already flooded twice since that's happened.
Let me say that. Twice.

I went to the Sanitation meeting before to talk
about the flood. One of the responses I had from one of the
Sanitary Board is they laughed and said I flood too.

So this is an ongoing problem. To say that it
happens every 125 years I think you'd better start counting a
little bit better than that.

As far as the check valve you already stated
yourselves that the water has been up to some people's
windows and doors.

1 Now what's happening because you're not addressing
2 the situation with the storm sewers we're going to start
3 ruining our homes because of the pressure on the foundation.
4 And once you start putting a check valve in you're going to
5 cause more pressure.

6 So this should be addressed. Our drains should be
7 before you even come with a check valve. And if you come
8 with a check valve, there's ways to make this cheaper. All
9 you have to do is make it out as a City contract and bid it
10 out. Therefore the cost would be less to any citizen of East
11 Chicago.

12 And one of the reasons they said, well, the
13 legalities on it. Well, let me tell you rates are going up
14 for senior citizens, the medicine. Do you think they have
15 it, the disabled, to spend this much money on continuing
16 situations? So why would you even do that?

17 And I even heard a rumor about a sewer increase.
18 Somebody really needs to think this over again. This has
19 been going on.

20 And I talked to the doctor at least five years ago
21 and the Mayor. And that was supposed to be addressed.

22 Now, if you didn't address it then and you had the
23 money, why would you address it now and ask for more money?

24 The check valves, you can bring that price down.
25 There is no reason. If you're afraid of going into people's
homes, I'm sure if somebody signs a waiver legally they would
allow people in their homes to get these check valves on.
That's what I have to say.

MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

DR. ZEHRAOUI: For clarification, this is Abdul, I'm new
to the City maybe three years. I was not here five years.

For the flooding that is coming back or the sewer
that has been backup to the homes is not storm. This is
sanitary. They are not linked to the storm. So it's
sanitary.

What happened because of the water table and all
the water sending to the basement people just start pumping
the sump pump to the sanitary if at all.

1 MR. VELASCO: I beg to differ. Not all the homes are
2 like that. That should be included in the section.

3 And, sir, you're the one that personally told me
4 over five years ago that this matter on my street, on Wegg
5 Avenue, you and the Mayor, that that would be the first
6 street that this issue would be addressed to.

7 DR. ZEHRAOUI: (Inaudible) I'm new.

8 MR. VELASCO: How can this happen? If you're not the
9 guy I talked to at that meeting --

10 DR. ZEHRAOUI: No. I'm new.

11 MR. VELASCO: Okay. So this problem has been going on
12 since then. (Inaudible).

13 When you say this problem only happens every 125
14 years, no, it does not. If this has a continuing history of
15 this happening, why do you keep saying, oh, well we have to
16 do this. Why not just do it?

17 You had every opportunity in the last ten years to
18 do something about it and nothing has been addressed. That's
19 either bad management or not listening to the citizens in
20 Roxana.

21 DR. ZEHRAOUI: I cannot talk for previous
22 administration. Roxana has maybe --

23 MR. VELASCO: I --

24 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Listen to me. Every person there is
25 sending their water or they're pumping stuff to the storage.
This is wrong. This is what happened bad because everyone
sending sump pump to sanitary. Sanitary cannot handle all
this water. So then it's backup bad because we are just
wasting the time.

MR. VELASCO: But you're telling me that it can't do it.
What can you do to solve it?

DR. ZEHRAOUI: We can. We can. (Inaudible).

MR. VELASCO: There's a problem. What are you going to
do to solve it? That's what we want to know. And it's more
money out of our pocket.

1 DR. ZEHRAOUI: One is to install the valve because the
2 valve lets the water (inaudible) in just one direction. This
prevents it coming back. This is one.

3 Second thing no sump pump should be sent to our
4 lane. It should be sent to the main strip which is storm
pipe.

5 Third thing is the (inaudible). It should be
6 eliminated. This is something more efficient. Why the City
was providing the money because assistance of the money maybe
7 to move all those other sanitary to the bigger one. This is
only thing you can do.

8 MR. VELASCO: Sir, you just came here. You listed those
9 problems. Those problems have existed since I can remember.
I'm 63 years old. And I've been an East Chicago resident.
10 And five years ago I had an apartment house. They finally
took the downspouts. The City finally came in and made some
adjustments, installed that and had it done.

11
12 So what you're telling me is now that all these
things are done then the City has been negligent to make sure
13 these things have been done. Whether it's your
administration or the past administration that spells
14 negligence on the City itself. If you are aware of the
problem, I have not heard more solutions other than take
money from us.

15 DR. ZEHRAOUI: The project is --

16 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Excuse me. Excuse me.

17 DR. ZEHRAOUI: We are right now moving with (inaudible).
18 But the City Council they rejected the project. So how we
can move without any funds?

19 MR. VELASCO: Well, you know what that's the meeting
20 (inaudible) City Council because we are sitting on a \$50
million surplus. And I think that everybody, the Mayor
21 should say don't let things go. We need things. That's why
that money is there.

22 Well, you know what it's raining all over our
23 streets. Let's use that money and solve that problem rather
than coming and taking our money that has nothing to do with
24 our administration doing it to us.

25 I guess we'll go to the City Council meeting and

1 address the issue there.

2 MR. ALLEGRETTI: President Rivera.

3 MR. RIVERA: Yes.

4 DR. ZEHRAOUI: (Inaudible).

5 MR. ALLEGRETTI: President Rivera, pound the gavel
6 please. This is public expression. This is not appropriate,
7 question and answer.

8 MR. HERRERA: Joe, we need everyone to eliminate the
9 background noise please. Please eliminate the background
10 noise because the court reporter is having trouble hearing
11 please.

12 MR. ALLEGRETTI: President Rivera, I'm not trying to
13 tell you how to run your meeting. But this is not
14 appropriate public expression. The public should be allowed
15 their three minutes to express themselves. But it shouldn't
16 degrade into a question and answer session. That's my
17 recommendation.

18 MR. RIVERA: The problem with the phone conference is
19 it's very hard to stop someone from speaking. When they're
20 here in person, you can stop them. But it's very hard.

21 MR. VELASCO: You know what Public Comment, you're
22 right. Correct, it's Public Comment. But when somebody
23 starts asking me questions I'm trying to be respectful and
24 things do carry on. So I understand. And I respect that.
25 It's supposed to be Public Comment.

All we're trying to do is make you aware of the
continuing problems we have. Thank you.

MR. RIVERA: Is there anyone else on the Public
Comments?

MR. CISCO: Yes. Tom Cisco, 5425 Reading Avenue. I've
lived in Roxana for 27 years. I put a lot of money in my
house. In the last 12 years my basement has flooded 12
times. I'm sorry. Four times. In four times each time it's
the same problem.

We have drain tile that goes around our house. We
have no downspouts. Everyone on our block has drain tile.
The drain tile empties into a pit in the basement. We have

1 no sump pump that goes into the sewer. You're getting drain
2 tile water into the sewer.

3 We need to have proper pumping sump pump system in
4 our homes which is about \$5,000.

5 I had a plumber come out. I had him look at it.
6 He inspected it. I have no collapse drain tile. The water
7 comes into the pit. It goes in the sanitary. We bring
8 outside water into the inside and then push it through the
9 sanitary.

10 The problem is that our storm drains are one
11 problem in itself. Number one our storm drains, there was 3
12 foot of water. There was 3 foot of water in Roxana on the
13 streets and it sat there.

14 I went to clean the grate to make sure there's
15 nothing there. There was nothing moving. An hour later a
16 truck pulled up. We had an emergency pump station on Walsh.
17 It started emptying as soon as it turned on the pumps. And
18 it emptied.

19 We were pumping out our basement for 12 hours.
20 Thousands of dollars of merchant stuff gone. We can't even
21 use our basement to store it.

22 I get that it's a 125 year storm. But the one
23 thing you're missing is the Monday after that storm our
24 basement flooded again. And I hear it's an employee who left
25 for lunch.

So there is definitely a management problem when
it's been filling up. They know it. There's auxiliary pumps
that have to be turned on. Things have to happen in
sequence.

It took two hours for somebody to come to that
emergency pump station in Roxana. And then drove through the
water putting water in people's basements.

There's no emergency plan for storm water like it
sat. There should have been police out there. There should
have been barricades for cars not to be driving through 3
foot of water putting more water in the basement. There's no
emergency plan. And you know this is an ongoing problem for
12 years.

I remember meeting with the Mayor also. The check

1 valve will not work without the pumping of the drain tiles
2 around your house. It just won't work. Where is that water
going to? The hydraulics is going to push it to the bottom.
3 And our foundations will wash out.

4 MR. RIVERA: Mr. Cisco, we understand your concern. And
this Board cannot do anything. This problem has to go under
5 somebody else. This Board cannot address that at this point.

6 MR. CISCO: You can't do anything?

7 MR. RIVERA: I said we cannot address this at this
point, this Board.

8 MR. CISCO: So what Board needs to do this?

9 MS. CAULEY: The Board that needs to hear it is the City
10 Council. They're the ones that have the say over the money.
The only thing we can do is approve it. The final say comes
11 from the City Council.

12 MR. CISCO: So I go to the City Council. You've got \$50
million in surplus. They say fix the sewers, right?
13 Automate the system.

14 There's nothing the Sanitary Board can do to help
us? So our houses, the value of our houses --

15 MR. RIVERA: Mr. Cisco, please. You've been on the line
for more than five minutes. I should have stopped you in
16 three minutes. Go in front of the City Council and see what
they say about that.

17 MR. CISCO: All right.

18 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Is there anyone else? Anyone
19 else under Public Comments?

20 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, July 2,
2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

21 Motion to adjourn made by Tia Cauley. Second by Steve
22 Flowers.

23 Questions/Comments: None.

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

* Meeting ended at 5:13 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
Thursday, June 18, 2020

Approved and Signed _____



Miguel Rivera, President

/S/ Alojzy Moricz

Alojzy Moricz, Vice-President

/S/ Loreto Gonzalez

Loreto Gonzalez, Member

/S/ Tia Cauley

Tia Cauley, Member

/S/ Steve Flowers

Steve Flowers, Member




Anthony Herrera, Board Secretary

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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 29th day of June, 2020.



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