

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEMBERS

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, July 2, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates  
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

MR. RIVERA: We can also 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 18, 2020

Motion to approve June 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Steve Flowers.

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  
070220 SW for the amount of \$96,879.42.

2 Motion to approve Check Warrant 070220 SW made by Loreto  
3 Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy 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 070220 SR for the  
8 amount of \$12,694.36.

9 Motion to approve Check Warrant 070220 SR made by Loreto  
10 Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

11 Questions/Comments: None.

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

14 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 062620 Sanitary  
15 Board Payroll 6/6/20 to 6/19/20.

16 Motion to approve Check Warrant 062620 Sanitary Board Payroll  
17 6/6/20 to 6/19/20 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Steve  
18 Flowers.

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 062620 Utilities  
23 Payroll 6/6/20 to 6/19/20.

24 Motion to approve Check Warrant 062620 Utilities Payroll  
25 6/6/20 to 6/19/20 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy  
Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 062620 Wastewater  
Payroll 6/6/20 to 6/19/20.

1 Motion to approve Check Warrant 062620 Wastewater Payroll  
2 6/6/20 to 6/19/20 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy  
3 Moricz.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

7 CHECK WARRANTS:

8 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

9 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Check Warrants for the  
10 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division. Warrant Number  
11 070220 SS for the amount of \$89,515.42.

12 Motion to approve Check Warrant 070220 SS made by Loreto  
13 Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

14 Questions/Comments: None.

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

17 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 062620 Solids  
18 Payroll 6/6/20 to 6/19/20.

19 Motion to approve Check Warrant 062620 Solids Payroll 6/6/20  
20 to 6/19/20 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

21 Questions/Comments: None.

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

24 REPORT FROM UTILITY DIVISION MATTERS:

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

DR. ZEHRAOUI: Good evening, President and Members.  
Just to keep you ahead for Roxana area we finished the survey  
and cleaning for the storm which is good. So mostly we cut  
all the roots of the trees that's debris in the path and they  
were blocking the path.

So for the Sanitary System we'll be starting soon  
for the survey and cleaning.

1 Third thing we did meeting with Mary today because  
2 you know Alder Street is our artery for the storm. And the  
3 path due from 60 inches to 96 inches. So this is like 90  
4 years. The path, system that is right now is full of debris.  
5 We have stuff like one-third of the path that is still  
6 flowing. We have around 1,500 pounds of debris that is  
7 sitting just in half like around 4,500 feet. So we will  
8 start surveying the next 4,500 feet maybe next two weeks.  
9 And from there we'll see what we can do.

10 Just the cleaning, survey and cleaning cost around  
11 \$2 million. Then we'll see if everything is good then we'll  
12 do a lining that will cost 5 million. So this is a huge  
13 project. Never has been cleaned 90 years. So we will  
14 provide the money for this project.

15 Third thing is that yesterday Kokosing and his  
16 staff, they were to check for us to have an eye on the  
17 project for Phase 2. So by the 17th of this month we'll get  
18 the update of the G Max because it should be updated.

19 This is what I have. And I hope everyone is good.

20 MR. RIVERA: Does that conclude your report?

21 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Yes, sir.

22 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for Dr. Zehraoui?  
23 Thank you, Dr. Zehraoui.

24 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Appreciate that.

25 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS: None.

REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE:

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

MR. SELVIE: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Just a  
quick update. The changes that we made to the compost as  
well as recycling pickup are going well.

As you guys are aware we are no longer picking up  
recycling curbside. Everything is going to be picked up in  
the alleys as well as we've made changes to the schedule of  
pickup for the compost. Each District is now picked up on  
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thanks.

1 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Selvie?  
Thank you, Mr. Selvie.

2 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: None.

3 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:

4 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from Legal Counsel, Joe  
5 Allegretti.

6 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Good afternoon. On the subject of  
Keith's Report and I thought he was going to talk to you  
7 about the item that's on the agenda, the Illiana Disposal  
Partnership Agreement Renewal.

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9 Keith alertly and by the way Mr. Selvie kind of  
saved the day. Our one-year option for municipal solid waste  
with Illiana Republic was coming to an end. And we had a  
10 window of opportunity to exercise our second option for  
renewal.

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12 It was a two-year contract with two one-year  
options. We already exercised the first option. Keith sent  
a letter notifying Illiana Republic that the City was  
13 exercising the second option.

14 I've talked to other communities. The cost of  
municipal solid waste pickup and disposal is skyrocketing.  
15 So by Keith having this thing diary and exercising within the  
time limits provided in the agreement, exercising our option  
16 saved us the unhappy experience of going out and soliciting  
other bids from other providers like Waste Management and  
17 other people.

18 So what's on the agenda is for the Board to ratify  
the letter sent by Mr. Selvie to Illiana Republic exercising  
19 our additional one-year option.

20 One year from today we'll have to go out there and  
bite the bullet and test the market. We'll cross that bridge  
21 when we come to it.

22 And to supplement Dr. Zehraoui, as he indicated  
Dr. Abdul is working with the general contractor, Kokosing.  
23 One of the interesting items that the Board would probably be  
surprised to hear was that we were asked by the general  
24 contractor whether the City would be interested in purchasing  
foreign steel and iron products rather than domestic.

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1           There are both federal and state statutes that  
2 prohibit or limit the ability of a Municipality for Public  
3 Works to buy foreign steel and iron products just so you  
4 know.

5           I think most of our steel and iron products are  
6 valves. But the cost differential, there would have been a  
7 savings of \$400,000 just to show you the trade imbalance  
8 going on now with subsidized China steel and iron products.

9           So for many reasons aside from the fact that we're  
10 kind of a steel producing community of the country we could  
11 not exercise and would not exercise or try to exercise the  
12 option of buying foreign steel and iron products for our  
13 Public Works projects.

14           Lastly we've been working on the Department of  
15 Environmental Management on our time limit and our Agreed  
16 Judgment. And that's coming along now. I'll have some  
17 further reports in the future.

18           Thank you. That's all.

19           MR. RIVERA: Mr. Allegretti, are these the same rates  
20 for refuse, recyclables and compost as the previous  
21 agreement, same rates?

22           MR. ALLEGRETTI: Keith might have that information in  
23 front of him. But there are very minor increases for all  
24 components of our contract.

25           MR. SELVIE: Yes, I do. Actually on page 5 of the  
actual original agreement that was signed back in 2017 the  
refuse is going up to \$43.50. And it's slightly up from  
\$42.23. The recyclables are going from 18.54 to 19.10. And  
then the compost is going from \$42.23 up to \$43.50.

          MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Any more questions for  
Mr. Allegretti? Thank you, Mr. Selvie.

          MR. SELVIE: Thank you, sir.

NEW BUSINESS:

          MR. RIVERA: Next item is New Business. We have a Rate  
Sheet from Dream Builders of America for the year 2020.

          MR. SELVIE: Yes, sir. Mr. President, this is just a  
rate agreement, rate schedule agreement that was ratified

1 over on the Public Works side. I would like the same to be  
2 ratified and the Sanitary side.

3 This service is that we have a consultant that  
4 actually works with our IT Department to do various things  
5 when needed.

6 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

7 Motion to approve Dream Builders of America 2020 Rate Sheet  
8 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

9 Questions/Comments: None.

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

12 MR. RIVERA: Next item is the one we just talked about.  
13 Proposal, Illiana Disposal Partnership Agreement Renewal for  
14 the year 2020.

15 Motion to approve 2020 Illiana Disposal Partnership Agreement  
16 Renewal made by 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 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

22 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, July 16,  
23 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

24 Motion to adjourn made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy  
25 Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

\* Meeting ended at 4:47 p.m.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
Thursday, July 2, 2020  
Approved and Signed \_\_\_\_\_



Miguel Rivera, President

Alojzy Moricz

Alojzy Moricz, Vice-President

Loreto Gonzalez

Loreto Gonzalez, Member

Tia Cauley

Tia Cauley, Member

Steve Flowers

Steve Flowers, Member



Anthony Herrera, 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 12th day of July, 2020.

  
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Lisa Pena  
Notary Public Porter County  
Certified Shorthand Reporter  
License Number 084-003483



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