

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, August 20, 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 in Chambers: Miguel Rivera  
Present Via Telephone: Alojzy Moricz, Tia Cauley, Loreto Gonzalez, Steve Flowers

Also Present: Present in Chambers: Anthony Herrera, Winna Guzman  
Present Via Telephone: Joe Allegretti, Bill Biller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 6, 2020

Motion to approve August 6, 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

1 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Warrants for the Sanitary  
2 District, Wastewater Division. Warrant Number 083120 SW for  
3 the amount of \$91,805.88.

4 Motion to approve Check Warrant 083120 SW made by Loreto  
5 Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

6 Questions/Comments: None.

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

9 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 082020 SW for the  
10 amount of \$89,100.76.

11 Motion to approve Check Warrant 082020 SW made by Loreto  
12 Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

13 Questions/Comments: None.

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

16 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 082020 SR for the  
17 amount of \$170.54.

18 Motion to approve Check Warrant 082020 SR made by Loreto  
19 Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

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

23 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 080720 Sanitary  
24 Board Payroll 7/18/20 to 7/31/20.

25 Motion to approve Check Warrant 080720 Sanitary Board Payroll  
7/18/20 to 7/31/20 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Steve  
Flowers.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 080720 Utilities  
Payroll 7/18/20 to 7/31/20.

1 Motion to approve Check Warrant 080720 Utilities Payroll  
2 7/18/20 to 7/31/20 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 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 080720 Wastewater  
8 Payroll 7/18/20 to 7/31/20.

9 Motion to approve Check Warrant 080720 Wastewater Payroll  
10 7/18/20 to 7/31/20 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy  
11 Moricz.

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 is Warrants for the Sanitary District,  
17 Solid Waste Division. Warrant Number 073120 SS for the  
18 amount of \$175.

19 Motion to approve Check Warrant 073120 SS made by Loreto  
20 Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

21 Questions/Comments: None.

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

24 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 082020 SS for the  
25 amount of \$94,894.08.

Motion to approve Check Warrant 082020 SS 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 080720 Solids  
Payroll 7/18/20 to 7/31/20.

1 Motion to approve Check Warrant 080720 Solids Payroll 7/18/20  
2 to 7/31/20 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

3 Questions/Comments: None.

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

6 MR. RIVERA: Who was that that just came on?

7 MR. SELVIE: Keith Selvie.

8 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Dr. Abdul.

9 REPORT FROM UTILITY DIVISION MATTERS:

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

12 DR. ZEHRAOUI: We have some updates, Board and Members.  
13 We have some dig out repairs for seven projects. And there  
14 is like another six throughout the City. That is important  
15 because today we installed the emergency generator that was  
16 being rented at Roxana Pumping Station.

17 Then we still have the discovery going on for  
18 storm inspection at Roxana area. Then we just finished today  
19 the inspection for the main, for the other main faults. So  
20 that is going to other pumping station.

21 So this is all what has been done. But still we  
22 didn't receive the report yet.

23 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for Dr. Zehraoui?

24 MS. CAULEY: I have a question.

25 MR. RIVERA: Yes. Go ahead.

MS. CAULEY: Is this in our packet?

DR. ZEHRAOUI: Excuse me? Can you repeat? I didn't  
hear you.

MS. CAULEY: Is this in our packet already?

DR. ZEHRAOUI: No.

MR. RIVERA: Any other questions? Thank you,

1 Dr. Zehraoui.

2 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS: None.

3 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE: None.

4 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT:

5 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from Financial  
6 Consultant, Bill Biller.

7 MR. BILLER: Mr. President, there is a report in the  
8 packet. My only comment would be that our receipts were up  
9 slightly in the month of July. But we continue to be  
10 approximately 400,000 down from last year and drastically  
11 down from our budget of this year.

12 And that is mainly due to the budget was put  
13 together under the assumption that we were going to have new  
14 rates in effect as of January 1 of this year.

15 But I believe the key is a good month collection  
16 wise. But we continue to be below 2019. And that's  
17 primarily in industrial users.

18 If the Board has any questions, I'll be happy to  
19 answer them.

20 MR. RIVERA: Any questions for Mr. Bill Biller? Thank  
21 you, Mr. Bill Biller.

22 MR. BILLER: Yes, sir.

23 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:

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

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Bill Biller and I spoke today. We were  
talking about, and Winna, we had a conversation on the  
subject of the moratorium on shutoffs. We mostly think it  
applies to the Water Utility. But of course also the Water  
Utility shuts off for nonpayment of sewer usage charges. So  
we're all sailing in the same ship.

The moratorium on preventing, precluding shutoffs  
has expired. However we are still prohibited. And we want  
the Board to acknowledge the fact that the Utility is still  
prohibited from collecting late fees, deposits or

1 disconnection or reconnection fees from residential  
2 customers. And we are also obligated to offer extended  
3 payment arrangements for delinquent accounts for residential  
4 customers.

5 So these are things that we're going to get past.  
6 But they have interfered with our revenue stream. But it's  
7 getting better and the smoke is clearing.

8 That's my report.

9 MR. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti. There is no  
10 action needed for the Board on this matter, correct?

11 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No. Winna, are you comfortable with  
12 that?

13 MR. RIVERA: The other Members don't have this in their  
14 packet?

15 MS. GUZMAN: No, they don't.

16 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yeah. It just came in basically in an  
17 e-mail which I get from the Municipal Lawyer's Association.  
18 But all Utilities in the State of Indiana are dealing with  
19 the same restrictions.

20 But the good news is we no longer have to observe  
21 the moratorium. And now we can be more aggressive in  
22 collecting delinquent accounts.

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

25 NEW BUSINESS:

MR. RIVERA: The next item is New Business. The first  
item is Resolution SD 20-08. Mr. Allegretti, you have the  
floor.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Pardon me? I didn't hear. No. I'm  
sorry. No.

MR. RIVERA: Were you going to say something on behalf  
of the Resolution?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: I think that's a Bill Biller one to  
talk about.

1 MR. BILLER: Mr. President, Resolution 20-10 is  
2 requesting the Board to approve a listing of charge-offs of  
3 bad debts for reasons of Sheriff sales, bankruptcies and  
4 items along that line.

5 I believe there is a listing attached. And the  
6 total is approximately \$20,000.

7 MR. RIVERA: 21,000.

8 MR. BILLER: 21,000. I don't have it in front of me.

9 MR. RIVERA: Mr. Biller, correction, the Resolution  
10 states that it's 20-08.

11 MR. ALLEGRETTI: That's right.

12 MR. BILLER: I was just looking at what's on the agenda.  
13 So I am sorry.

14 MR. RIVERA: Winna Guzman has the floor right now.

15 MS. GUZMAN: Winna Guzman. I just wanted to note that  
16 20-10, Resolution WD 20-10 was presented before the  
17 Waterworks Board on Monday and was approved. So that's  
18 probably the confusion. So 08 is for the Sanitary District.

19 MR. RIVERA: Is there a motion to accept the write-off,  
20 Resolution SD 20-08.

21 Motion to approve Resolution SD 20-08 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.

MR. RIVERA: Next item is Emergency. First one is  
Millright Machine, Inc.

MR. HERRERA: Mr. Biller, did you want to include the  
bond, the 8.3 million bond and the 12.9 million? It's  
included in the packet. It's right after the write-offs.  
Actually I think after your Report.

MR. BILLER: Yeah. Thank you, Anthony. Yes. Also  
included in the packet are two recaps of our outstanding bond  
issues.

1           The first one is a revenue bond which we issued  
2 bond for \$15,000,000. And this recap says expenditures to  
3 date and the expected expenditures by classification. And  
4 the same holds true for the recap in there which we issued  
5 for 8.3 million. And it shows the authorized contract and  
6 expenditures which we have to date and the projections.

7           These are basically for the Board's information so  
8 they know what has been spent on the various bond issues  
9 outstanding for the Sanitary District.

10          MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Nevertheless we still have to  
11 accept the Emergency Millright Machine, Inc. for the amount  
12 of \$36,330.

13          DR. ZEHRAOUI: We have to repair and cannot buy new one  
14 because the new one cost around 100,000. And this is like 30  
15 years has not been repaired. So we have to repair this  
16 because this is for the aeration number 4. Once it's  
17 repaired we have to install. This is emergency.

18          And while I was on the vacation there was an IDM  
19 inspection. And there was some unsatisfactory report because  
20 of the length of the area. This is hard for the plant.

21          MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Do we have a motion?

22          MS. CAULEY: Mr. President, we have told Dr. Z over and  
23 over and over again about these emergencies. Okay. Listen  
24 we're not going to keep voting on this stack because we don't  
25 have it in front of us. And we're not going to keep having  
no special meetings.

          Now, Roxana and all the rest of them have been  
complaining about the water, Dr. Z, for the last few months.  
And regardless if you on vacation or not you have managers,  
supervisors. They should have been able to contact you, call  
you and get that on our agenda.

          I vote no.

          DR. ZEHRAOUI: For which item are you speaking to?

          MS. CAULEY: I'm talking to you, Dr. Z.

          DR. ZEHRAOUI: No. Which item?

          MS. CAULEY: The one you don't have in our packet that  
you want to be an emergency like all the rest of them.



1 DR. ZEHRAOUI: All the rest of them we need emergency  
2 for the Roxana to have generator. So I was on vacation. I  
was not there.

3 So everything had been fine. And everything has  
4 been done and being installed right now because we don't know  
when there is rain or there is power that is not on.

5 Last time before I went on vacation we lost power  
6 because of -- no. While I was on vacation there is a loss of  
power because NIPSCO. This was last Monday. So this should  
7 be emergency.

8 MR. FLOWERS: Dr. Z, I think Commissioner Tia is saying  
when you're on vacation who is the next man up? Just because  
9 you're on vacation there should be some type of emergency  
number.

10 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Yeah. This is from my last week  
11 vacation. So everyone is there. Joe Wright was working on  
it and Kim Meyer and also Ben from Electrical Engineer. All  
12 of them working together to get this one done in short time  
period.

13 MS. CAULEY: They got it done. But they still didn't  
14 get it approve in our packet.

15 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Because it was last week. So we have to  
work in two weeks. We cannot wait until today and then get  
16 it rented for another one or two weeks.

17 MS. CAULEY: We're not talking about the material.  
We're saying after you did emergency, Dr. Z, it should still  
18 have been in our packet.

19 DR. ZEHRAOUI: In your packet there's one.

20 MR. RIVERA: Tia Cauley, you don't have this in your  
packet?

21 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Yeah. Should have page 68.

22 MS. CAULEY: I asked you was this in the packet and you  
23 said -- they said no.

24 DR. ZEHRAOUI: No. I say no for my report. But if you  
go to page 67, it's there.

25 MS. CAULEY: 67?

1 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Yes.

2 MS. CAULEY: I'm getting tired of this.

3 DR. ZEHRAOUI: 66 and 67. All of them are listed there.

4 MS. CAULEY: Because I am not going to be going in front  
of the State Board of Accounts.

5 DR. ZEHRAOUI: It's page 66.

6 MR. RIVERA: So, Tia Cauley, you do have it in your  
7 packet or no?

8 MS. CAULEY: Yes, I do.

9 MR. RIVERA: Because I have it in my packet.

10 MS. CAULEY: Yes, I do.

11 MR. RIVERA: How about the other Members, do all of you  
have this in your packet?

12 Mr. Moricz, do you have it in your packet?

13 MR. MORICZ: Yes.

14 MR. RIVERA: Mr. Gonzalez, do you have it in your  
15 packet?

16 MR. GONZALEZ: Yes.

17 MR. RIVERA: Is it in your packet, Mr. Flowers?

18 MR. FLOWERS: Yes. I see it's an emergency, the  
19 adjustments down, agreement, things like that. I do see  
that.

20 MR. RIVERA: Is there a motion?

21 MR. GONZALEZ: The only question I've got, you know, I  
agree with Miss Cauley. He was on vacation. He has people  
22 on hand that could present this.

23 I'll repeat it again. I would like to add again  
(inaudible).

24 DR. ZEHRAOUI: What happened last report last on the  
25 6th. This had been done on the 7th if you can go to the

1 date. So it was after the meeting.

2 Otherwise next time if we have emergency we have to  
3 send it to the President for approval before we can proceed.  
4 It would be nice for us to get the President sign it before  
5 we can proceed with any work.

6 MS. CAULEY: What happened to being proactive?

7 DR. ZEHRAOUI: That would be nice. Or we can send it to  
8 the Member if work should be. We send e-mail to any one of  
9 the Members and also President and you can make decision  
10 before we can proceed if it is not on the day of the meeting.  
11 So we can be proactive.

12 MR. RIVERA: So, Members, what do you want to do with  
13 this?

14 MS. CAULEY: Dr. Z, you can be proactive in anything  
15 that do you because if there's something going on with the  
16 generator get the company out to service them on a regular  
17 maintenance just like Keith Selvie has to. I have to. And  
18 all the other departments here have to.

19 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Yeah. What we are doing because we don't  
20 have generator there. This is why we rented one because in  
21 the project we'll get generator. But the lead time is 7  
22 months. This is why we went very quick and proceed for the  
23 rent.

24 MS. CAULEY: Attorney Allegretti.

25 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes.

MS. CAULEY: I am going to ask you to talk to him. I am  
not going to keep talking about this even in the Board  
Meetings. Okay?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes, ma'am.

MR. RIVERA: Members, what are you going to do with the  
Millright Machine, Inc.?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Let me just say that the facility that  
needed the repairs, the clarifiers have to be functioning.  
And without them properly functioning or if they break down  
the wastewater treatment process will pretty much come to a  
halt. And it can result in a violation of our NPDES Permit  
which regulates the amount of pollutants we're required to

1 remove from the wastewater before we discharge it of course  
2 into the receiving stream.

3 And the other problem is some of this deferred  
4 maintenance as a result of insufficient sewer user charges  
5 which we are in the process of dealing with.

6 And you're right, Commissioner Cauley, deferred  
7 maintenance is a real problem especially for a utility like  
8 ours. But we are acting to get our user charges in the only  
9 way we can to get them increased so that we have sufficient  
10 revenue to properly run the plant.

11 I understand your frustration. I know you're not  
12 happy with these things. But that's kind of what's going on.  
13 It's going to be get better.

14 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Maybe I can add something here. This is  
15 not like preventive maintenance so the company decided to  
16 have these repairs done on this day or this month. So it's  
17 not like something that. We are working to get some parts on  
18 the shelf. This is what these are.

19 This is like very long and slow process to get this  
20 done and fixed. It's not like something like fitters. This  
21 is very heavy equipment and duty. So this is why very slow  
22 processing.

23 But next time we can do it inhouse. Maybe what we  
24 can do is rent some more equipment. We can install it  
25 ourselves. But we don't have manpower to do it. We lost  
three guys from maintenance. And there is no way we can  
replace them right now. We are short-handed.

MR. RIVERA: Thank you, Dr. Zehraoui. Once again,  
Members, what should we do with this Millright Machine, Inc.?

There is no motion?

MS. CAULEY: No, no motion. Make a motion to table.

MR. RIVERA: Motion to table the Millright Machine, Inc.  
made by Miss Cauley. Do I have a second?

MS. CAULEY: They've already done the work. So we  
should be able to see it in our packet on what we're going to  
be voting on.

DR. ZEHRAOUI: It's in your packet.

1 MS. CAULEY: I'm talking about not this. I'm talking  
2 about all the rest of them, Dr. Z.

3 DR. ZEHRAOUI: They're all in your packet.

4 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to table.

5 Motion to Table Millright Machine, Inc. made by Tia Cauley.  
6 Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

7 Questions/Comments: None.

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

10 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Austgen Electric Purchase  
11 Order for \$6,901.

12 DR. ZEHRAOUI: This is for the Roxana Pumping Station so  
13 all electrical work could be done temporarily at Roxana Pump  
14 Station because we need it in case because we rent the  
15 generator. And we need the work to be done.

16 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. What action are we going to  
17 take? Is there a motion to accept the Austgen Electric for  
18 \$6,901 or no?

19 (No Action Taken)

20 MR. RIVERA: Let's go to the next item then. That was  
21 Austgen Electric, \$6,901.

22 MR. HERRERA: Board, this is Anthony. I want to add  
23 something to these emergencies. Our Utility is hiring an  
24 accounting firm to conduct an asset management plan. And  
25 recently we had a meeting with the accounting firm. And  
there was a very, very, very lengthy list of all of our  
infrastructure.

And a lot of our equipment if some of you would  
look at the date that that equipment was manufactured for  
that Department you would just be in awe because we have  
stuff from the '80s still.

We have equipment from the '90s, the '70s, the  
'60s. And because of the lack of funding we can't really --  
we have no choice but to Band-Aid everything and no choice in  
replacing it because the cost of it is so high.

So this is the reason we have no choice but to

1 bring things to the Board for emergencies because if the cost  
2 of something is \$36,000 the Directors can't approve that.  
3 It's the Board's responsibility to give approval to large  
4 amounts of money like that.

5 We didn't budget for this. None of the Utility  
6 budgets for emergencies. We kind of have to deal with the  
7 budget that we're allocated to every year. So they have no  
8 choice in the matter but to bring these matters to the Board.

9 And I just want to add that because I did witness  
10 how old a lot of this infrastructure is in the City. And I  
11 have met with a lot of different engineering firms,  
12 accounting firms to study the City so we can incorporate  
13 preventative plans and preventative maintenance because  
14 that's exactly what we're trying to do. Everybody is working  
15 very diligently trying to in all the departments of Utility.

16 Like I said we have no choice but to bring these  
17 large items that go down. Whether whoever is in charge is  
18 here or not we have to call a company or a firm to come fix  
19 these issues because we don't have the manpower.

20 Our people just don't specialize in those areas of  
21 these machines. There's just so many different pieces and  
22 components that our employees, they're just not educated on  
23 any of this. We just don't have the manpower for it. And  
24 that's why these matters are brought to our Board.

25 I don't want anybody thinking like we're making bad  
26 decisions, management is making bad decisions by bringing  
27 them. They have no choice. This just is a must.

28 And if we are going to table some of these items,  
29 we're going to bring them right back. So I respectfully  
30 would appreciate it if we would please pass some of these  
31 items.

32 MS. CAULEY: Mr. President, who is that?

33 MR. HERRERA: Anthony.

34 MR. RIVERA: Anthony Herrera.

35 MS. CAULEY: And again we tabled it. And that's how  
36 it's going to stay and be. Okay.

37 MR. RIVERA: You tabled the Millright Machine. This is  
38 Austgen Electric.

1 MS. CAULEY: Okay.

2 MR. RIVERA: We need a motion or accept or whatever  
3 action you want to take.

4 MS. CAULEY: Yes.

5 MR. FLOWERS: Mr. President, this is Commissioner  
6 Flowers. Maybe someone can educate me on something. How are  
7 these prices determined for each category?

8 I know there's 36,000 there. Then you've got  
9 6,900. But when they come out in an emergency situation, I  
10 know it's probably just overtime or I would think. But can  
11 Dr. Z share with us on these prices how they're determined  
12 when they come out and make these changes or fix the  
13 generators and things like that? I need a clearer  
14 understanding of how it's gauged.

15 DR. ZEHRAOUI: The generator, we don't have a generator  
16 there. So Roxana has no generator. So what happen because  
17 we have deal with Austgen Electric and another company. But  
18 mostly with Austgen. This is the work that has to be  
19 performed. You have the dictate or breakdown of the prices.  
20 That is included in there.

21 So some of the work we cannot do anything. For  
22 example the rental also because those prices are generated by  
23 the company. And we have to review them. If we are  
24 satisfied, yes. If not, it's like emergency.

25 When it's an emergency, we have to do it because  
sometimes we call the company and some of them don't reply.  
So we don't have a choice especially for the rental.

I was on vacation. I talked with the lady that is  
working on the project to get the generator. The lead time  
is seven months. So the only way is to rent very quick. And  
we have it for like three months. This is the pay when there  
is rent because if we lost power there everyone would be  
flooded.

MR. FLOWERS: Again I'm just asking for a little  
clarity.

DR. ZEHRAOUI: Mostly we ask for three invoices. But  
when it's emergency the one that responds first. You call  
maybe two or three companies we don't hear back.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Right. When it's an emergency situation,  
then you have to move forward.

2 DR. ZEHRAOUI: We have to move because we don't need  
3 people to be flooded.

4 MR. FLOWERS: Okay. Thank you.

5 MR. RIVERA: Do we have a motion to accept Austgen  
6 Electric for 6,901?

7 No motion. There's no action taken. It's just  
going to come back maybe next meeting or the other meeting.  
8 They'll keep coming back.

9 (No Action Taken)

10 MR. RIVERA: Next item is another Purchase Order, United  
Rentals \$18,932.48.

11 DR. ZEHRAOUI: This is a rental for the ETS and  
12 generator and installation.

13 MR. HERRERA: Dr. Abdul, was that a second quote in  
relation to the Millright? Did that belong as a second  
14 quote?

15 DR. ZEHRAOUI: No. I don't think so. This is the only  
company that do this job. There is no one who can do.

16 MR. RIVERA: What do you want to do, Board, with United  
17 Rentals? No action taken again.

18 (No Action taken)

19 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Adjustments. The first one is  
4300 Carey Street. Miss Winna Guzman has the floor.

20 MS. GUZMAN: Good evening, Board or Commissioners.  
Winna Guzman, Water Department Director. I have before you  
21 two adjustments to be made.

22 4300 Carey, payment was applied incorrectly to the  
account as it was two bills being paid at the same time.  
23 Both payments have to be reversed and payments applied  
correctly as a result as well as removal of any penalties.  
24

25 So I ask if the Board can please approve this so we  
can correct this account.



1 MR. RIVERA: Any questions on this matter? We need a  
2 motion to accept the Adjustment for 4300 Carey Street.

3 Do we have a motion? No motion then?

4 We've gone through this before. These are errors  
5 that are made. And it's the Water Department's  
6 recommendation to change or to excuse. It's nothing.

7 MS. GUZMAN: Because of the penalties we have to reverse  
8 them. Sometimes customers if they send in one check they  
9 don't specify what account it's going for. And actually  
10 there was supposed to be two accounts for this. It was  
11 applied to one.

12 So we apologize for the error. We try hard not to.  
13 I think we've been a lot better than what I've seen in the  
14 past. But I just ask the Board to see if we can approve this  
15 so we can correct our customer's account as they have  
16 requested.

17 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

18 MS. GUZMAN: Mr. President, I'd just like to note that  
19 the Board did approve this on Monday's meeting, the  
20 Waterworks Board as well.

21 MR. RIVERA: Is there a motion to accept Adjustment for  
22 4300 Carey Street?

23 Motion to approve 4300 Carey Street Adjustment made by Steve  
24 Flowers. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

25 Questions/Comments: None.

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

MR. RIVERA: The next one is 4743 Northcote.  
Miss Guzman has the floor.

MS. GUZMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Again this is  
4743 Northcote. Payment was applied incorrectly to the  
account leaving a balance on the sales tax which accrued in  
penalties. So we had to reverse it and apply it correctly to  
this one bill so we can adjust it and remove the late fees  
that were applied as a result.

And we ask the Board respectfully to approve this

1 so we can adjust our customer's account.

2 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions on 4743 Northcote?  
3 Is there a motion to accept the Adjustment for 4743  
4 Northcote?

5 Motion to approve 4743 Northcote Adjustment made by Steve  
6 Flowers. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

7 Questions/Comments: None.

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

10 MS. GUZMAN: Thank you, Commissioners.

11 MR. RIVERA: Thank you, Miss Guzman. Next item we have  
12 is Agreements.

13 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Mr. President, can I talk please?

14 MR. RIVERA: On this one, on the Agreements?

15 DR. ZEHRAOUI: No. For United Rental. There is a  
16 second quote on page 101. It's 28,407. It's misplaced  
17 there.

18 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for Dr. Zehraoui?

19 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Second quote is on page 101. Like 28,400  
20 or something. That was 18,932. Second quote is there.

21 MR. RIVERA: Dr. Zehraoui, which matter are you talking  
22 about?

23 DR. ZEHRAOUI: For United Rental 18,932 emergency.  
24 Second quote is on page 101. Should be the quotes and the  
25 rest.

MR. RIVERA: That was United Rentals. That was the  
matter that the Board didn't take any action.

DR. ZEHRAOUI: So a second quote is there.

MR. RIVERA: So again, Board, going back to United  
Rentals for the amount of \$18,930.48 still no action taken or  
is there a motion to accept that?

Okay. Still no action. Thank you, Dr. Zehraoui.

1           The next item is Butler Fairman & Seufert  
2 Agreement.

3           DR. ZEHRAOUI: There is a change for this agreement,  
4 this agreement for Long-Term Control Plan and Capital  
5 Improvement Plan.

6           We have to process this very quick to work on it  
7 because we are working on the rate study and we need to have  
8 this included. So this will help us in this matter.

9           But the one that you have in your packet is  
10 \$82,000. I meet with them and today they agreed to 42,000.  
11 Maybe Anthony heard it. I can give you the copy for the new  
12 one.

13           President, you can see \$42,250. And the one that  
14 is in packet \$82,000. It should be the 42,000, the new one.

15           MR. RIVERA: But the new one that you gave me the other  
16 Members don't have that, correct?

17           DR. ZEHRAOUI: Yeah. Because I speak with him this  
18 morning around maybe 12:00. He send it to me. But the same  
19 scope of work. The price has been reduced by around 42,000.

20           MR. RIVERA: I'm pretty sure this Board is not going to  
21 take any action if you hand me some paperwork and the other  
22 Members don't have it on this date. So this is probably  
23 going to have to go to the next meeting.

24           So, Board, what shall we do?

25           MR. ALLEGRETTI: Mr. Rivera, I talked to the engineer  
who made this proposal. I gave him the call in number.

          Is Jake on the phone? Jake, are you there?

JAKE: Yes, Mr. Allegretti. I'm here.

          MR. ALLEGRETTI: Is the Board interested in hearing from  
the engineer to describe what the scope of service is and  
what this is all about?

MR. RIVERA: Yes.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Kind of a quick executive summary.

MR. RIVERA: Go ahead. Yes.

1 JAKE: Thank you. As Dr. Zehraoui pointed out you do  
2 have our original letter proposal in your packet.

3 The work involved is involved with the Long-Term  
4 Control Plan Evaluation and Update which coincides with your  
5 rate exercises being performed and the involvement with the  
6 IURC. All of this goes hand in hand.

7 There needs to be an engineering component to that  
8 whereby we will provide responses to the Indiana Department  
9 of Environmental Management, provide some cost estimates,  
10 work through schedules and basically update that Long-Term  
11 Control Plan as well as the Capital Improvement Plan which  
12 needs to be evaluated and also included in all of that  
13 effort.

14 What we did today when Dr. Zehraoui called me was  
15 reevaluate that CIP, Capital Improvement Plan Evaluation and  
16 just get confirmation that the district personnel would be  
17 involved to a point that will help us do that more  
18 effectively which therefore allowed us to reduce our fee.

19 So there's really nothing new that has been added  
20 to the letter proposal that you have in your packet. I guess  
21 good news is we've reduced our fee by about \$40,000 for this  
22 effort that you seek.

23 Quite frankly we have been working kind of on a lot  
24 of things behind the scene. In order to keep things moving  
25 along it needs for the schedule to maintain itself.

So we're hopeful that you'll find it appropriate to  
approve this this evening so that we've got a contract to  
basically do the work that needs to be done on a timely  
basis.

Mr. Allegretti, I am not sure if you have anything  
to add to that. But I guess that is that effort in a short  
summary.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: As the Board recalls Butler Fairman was  
the design engineer for the Phase 2 Project for the Long-Term  
CSO Control Plan, that I think \$14 million project that is  
going to be underway next month with a Notice to Proceed.

And they were the logical persons to perform, to  
give these initial engineering services to assist our rate

1 case that we would be filing with the Indiana Utility  
2 Regulatory Commission and to review and update as needed our  
3 Long-Term CSO Control Plan which is the blueprint for going  
4 forward for the next 20 years. Very important.

5 All this capital improvement has to be examined and  
6 planned and budgeted. And we're trying to move this along.

7 So, Commissioner Cauley, if you could see it in  
8 your heart I would recommend although it's entirely -- I  
9 don't get a vote. That you would authorize acceptance of  
10 this proposal from Butler Fairman for an amount not to exceed  
11 \$42,000.

12 MR. RIVERA: Any questions? Is there motion to accept  
13 the Butler Fairman & Seufert?

14 No motion, Mr. Allegretti.

15 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I guess we'll take the matter up at the  
16 next opportunity.

17 MR. RIVERA: All right. There is no action taken at  
18 this time.

19 (No Action Taken)

20 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Real Property License  
21 Agreement for Property Access.

22 DR. ZEHRAOUI: We are doing inspection for the other  
23 pumping station for the water that is coming through this  
24 pipe. We have like three main holes in there. So we need  
25 like agreement to enter the property and do the job there.  
That is all.

MR. RIVERA: Any questions for Dr. Zehraoui? Is there a  
motion to accept the Real Property License Agreement?

Again no action taken.

(No Action Taken)

MR. RIVERA: Next item we have is Supplemental Agreement  
Number 3 First Group Engineering.

DR. ZEHRAOUI: We are working with First Group  
Engineering because we're working with the Mayor's Office for  
Roxana area to see what should be done once we finish the

1 inspection. So we need First Group to still have their  
2 evaluation.

3 MR. RIVERA: Any questions for Dr. Zehraoui? Do we have  
4 a motion to accept the Supplemental Agreement?

5 Again no action taken.

6 (No Action Taken)

7 MR. RIVERA: Next item we have Quote/Rates for Altofer  
8 Cat for the amount of \$28,407.74.

9 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Mr. President, this is not a quote. This  
10 is the second quote for United Rental to rent generator at  
11 Roxana. This is not something for rate or something.

12 MR. RIVERA: No action needs to be taken then?

13 DR. ZEHRAOUI: Should be United Rental.

14 MR. RIVERA: Dr. Zehraoui, there is no action to be  
15 taken on this then?

16 DR. ZEHRAOUI: No.

17 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Next item is R & R Visual, Inc.  
18 Rate sheet.

19 DR. ZEHRAOUI: So we need R & R Visual to be doing the  
20 job pumping station and also on the Roxana.

21 MR. RIVERA: Is there a motion to accept R & R Visual,  
22 Inc. Rate sheet?

23 Motion to approve R & R Visual, Inc. Rate Sheet made by Tia  
24 Cauley. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

25 Questions/Comments: None.

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

MR. RIVERA: Next item is Past Due Invoices. This is  
Faegre Drinker for the amount of \$81,362.44. And it states  
here, the delinquency reason states received invoice from  
Legal Counsel on August 11.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Board Members, these are professional

1 services done by our Bond Counsel. And they also serve as  
2 our IURC Rate Counsel.

3 These are services that began last December when we  
4 attempted unsuccessfully to get the Common Council to approve  
5 a sewer user charge. This is involved in getting a bill  
6 passed with the General Assembly allowing us to present our  
7 case and get a rate established by the IURC and also for the  
8 cost of issuance for the short-term bond anticipation note  
9 whereby we got that \$10 million, odd dollars, in order to get  
10 the Notice to Proceed for the Kokosing Contract.

11 This is money that just got somehow -- I thought it  
12 got paid. It's going to be paid out of the loan proceeds.  
13 So this is not coming out of the budget.

14 We owe the money and we should pay it. Thank you.

15 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. And the only reason it's here  
16 is because it's past over 60 days; is that correct?

17 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes, sir.

18 MR. RIVERA: Is there a motion to accept the Past Due  
19 Invoice?

20 Motion to approve Faegre Drinker Past Due Invoice made by Tia  
21 Cauley. Second by Steve Flowers.

22 Questions/Comments: None.

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

25 MR. RIVERA: The next Past Due is Fissinger &  
Associates, Ltd. for the amount of \$208. And it states here  
the delinquency reason is received e-mail with invoice from  
vendor on August 7.

Need a motion to accept that?

Motion to approve Fissinger & Associates, Ltd. 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.

1 MR. RIVERA: The next Past Due Invoice is Roger & Sons  
2 Locksmiths, Inc. for the amount of \$196.50. The delinquency  
3 reason states here Accounts Payable received invoice from  
4 vendor via e-mail on August 17.

5 Is there a motion to accept that one?

6 Motion to approve Roger & Sons, Inc. Past Due Invoice made by  
7 Steve Flowers. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

8 Questions/Comments: None.

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

11 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

13 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, September  
14 3, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

15 Motion to adjourn made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy  
16 Moricz.

17 Questions/Comments: None.

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

20 \* Meeting ended at 5:33 p.m.  
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
Thursday, August 20, 2020  
Approved and Signed \_\_\_\_\_

  
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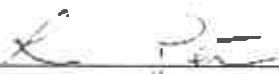
  
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