

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

Val Gomez, President
William Allen, Vice-President
Winna Guzman, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Richard Morrisroe
Carla Morgan

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Val Gomez, William Allen,
Winna Guzman

MR. GOMEZ: First we have approval of minutes of the Special meeting of September 16, 2020 and regular meeting of September 23, 2020, as written.

Motion to approve minutes of meeting of September 16, 2020 and September 23, 2020, as written, made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

Questions/Comments: None

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we go on to correspondence. We have a letter from Marcus Jefferson. This is pertaining to the Truancy Program, and in the past we have had him here before us. The issue was his late invoices. We haven't paid them because he submitted the invoices late, and because the School Superintendent could not confirm his hours.

Apparently the correspondence is from his attorney, Eric Olden Clark, sent to Human Resources and to the Chicago Board of Public Works.

1 Basically, kindly be advised this
2 office represents Marcus Jefferson, former Executive
3 Director of the Second Start Truancy Program. Mr.
4 Jefferson wishes to be paid for work that he performed.
5 The issue of him not having someone approve his hours is
6 not included in the body of the contract. I have
7 enclosed a review of the contract, as well as time
8 sheets for my client. This matter is straight forward.
9 Ten days from receipt of this letter if we do not
10 receive payment in full, all remedies under law will be
11 utilized to collect amount due. Any amount of damages
12 should be paid at once -- Part 6 of the contract, number
13 4, abbreviates -- that he shall submit invoices, which
14 is the \$8,520.00. No payment has been made and the
15 client kept his end of the bargain, and now it is time
16 to pay. We should expect there will be no disciplinary
17 action taken again Mr. Jefferson because he's seeking
18 the terms of his contract. Please do not hesitate to
19 contact me if you have any questions or additional
20 information.

21 Now, I did show this letter to
22 Carla, our attorney for Board of Works. And I think --
23 my opinion -- Marcus misrepresented himself to his own
24 attorney, because even though they quote certain
25 sections of the agreement, we are not holding up his
26 payment. The reason it came to the Board of Works is
27 under Section 7, he's required to submit his invoices in
28 a timely fashion.

29 It also says, that consultant will
30 submit invoices to the superintendent for review, and
31 upon approval, will submit the invoices for payment.
32 And also that the invoices for work performed for good
33 services must be within 30 days of the work performed
34 and agreed to invoice within 30 days.

35 So, obviously his attorney was
36 unaware of Section 7 of the contract that was signed,
37 which was the basis of why we haven't paid him yet. And
38 that's why Carla said she would contact the attorney and
39 advise him of these things that he left out in his
40 letter.

41 And also, I told her the invoices
42 that he provided to his attorney, which his attorney
43 sent to us, were the first set of -- second set -- and
44 they weren't the first set. The superintendent said she
45 could not verify his hours and that was the issue why we
46 rejected it originally. This is the second set, where
47 she puts a different voiding on them.

48 So I also suggested that Carla send
49 the minutes of our last meeting -- where Marcus

1 Jefferson came -- to his attorney. So that he could see
2 that we did question him on all these issue. I told
3 Carla, I don't know if he misrepresented himself to his
4 attorney, like he did with us. So Carla said -- as a
5 matter of fact, my conversation with Carla, she is going
6 to contact the attorney and provide us with the
7 information, and then we'll go from there.

8 MS. GUZMAN: So, basically it's just
9 correspondence.

10 MR. GOMEZ: So right now it's just
11 correspondence, and based on what Carla said in that
12 conversation. I'm all for paying him and getting this
13 issue out of the way. He's no longer the director. And
14 part of the reason he is no longer the director is
15 because -- not only because of invoices -- because there
16 is questions as to the work he was suppose to be doing.
17 It's a bigger issue. So I think that's something the
18 Law Department has addressed with him and his attorney.
19 So the reason he came to us is because of late invoices.
20 State Board of Accounts states any late invoice has to
21 be approved by the Board, if they are over 30 days.
22 It's even in the contract and signed. He agreed to all
23 these terms. We'll let Carla review this and come back
24 with her recommendation for these issues for next
25 meeting.

Okay. We'll move on to New
Business. Our first item is the bid for 2020 Demolition
of Unsafe Structures, Building. We have from James
Portalatin, Director of Building Department. Dear Board
of Works, Mr. Portalatin will not be attending the
meeting today and would request for the Board to move
forward on behalf of Mr. Portalatin. Number 1, request
the award to J & M Industrial Services, Inc., 2020
Demolition of Unsafe Structures, bid presented to the
Board on 9/3, as they were lowest and most responsive
bidder.

That's the first thing on the
agenda, awarding contract to J & M Industrial Services.

MR. ALLEN: The total was \$178,809.00.

MR. GOMEZ: So J & M being the lowest,
most responsive bidder, their amount is \$178,809.00, and
that's the recommendation. I'll entertain a motion we
follow recommendation of the Building Department to
award J & M Industrial Services the contract.

1 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

2 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

3 Questions/Comments: None

4 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

7 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

8 Next item on the agenda is
9 outstanding invoices. First one is for CDW, Building
10 Department. Late invoice dated 4/1/2020, in amount of
11 \$85.00. Their explanation is late from CDW, invoice
12 date of 4/1/2020. Invoice was just sent to the Building
13 Department. I believe they are saying it wasn't their
14 fault and it was more CDW sent the invoice late to them.
15 Any questions or comments on this? (None)

16 No further questions or comments,
17 entertain a motion to approve payment to CDW for late
18 invoice, in the amount of \$85.00.

19 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

20 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

24 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

25 Next we have from Park Department,
late invoice for Heavy Industry. There are three
invoices dated 4/30/2020, 7/29/2020, 5/29/2020; total of
\$59,350.00. The explanation that they were sent to the
wrong department. We get of a lot of those sent to the
wrong department. Any questions or comments? (None)
And the work was done. Entertain a motion to approve
the late invoices from Heavy Industry in the amount of
\$59,350.00.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

1 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Next we have late invoices from R &
4 D Construction, Engineering. Two late invoices from
7/14/2020 and 7/20/2020, total \$11,583.00. Engineering
5 Department was on time, however they were really not
paid because services had not been rendered. Work is
6 done, so invoice shall be processed.

7 MR. ALLEN: This was the removal and
replacement of sidewalk.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or
9 comments? (None) Entertain a motion to approve late
invoice payment to R & D Construction, in the amount of
\$11,583.00.

10 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

11 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

12 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

15 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

16 Next we have late invoice from
Comcate, dated 7/14/2020, amount of \$18,490.00,
17 Engineering Department. Engineering received on time,
however the work had to be completed prior to issuing
18 payment. Services have been rendered and invoices
should be processed.

19 MR. ALLEN: By the time we got the
20 invoice they just started to perform the work that we
approved for them to do. This was before 100 percent of
21 the work was done, which, you know, we always pay at the
end of the job. Or if the job is big enough, they do
22 pay applications. For this case we decided to wait till
we got the full, finished product, before we decided to
23 pay.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you. You actually give
a better explanation. All right, any questions or
25 comments on Comcate's late invoice? (None) Entertain a
motion to approve payment of the late invoice to

1 Comcate, in the amount of \$18,490.00.

2 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

3 MS. GUZMAN: Second

4 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

7 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

8 Move on to Vigilant Solutions, from
9 the police department. Invoice from the agreement.
10 Attached invoice is for the 25 cameras associated with
11 the license plate recognition system that are affixed to
12 a small number of police vehicles and various sites
13 within East Chicago. LPR system captures a photo of the
14 license plate with date, time, and description.
15 Description allows access to security cameras data base
16 and for investigations purpose. Access to system is
17 restricted to personnel involved in criminal
18 investigations and viewed by the police chief. They
19 have been providing services since 2014. The amount is
20 \$11,250 for their annual subscription and renew from
21 12/20 to 12/21. This program has been effective since
22 2014. Any questions or comments on the police
23 department proposal from Vigilant Solutions? (None)

24 Entertain a motion to approve
25 Vigilant Solutions proposal for ongoing program with the
police department for \$11,250.00.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Howard E. Nyhart
Company, service agreement with HR. This is annual.
Mr. Johnson, our payroll manager, has been unable to
come to work. He called me and asked if I can present
this for him.

This is the annual service agreement
that helps with the payroll data collection analysis, so

1 they can prepare a comprehensive annual report for our
2 Payroll Department. The fee is 6,500, and also there is
3 an interim fee for an update of 3,000. So the amount
4 would be 9,500. It's something that's an annual part of
our Payroll Department. He apologized that he could not
be here and he called me today. Any questions or
comments? (None)

5 Entertain a motion to approve the
6 proposal from Howard E. Nyhart Company with our Payroll
7 Department manager, Robert Johnson, for annual services.

8 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

9 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

13 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

14 Next we have Spectrum from Fire
15 Department. Attached are three quotes for the overhead
16 door at the Central Fire Station. Recommendation is
17 Spectrum since they are the lowest quote obtained. This
18 project is funded from Building Improvement Account
19 11010-443050. He did have three quotes, Royalty, AGI,
20 and Spectrum. This was the lowest bid. Are there any
21 questions or comments on this proposal? (None)

22 Entertain a motion to approve
23 Spectrum's proposal for work on the Central Fire
24 Station, in the amount of \$6,300.00.

25 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Surplus Equipment.
It's equipment that's obsolete. We are trying to clean
out our military room and all of our facility. So
included is two pages of items, basically hand tools and
other appliances the fire department uses -- hoses --
basically they are all broken and non-repairable,

1 obsolete, parts no longer available. And he said there
2 is two pages of various items. Any questions on any of
these items? (None)

3 Entertain a motion to approve
4 request for getting rid of these items that are broken
and obsolete, so they can discard these items.

5 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

6 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

8 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

9 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

10 Next we have from Marina, hourly
11 rate schedule for Kings Heating and Valley Fire
12 Protection. So they submitted two rate schedules, Kings
13 Heating and Valley Fire, I think that's for fire
protection for the sprinkler system. So they are just
hourly rates and labor rates for 2020. Are there any
questions or comments on these two rate schedules for
2020 for the Marina? (None)

14 Entertain a motion to approve the
15 rate schedules from Kings Heating and Valley Fire
Protection rate schedules for the Marina, for 2020.

16 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

17 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

19 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

20 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

21 By the way, Nick from the Marina, he
did say this was also submitted to their board.

22 Next item on agenda, Midwest
23 Electric, Change Orders 1 through 3, Block Stadium
transformer relocation. Change order number 1 would be
24 a net increase of \$38,188. Remove and relocate Nipsco
transformer to the north side of 144th Avenue. Reason
for change is to replace pole mount and transformer to
electrical box.

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1 MS. GUZMAN: Val, these three appear to
2 be under the same purchase order, and if I total them --
3 all three change orders -- they are over the 20 percent.
4 So I am not sure if that would -- because the 20 percent
5 would be of the original contract price, which was
6 \$249,680.00. So 20 percent would be \$49,936.00. And if
7 I total out these three change orders, that would be
8 \$61,237.00.

9 MR. GOMEZ: So we can take one at a time
10 and we could only pass maybe the first one and the
11 second one -- right -- because you are going by all
12 three, right?

13 MS. GUZMAN: Yes.

14 MR. GOMEZ: What is 20 percent?

15 MS. GUZMAN: \$49,936.00.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. So 49,000 is the
17 limit, at 20 percent. Change order number 1 is 38 --
18 looks that might be the only one we can actually pass.
19 The next change order is for 7,000. What was the
20 20 percent again?

21 MS. GUZMAN: I think the two, so it's
22 49,936.

23 MR. GOMEZ: If we go in order, we can
24 approve change order number 1, for 38,000. Let's do it
25 that way. We'll go in the order, change order number 1
is \$38,188, still within the 20 percent. Any questions
or comments on change order number 1? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve
\$38,188 for the Block Stadium project, to remove and
relocate a Nipsco transformer to the north side of 145th
Avenue -- Entertain a motion to approve.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

1 We have enough to do the second one,
2 which is 7,000?

3 MS. GUZMAN: Yes, that would be a total
4 of \$45,000.

5 MR. GOMEZ: We'll move on to Change Order
6 number 2. This is contractor to install 12-inch new
7 concrete driveway leading to transformer pad. Reason
8 for change prior concrete pad for transformer. This is
9 7,200. Any questions or comments on this proposal?
(None)

10 Entertain a motion to approve change
11 order number 2, in the amount of \$7,200, installing
12 12-inch concrete drive leading to the transformer pad.
13 Any questions or comments? (None)

14 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

15 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

19 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

20 Change Order number 3, obviously
21 15,000 puts us way past the 20 percent. So we are going
22 to have to discuss this with Keith Selvie. It would be
23 over 20 percent and the State requires the if it's over
24 the 20 percent, that it is a new project and you have to
25 bring in a proposal separate, not a change order, would
have to be a new proposal. This is to establish power
to the food court. Major scope of work because of the
relocation of the transformer. We'll have to discuss
this with Selvie because it was over 20 percent. They
can still do it, but not as a change order. It will
have to be a separate proposal. If he is agreeable to
that, he can put it on the agenda for the next meeting.
Is that okay with everybody?

MR. ALLEN: Yes.

MS. GUZMAN: Yes.

MR. GOMEZ: Now we'll move on to Gariup,
change order number 8, Block Stadium, Phase 3, also from
Public Works. This change order is in the amount of

1 increase by \$854.00. We have enclosed cost of
2 subcontractor's labor to modify lights in the auditorium
as directive per attached breakdown, \$854.00. Any
3 questions or comments on this change order? (None)

4 Entertain a motion to approve Gariup
change order number 8, for Block Stadium, Phase 3, in
the amount of \$854.00.

5 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

6 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

8 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

9 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

10 Next we have from Fence Masters,
emergency fence relocation. And this is for 260 foot,
11 of 6-foot height of chain link fence relocated. Also
six-foot high by 20-foot wide relocated, fence posts
12 removed and cut to grade. Amount is \$7,801.00. Any
questions or comments on this proposal? (None)

13 Mr. Selvie's recommendation for
emergency fence relocation, Public Works. East Chicago
14 owns the fencing, but needs to be relocated immediately
due to street widening of Guthrie Street project. This
15 is as it relates to the Guthrie Street project. Any
questions or comments? (None)

16 Entertain a motion to approve
emergency fence relocation for Fence Masters, in the
17 amount of \$7,801.00, per Public Works.

18 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

19 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

21 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

22 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Next we have Vavrek Architects,
Change Order 17, Block Stadium Design. Amount of change
24 order is for \$85.55. Okay. Change order number 17 is
reimbursement for fees for improvement to Block Stadium,
25 Phase 5, printing fees. Any questions or comments on

1 this? (None)

2 Entertain a motion to approve change
order 17, Vavrek Architects, in the amount of \$85.55.

3 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

4 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

6 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

7 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

8 Next we have Federal Protection
Agency, Block Stadium, proposal to provide security,
9 security coverage, guard rate, vehicle rate, for a total
of \$49,209.12. Any questions or comments on this
10 proposal for security from Federal Protection for Block
Stadium? (None)

11 Entertain a motion to approve Public
Works proposal from Federal Protection Agency, in the
12 amount of \$49,209.12, for Block Stadium.

13 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

14 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

17 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

18 Next we have Resolution 2020-28,
amending and extending the professional service
19 agreement of Robert Consulting Group, LLC, in the amount
of \$7,916.66 per month.

20 Entertain a motion to approve
Resolution 2020-28, Robert Consulting Group, LLC.

21 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

22 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next we have Resolution 2020-29,
3 surplus and obsolete vehicles/equipment from Public
4 Works. This concerns certain vehicles in the Public
5 Works Department, current items of property, including
6 vehicles, which due to age, wear, and high maintenance,
7 cost to fix, for the purpose for which they are intended
8 are either obsolete or surplus.

9 MR. MORRISROE: Mr. President, Mr.
10 Robinson from Public Works is here and available for any
11 questions from the Board.

12 MR. ROBINSON: So whatever cannot be
13 auctioned off, will be scraped or whatever. All the
14 vehicles right now are held at Public Works and ready
15 for auction. We are just waiting on a couple duplicate
16 titles for vehicles. The next step is getting it in the
17 newspaper for public notice.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. The public notice will
19 list all these vehicles, as required by law.

20 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
22 Resolution 2020-29? (None)

23 MR. MORRISROE: One note, there were some
24 tires and other equipment that didn't make it to the
25 resolution, so your next meeting you will have another
similar resolution for those things that don't have VIN
numbers. I don't know if you want to address that.

MR. ROBINSON: So there is 30 total tires
that we have that are not compatible to any of the
equipment we have. Some of the tires are bigger tractor
tires that we sold in previous auctions. We had a
trailer in the back of Public Works that we couldn't get
into. So -- we finally were able to gain access into
them, and it's 30 tires in there that's not compatible
to anything we have. And we also have 16 set of lockers
that were from the old Lincoln school that we don't have
any use for any more.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. You are intending to
submit that for the next meeting?

MR. ROBINSON: For the next meeting.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?
(None)

2 Entertain a motion to approve
3 Resolution 2020-29.

4 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

5 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

9 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

10 Next is Resolution 2020-30, CGI
11 Video, from Multi Media. This is regarding an agreement
12 with CGI for conduction of video that promotes the City
13 of East Chicago, production services for the
14 municipality. It's a quality video for visitors and
15 potential residents of the City of East Chicago. It
16 focuses on the City's assets, communication, and real
17 estate. The video is featured on the East Chicago
18 website and promote the City. We have well over a
19 decade of the City working with CGI Communication at no
20 cost. There is no cost?

21 MS. MORGAN: Apparently they have been
22 doing it for a long time. I think they use the things
23 they do for the City to promote their services. Look
24 what I nice job we did for East Chicago. I think that's
25 how it works. But -- yeah -- Steve says they have been
doing it forever.

MR. GOMEZ: I knew they did it, I just
never knew they did it at no cost. That's a no brainer.
Any questions or comments? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve
Resolution 2020-30, CGI Video.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next is Compliance Report for the
3 prestressed tank number 1, submitted by the Department
4 of Planning. This is the compliance for prestressed
5 tank number 1, on Tod Street. Right now damages are
6 \$11,756.46, total damages of \$247,691.47. As always
7 these reports are submitted for information only. They
8 do not need a motion on this. It's just information on
9 where these projects are, as far as compliance reports.
10 Any questions or comments on the Compliance Report?

11 (None)

12 Okay. Move on. This was not on the
13 agenda for today, but Board of Public Works, Resolution
14 number 2020-31, regarding Alder Street Sewer Project
15 Cleaning. This resolution is for emergency cleaning.
16 Any questions or comments?

17 MS. MORGAN: William, can you state for
18 the record what other firms submitted quotes?

19 MR. ALLEN: We reached out to companies
20 such as, Mett Sewer, Business Sewers, R & R Visual. R &
21 R was the most responsible and lowest bidder to deal
22 with the pipes this size in diameter. The City feels
23 comfortable moving forward.

24 MS. MORGAN: Can you say anything -- you
25 want to add to the record why it is an emergency
instead?

MR. ALLEN: Pretty much what's in the
resolution. We underwent some investigations of our
line earlier this year and by not proceeding to move
forward with the cleaning televised method, if we do
come across bad weather, such as heavy rainstorm, we do
run the risk of flooding residents and businesses down
the stretch of Alder, which starts from Guthrie all the
way to Gary Road. Our sewers are more than 60 percent
full, and that's full of debris and water right now
following through the combined system, so any extra
would definitely surcharge our system.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?
(None) I have a little question. Would the Sanitary
Board have to make a motion on this also, or just our
Board?

MS. MORGAN: I think it's a matter for
them to also do a motion.

1 MR. ALLEN: They ratify it or something.

2 MS. MORGAN: It's almost identical.

3 MR. ALLEN: We can hope to get some of
4 the money for the project

5 MR. GOMEZ: Are they aware that they have
6 to do something?

7 MS. MORGAN: This developed quickly, but
8 I will make sure they are aware. I think they are
9 aware, but I'm pretty sure they are, but I will make
10 sure.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. All right. No further
12 questions, I'll entertain a motion to approve Resolution
13 2020-31, Resolution of the Board of Public Works
14 regarding the Alder Street project, emergency cleaning.

15 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

16 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

20 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

21 Next we have Reith Riley, East
22 Chicago resurfacing sewer project, Notice of Award,
23 Contract, and Notice to Proceed.

24 MR. ALLEN: The base Reith Riley project
25 is \$1,477,000.00, just for the record. And Notice to
Proceed we have a start date of today for them to move
forward, substantial completion of April 30th, of 2021,
with the final completion date of May 31st, of 2021.
And this work consists of mainly resurfacing and
relining with one block of Hemlock not reconstructed,
but having the sewer replaced.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Any questions or
comments? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve Notice
to Award to Reith Riley, for East Chicago 2020
resurfacing/sewer project.

1 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

2 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

5 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Now I'll entertain a motion to
7 approve the Contract with Reith Riley for the same
project.

8 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

9 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

11 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

12 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

13 Finally, a motion to approve the
14 Notice to Proceed for Reith Riley for this project.

15 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

16 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

18 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

19 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

20 Move on to right-of-way
21 applications. We have application permit numbers
20-03658 through 20-03662. Any questions or comments on
these? (None)

22 Entertain a motion to approve
right-of-way applications 20-03658 through 20-03662.

23 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

24 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

25 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

1 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Any other business? One thing,
4 Carla, at the beginning of the meeting we did read the
correspondence from Mr. Marcus Jefferson's attorney and
5 I discussed you would be contacting the attorney and
explain our reasoning. I think Mr. Jefferson might have
6 misrepresented the actual facts to his attorney.
7 Section 7, under which discusses late invoices and
issuing them in a timely fashion; he actually signed on
8 that section and says we don't have to pay him if he
doesn't provide the service. So we mentioned that on
the record, that you would discuss that conversation
with them -- or correspondence -- and get back to us.

9 MS. MORGAN: I will give you a report on
10 the status at the next meeting. Whatever the resolution
is, I'll make sure the Board is aware of that.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. We had one item from
12 Public Works, we had change order 1 through 3,
Midwestern Electric, if you are familiar with that?

13 MR. ROBINSON: No, I am not.

14 MR. GOMEZ: We'll have to contact Keith.
15 The change orders, those three went above the
20 percent. Change orders are only good under
16 20 percent. You can't submit it as a change order, you
have to submit as a new proposal. So we approved 1 and
17 2, those are still within 20 percent, but we would have
put it over with change number three. You are going to
18 have to submit it just as a separate proposal, not a
change order. I wanted to get that in.

19 I believe we have no other business.
20 I believe that concludes our business for tonight. Our
next regular meeting would be Wednesday, October 28,
4:30 p.m. That concludes our business for tonight.
21 Entertain a motion to adjourn.

22 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

23 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

1 Opposed: None

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
3 Meeting adjourned.

4 **** Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.****

5 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
6 October 14, 2020
7 Approved and Signed October 14, 2020.

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12 William Allen, Vice President

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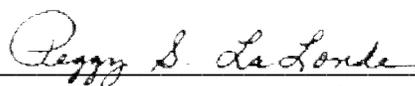
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 21st day of October, 2020.



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR



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