

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, October 15, 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, John Martinez

Present Via Telephone: Joe Allegretti, Bill
Biller, Keith Selvie

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 1, 2020

Motion to approve October 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes made by
Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

Opposed: None Motion Carries.

1 CHECK WARRANTS:

2 Sanitary District, Wastewater Division

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4 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Check Warrants for the
Sanitary District, Wastewater Division.

5 Warrant Number 101520 SC for the amount of
6 \$28,484.50.

7 Motion to approve Check Warrant 101520 SC made by Loreto
Gonzalez. Second by Tia Cauley.

8 Questions/Comments: None.

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

11 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 103020 SW for the
amount of \$91,760.87.

12 Motion to approve Check Warrant 103020 SW made by Loreto
13 Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

14 Questions/Comments: None.

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

16 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 101520 SW for the
17 amount of \$58,446.87.

18 Motion to approve Check Warrant 101520 SW made by Loreto
Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

19 Questions/Comments: None.

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

21 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 100220 Sanitary
22 Board Payroll 9/12/20 to 9/25/20.

23 Motion to approve Check Warrant 100220 Sanitary Board Payroll
24 9/12/20 to 9/25/20 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Loreto
Gonzalez.

25 Questions/Comments: None.

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

2 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 100220 Utilities
3 Payroll 9/12/20 to 9/25/20.

4 Motion to approve Check Warrant 100220 Utilities Payroll
5 9/12/20 to 9/25/20 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Alojzy
Moricz.

6 Questions/Comments: None.

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

8 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrant Number 100220 Wastewater
9 Payroll 9/12/20 to 9/25/20.

10 Motion to approve Check Warrant 100220 Wastewater Payroll
11 9/12/20 to 9/25/20 made by Alojzy Moricz. Second by Loreto
Gonzalez.

12 Questions/Comments: None.

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

14 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

15 MR. RIVERA: Next is Warrants for the Sanitary District,
16 Solid Waste Division.

17 Warrant Number 101520 SS for the amount of
18 \$17,816.01.

19 Motion to approve Check Warrant 101520 SS made by Tia Cauley.
Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

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

22 REPORT FROM UTILITY DIVISION MATTERS: None.

23 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS:

24 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from Field Operations,
25 John Martinez who is in the Council Chambers. Mr. Martinez,

1 you have the floor.

2 MR. MARTINEZ: Good evening, Board. Just to let the
3 Board know that Dr. Abdul is at a seminar. And I am here. I
4 am going to give my report the best that I can.

5 We had a visit from IDEM about a month ago. They
6 came and gave a recommendation for several things that they
7 wanted to see done. And one of them was trimming and cutting
8 of trees that we have at our Wastewater Treatment Plant
9 that's affecting our channel that collects all the storm
10 water.

11 So we have been busy doing that for about three
12 weeks.

13 I'll also let the Board know our crane truck came
14 in.

15 MR. FLOWERS: Mr. President. Excuse me.

16 MR. RIVERA: Yes, Mr. Flowers.

17 MR. FLOWERS: I can hardly understand what he is saying.

18 MR. RIVERA: Did you understand it at the beginning or
19 no or all of it?

20 MR. FLOWERS: It's very muddled. The clarity is not
21 there. I could hardly hear what he is saying. Can he repeat
22 what he said?

23 MR. RIVERA: We're trying to rectify the problem here.

24 MR. MARTINEZ: John Martinez, Director of Operations.

25 MR. RIVERA: Can you hear now, Mr. Flowers?

MR. MARTINEZ: Do you hear me now?

MR. FLOWERS: It's much better.

MR. MARTINEZ: First of all I'd like to let the Board
know that Dr. Abdul is at a seminar. And I am here to give a
report. But I am also here to let you know that he is at a
seminar.

About a month ago IDEM came in. And they took a
tour of our Plant. And they let us know that there was some

1 things that they wanted to have done, us to do. And lot of
2 them was trees that were growing into our channel that
collects all the Wastewater.

3 So we have been cleaning up and cutting trees for
4 the last three weeks. And we got it to a point where it's
feasible now.

5 Also I've been scrapping things that we have to get
6 rid of on the hill. And as I've taken them in scrap we get a
check. And we turn it over to City Hall.

7 And I also will let the Board know that our crane
8 truck, they came and got it Monday to fix, to make the
repairs on it so we can get it back.

9 We need to get this crane truck repaired so we can
10 try to clean our clarifiers. We're going to try to get them
done before winter hits.

11 And also I am letting the Board know and I am
12 letting everybody know that I will be retiring November 30.
So I am going to try to get everything done before I leave.

13 That's all I have at this time.

14 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for Mr. Martinez?
15 Thank you, sir.

16 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE:

17 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report From Solid Waste, Keith
18 Selvie.

19 MR. SELVIE: Good afternoon, Mr. President and Board
20 Members. It is that time again of the year for us to do our
annual bagless leaf collection. As I understand it I think
that we put a leaflet in each one of your packages.

21 I also wanted to let the residents know that we
22 will be getting this particular service on October 26 and
running through hopefully December 1 or our first major
snowfall.

23 The following districts per day will actually
24 happen. First District will be every Monday for bagless leaf
collection.

25 We're asking the residents to pile them neatly to

1 the curb. And we'll be more than happy to actually retrieve
2 them.

3 Second District is on Tuesday. Third District is
4 on Wednesday. Fourth District is on Thursday. And Fifth and
5 Sixth Districts will be done on Friday.

6 Thank you, Mr. President.

7 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for Mr. Selvie?
8 Thank you, sir.

9 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: None.

10 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from Legal Counsel, Joe
11 Allegretti.

12 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I just want to mention that the Common
13 Council approved the initial appropriation of \$15.2 million
14 for using City General Funds to pay for the Alder Street
15 sewer repair and to study and make some repairs to the Roxana
16 Pump Station and collection system.

17 The cleaning of the Alder Street sewers is of great
18 importance to the District. In most places it's 96 inches
19 tall and it's a very deep sewer. And it's basically the main
20 artery sewer in the City. And the cost is estimated now to
21 be \$3 million.

22 This is coming out of City money, not out of the
23 Sanitary District budget.

24 So it's kind of we're the beneficiaries of the
25 Council taking the appropriate action here. Thanks in large
part to Councilwoman Orange.

So it's a real good thing. And it's going to be
underway within the next ten days. And Dr. Z will be giving
the reports, progress reports as it proceeds. Thanks.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. RIVERA: Next item is New Business. We have two
Adjustments from the Water Department. The first one is 4944
Reading Avenue. Miss Winna Guzman is here. She has the
floor now.

1 MS. GUZMAN: Good evening, Commissioners. Winna Guzman,
2 Water Department Director. I think the first one on the
agenda is 4944 Reading. This is Account Number 11661.

3 Reason for the adjustment is reading provided by
4 meter reader was incorrect causing high usage billing. This
is also a meter pit. And it was noted that there was a
5 stopped meter.

6 So we're asking the Board to approve adjustment of
Bill Number 1289880 dated 7/7/2020 to reflect estimated
7 readings including any removal of penalties, late fees.

8 Also just to note that the meter was replaced at
this property.

9 MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions regarding 4944
10 Reading Avenue?

11 Motion to approve 4944 Reading Avenue Adjustment made by
Steve Flowers. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

12 Questions/Comments: None.

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

15 MR. RIVERA: The next one is 4714 Baring Avenue.

16 MS. GUZMAN: This is for 4714 Baring, Account Number
86959. Reason for the adjustment the property had a leak on
17 the side of the City. The gasket was leaking and causing
high usage in billing for three bill runs.

18 And the recommendation is we're asking the Board or
19 the Commissioners to approve adjustment to reflect average
amounts for these three billing periods including removal of
20 penalties and late fees if applicable as a result of the leak
on the side of the City.

21 Motion to approve 4714 Baring Avenue Adjustment made by Steve
Flowers. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

22 Questions/Comments: None.

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

25 MS. GUZMAN: Thank you, Commissioners.

1 MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Next item is Past Due Invoices.
2 We have NH Environmental for \$300.

3 And it states here that the delinquency reason, it
4 says invoice was found in Administrative Assistant's files.
5 Administrative Assistant was out due to an accident that
6 occurred while he was out for lunch August 14.

7 Motion to approve NH Environmental Past Due Invoice made by
8 Tia Cauley. 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: The next one is Fissinger & Associates.
13 Actually two of them. One is for 230.40. The other one is
14 for \$202.40 totaling 432.80.

15 It states here the delinquency reason Sanitary
16 District received invoice on October 2, 2020. Please see
17 attached e-mail from G. Fissinger.

18 Motion to approve Fissinger & Associates Past Due invoice
19 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

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

23 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT:

25 MR. GONZALEZ: Johnny Martinez, congratulations. Good
luck, sir.

MR. RIVERA: He was just stepping out.

Come on up. Congratulations for the hard years you
put in.

MR. MARTINEZ: 38 years

MR. GONZALEZ: Congratulations.

MR. FLOWERS: Congratulations.

1 MR. MARTINEZ: I'm still going to be here until November
2 30. I've got some projects I've got to finish up.

3 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

4 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, November
5 5, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

6 Motion to adjourn made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Steve
7 Flowers.

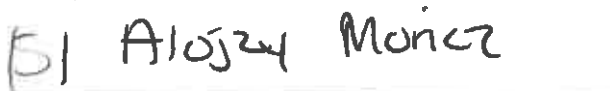
8 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
9 Opposed: None Motion Carries.


10 * Meeting ended at 4:49 p.m.


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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
Thursday, October 15, 2020
Approved and Signed _____


Miguel Rivera, President


Alojzy Moricz, Vice-President


Loreto Gonzalez, Member


Tia Cauley, Member


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 29th day of October, 2020.



Lisa Pena
Notary Public Porter County
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