

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, November 5, 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.

Present Via Telephone: Abdul Zehraoui,  
Joe Allegretti, Keith Selvie.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, 2020

Motion to approve October 15, 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.

CHECK WARRANTS:

Sanitary District, Wastewater Division

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

2 Warrant Number 110520 SC for the amount of  
3 \$5,142.94.

4 Motion to approve Check Warrant 110520 SC made by Loreto  
Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy Moricz.

5 Questions/Comments: None.

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

8 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 092920 SW for the  
amount of \$45.

9 Motion to approve Check Warrant 092920 SW made by Steve  
10 Flowers. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

11 Questions/Comments: None.

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

14 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 110520 SW for the  
amount of \$134,916.42.

15 Motion to approve Check Warrant 110520 SW made by Alojzy  
Moricz. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

16 Questions/Comments: None.

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

19 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 103020 Sanitary  
Board Payroll 10/10/20 to 10/23/20.

20 Motion to approve Check Warrant 103020 Sanitary Board Payroll  
21 10/10/20 to 10/23/20 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Loreto  
Gonzalez.

22 Questions/Comments: None.

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

25 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 101620 Utilities

1 Payroll 9/26/20 to 10/9/20.

2 Motion to approve Check Warrant 101620 Utilities Payroll  
3 9/26/20 to 10/9/20 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy  
4 Moricz.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

6 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 103020 Utilities  
7 Payroll 10/10/20 to 10/23/20.

8 Motion to approve Check Warrant 103020 Utilities Payroll  
9 10/10/20 to 10/23/20 made by Alojzy Moricz. Second by Steve  
10 Flowers.

10 Questions/Comments: None.

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

12 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 101620 Wastewater  
13 Payroll 9/26/20 to 10/9/20.

14 Motion to approve Check Warrant 101620 Wastewater Payroll  
15 9/26/20 to 10/9/20 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Alojzy  
16 Moricz.

16 Questions/Comments: None.

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

18 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 103020 Wastewater  
19 Payroll 10/10/20 to 10/23/20.

20 Motion to approve Check Warrant 103020 Wastewater Payroll  
21 10/10/20 to 10/23/20 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by  
22 Alojzy Moricz.

22 Questions/Comments: None.

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

24 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division  
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1 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Warrants for the Sanitary  
2 District, Solid Waste Division.

3 Warrant Number 092920 SS for the amount of \$225.

4 Motion to approve Check Warrant 092920 SS 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 Warrant Number is 110520 SS for the  
10 amount of \$47,789.13.

11 Motion to approve Check Warrant 110520 SS made by Alojzy  
12 Moricz. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

13 Questions/Comments: None.

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

16 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 101620 Solids  
17 Payroll 9/26/20 to 10/9/20.

18 Motion to approve Check Warrant 101620 Solids Payroll 9/26/20  
19 to 10/9/20 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

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

23 MR. RIVERA: Next Warrant Number is 103020 Solids  
24 Payroll 10/10/20 to 10/23/20.

25 Motion to approve Check Warrant 103020 Solids Payroll  
10/10/20 to 10/23/20 made by Alojzy Moricz. Second by Loreto  
Gonzalez.

Questions/Comments: None.

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

REPORT FROM UTILITY DIVISION MATTERS: None.

1 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS: None.

2 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE: None.

3 REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: None.

4 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:

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

6 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I guess I'll make it unanimous. I have  
7 no report. Although the preparation and work on our rate  
8 case is proceeding. That's all I have.

9 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

10 NEW BUSINESS:

11 MR. RIVERA: Next item is New Business. The first one  
12 is Resolution SD 20-10. A Resolution of the Board of  
Sanitary Commissioners authorizing the trade in of used  
Vactor.

13 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I prepared this Resolution. As the  
14 Resolution recites, if I may, Mr. President, the City in its  
endless generosity is providing for the Sanitary District's  
15 use two very expensive pieces of equipment.

16 They negotiated with Standard Equipment the  
purchase of these items. The transaction includes a trade in  
17 of our old Vactor. And the trade in value is \$60,000 which  
comes out of the City's purchase price.

18 Number 1, we think this is a good value for the  
19 trade in. Number 2, the new equipment will basically perform  
the same function as the item we're getting rid of. And this  
20 Resolution seeks the authorization from the Board to actually  
dispose of this property of the District and use it as a  
21 trade in.

22 The staff thinks it's a great deal for us.

23 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

24 DR. ZEHRAOUI: I would complete what Joe Allegretti and  
also say the Sanitary District is not paying for this one.  
25 So the City is paying for.

1 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

2 Motion to approve Resolution SD 20-10 made by Steve Flowers.  
3 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: The next Resolution is Resolution SD 20-11.  
8 A Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners  
9 authorizing the write-off of certain delinquent sewer user  
10 charges and penalties.

11 This is a list of delinquent and unpaid sewer user  
12 charges and penalties that are now deemed uncollectible due  
13 to vacancies, bad debt, bankruptcies, tax sales and/or have  
14 been extinguished by reason of sheriff's sales or tax deeds.

15 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Joe Allegretti again. I prepared this  
16 at the request of, of course, the Utility Director and Winna  
17 Guzman who is on the call.

18 It's better for Winna to describe this. The  
19 numbers compilation, of course, came from Winna since her  
20 billing, the residential billing and much of the other  
21 commercial billing and industrial billing comes from Winna's  
22 department.

23 So, Winna, maybe you should describe this.

24 MS. GUZMAN: Yes. Basically these are 2017 and 2018  
25 accounts that need to be cleaned up basically. And so we're  
presenting this before the Board today.

I will be doing this basically. And right now  
we're cleaning up the 2017 and 2018 and actually 2017 prior.  
So we're asking the Board to consider approving this so we  
can write-off these amounts.

MR. RIVERA: Thank you. Are there any questions?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Let me say we're not -- this isn't  
cooking the books. We do this at the direction and request  
of the State Board of Accounts.

This is good accounting practice to eliminate these  
on the books as accounts receivables because they're no

1 longer legitimate valid accounts receivables. And it makes  
2 our reporting more accurate.

3 So this is not something for you to raise your  
4 eyebrows at. This is good housekeeping practice by the  
5 Sanitary District.

6 MR. RIVERA: Yes. I understand. We had them before.

7 MS. GUZMAN: Yes.

8 Motion to approve Resolution SD 20-11 made by Alojzy Moricz.  
9 Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

10 Questions/Comments: None.

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

13 MR. RIVERA: The next one is Resolution 2020-34. Are  
14 you there, Attorney Allegretti? Did you prepare this one  
15 also?

16 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes, I am. I am sorry. I am on the  
17 wrong agenda. Losing my mind. I apologize.

18 MR. RIVERA: This is a Resolution of the East Chicago  
19 Board of Public Works regarding the purchase of a Vactor  
20 Ramjet Truck and a Ram Promaster Van for use by the Sanitary  
21 District.

22 MR. HERRERA: Joe, Lilly asked me to add that on there  
23 to ratify that by our Board.

24 MR. ALLEGRETTI: This is the transaction that I  
25 described earlier where the 2008 Vactor we're using as a  
trade in as part of the transaction.

The Utility Director asked that we ratify even  
though the purchase is being made by the City through the  
Board of Public Works.

To get everybody on the same page the Utility  
Director's Office would like the Board to ratify the  
transaction for all the reasons we already discussed. To  
clarify this is a very good deal for the Sanitary District.  
This ratifies that transaction.

MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-34 made by Loreto Gonzalez.  
2 Second by Tia Cauley.

3 Questions/Comments: None.

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

6 MR. RIVERA: Next item we have Adjustments from the  
7 Water Department. Miss Guzman, you have the floor.

8 MS. GUZMAN: First adjustment is for 4716 Indianapolis  
9 Boulevard under Account Number 11184.

10 MR. HERRERA: Winna, can you repeat that please?

11 MR. RIVERA: You were breaking up.

12 MS. GUZMAN: I am sorry. This again is for 4716  
13 Indianapolis Boulevard. Account Number 11184. This came in  
14 on 10/13/20. It was entered twice inadvertently. Credit to  
15 the account of \$41. We took a payment. Looks like one  
16 payment.

17 So it is recommended that the payment be reversed  
18 and adjusted to reflect \$41 be applied to the account.

19 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

20 Motion to approve 4716 Indianapolis Boulevard Adjustment made  
21 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 MR. RIVERA: The next is one is 4400 Kennedy Avenue.  
Miss Guzman.

MS. GUZMAN: Yes. This is Account Number --

MR. RIVERA: You're still breaking up.

MR. HERRERA: Can you go somewhere, Winna? Move around  
maybe.

MS. GUZMAN: Can you hear me now?



1 MR. RIVERA: Yes.

2 MR. HERRERA: There's music in the background. We can't  
hear with the music on. That's probably what it is.

3 MS. GUZMAN: That's not my music. That's someone else.

4 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Who's the guilty party?

5 MR. RIVERA: Winna, it sounds better now. Let's try it  
6 again.

7 MS. GUZMAN: All right. This again is for 4400 Kennedy  
Avenue. This is Praxaire. Account Number 18584. Customer  
8 made a payment timely on the due date of 10/15/2020 under  
bill number 1303156 in the amount of \$15,104.24.

9 And I attached the bank statement activity report.  
10 So you can see that they did make the payment.

11 However what happens is we receive the  
confirmation. We receive the actual report from the  
12 Controller's Office. And we did not receive it until after  
the payment was made and after the due date. So as a result  
13 they were assessed a late fee or penalty of \$423.48 as a  
payment was entered the day after.

14 So I am recommending that the bill be adjusted to  
15 remove the late fee and the penalty of \$423.48.

16 We receive these from the Controller's Office,  
these reports. And I believe the person that was in charge,  
17 she was out of the office that day. So we didn't receive the  
documentation timely.

18 So that caused us to apply payment after the date  
19 that we received the payment which was after the due date.

20 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

21 MS. GUZMAN: I am asking for the Board to approve the  
adjustment to remove that penalty.

22 Motion to approve 4400 Kennedy Avenue Adjustment made by  
23 Alojzy Moricz. Second by Steve Flowers.

24 Questions/Comments: None.

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

3 MR. RIVERA: Next item is a Change Order, United  
4 Rentals.

5 DR. ZEHRAOUI: This, Board, has been approved. This is  
6 long time ago, the rental for the generator for Roxana  
7 Pumping Station.

8 So we still need that generator to be in place for  
9 next three months. The reason why because like now we have  
10 many issues with NIPSCO at Roxana area.

11 So we go there. We see that the fuel for the  
12 generator has been used too much. That means the generator  
13 has been working instantly for many times that we didn't  
14 know.

15 So our recommendation is to leave that generator in  
16 Roxana Pumping Station until next three months. So we hope  
17 that with the project we can get our generator and maybe  
18 start in March.

19 So I am asking the Board to approve these  
20 extensions. You have two invoices there.

21 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

22 Motion to approve United Rentals Change Order made by Tia  
23 Cauley. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

24 Questions/Comments: None.

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

MR. RIVERA: Next item is a Proposal for Poms Tires for  
the amount of \$3,074.

DR. ZEHRAOUI: Mr. President, we need tires for the  
Vactor. Mostly use right now most of the parts. So we are  
using heavily these days especially with the clean area for  
Roxana and for the others.

What is new this time we have a second quote from  
Poms Tire Services that cut the price from Standard  
Equipment Company. So right now we have a cheaper proposal  
like \$3,074 compared to \$5,600 from Standard Equipment.

1 MR. RIVERA: Big difference.

2 Motion to approve Pomps Tires Proposal made by Tia Cauley.  
3 Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

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

7 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Past Due Invoice for Tonkovich  
8 Oil Company, Inc. for the amount of \$222.60. And it states  
9 here, the delinquency reason says received invoices from  
10 vendor on October 15.

11 Motion to approve Tonkovich Oil Company, Inc. Past Due  
12 Invoice made by Tia Cauley. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

13 Questions/Comments: None.

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

16 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

18 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, November  
19 19, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

20 Motion to adjourn made by Tia Cauley. Second by Loreto  
21 Gonzalez.

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

24 \* Meeting ended at 4:57 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
Thursday, November 5, 2020  
Approved and Signed \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Miguel Rivera, President

(S) Alojzy Moricz  
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Alojzy Moricz, Vice-President

(S) Loreto Gonzalez  
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Loreto Gonzalez, Member

(S) Tia Cauley  
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Anthony Herrera, Board Secretary


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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 11th day of November, 2020.

  
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Lisa Pena  
Notary Public Porter County  
Certified Shorthand Reporter  
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