MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 23, 2017
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:05 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

President Button called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session from 3:45 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana codes.

Commissioners Present: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager
Joe Allegretti, Attorney
Donald Woodard, HSD
Rick Sutton, HSD
Jeff Massey, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Rebecca McKinley, GIS Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue
Kerry Keith, SEH of Indiana

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Button stated that what you do not see on the agenda is an opening of bids for the surplus equipment that we requested, so that is what we will do at this time.

The first bid received is from Paul Dupart at 4549 S. Wabash in Chicago. He has bid on one item and that is all he can say at this time.

Bid number two is from Gerald Retz at 730 W. 163rd in Crown Point and he has put a bid on three items.

The third bid is from Andrew Unger at 6514 Forest Avenue in Hammond and it appears that he is bidding on twelve or so items.

The next is from Joe Antczak at 150 W. 162nd Street in South Holland and there are four items that he is bidding on.
The next bid is from Dyer Construction at 1716 Sheffield Avenue in Dyer and they have bid on two of the items. That is Greg Furman from Dyer Construction.

The last bid is from Bill Cota at 11661 W. Earl Road in Michigan City and he has bid on three of the items.

Muta moved and Dye seconded to refer bids to staff for tabulation and recommendation.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta
Nays: None
Motion carried 5-0.

President Button stated that the next order of business was the consideration of the May 9, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye moved and Dimopoulos seconded to approve the May 9, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta
Nays: None
Motion carried 5-0. A copy of the May 9, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of the minutes.

**District Manager’s Report**
District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that the only thing he had to report is that he did attend the Hammond City Council meeting last night in regards to the rate increase proposal and they understood it and it was voted on 9-0 for first and second. Next, it is going to go for full council final reading on June 12th at their meeting and he sees it will probably be the same results (9-0), so we are moving forward with it. The Town of Munster is also going to be moving forward with their Council.

President Button asked about the pictures that the board received of some completed work.

Marty asked Rick to explain to the commissioners what the pictures that he handed out to them are.

Rick explained that the pictures are mostly of the two SRF projects that we are currently working on- the diffuser membranes in the aeration tanks and the secondary clarifiers. Most of the pictures were taken last week and he believes one or two pictures are just regular O&M items that are noteworthy so he thought he would show a picture of it. He would be happy to answer any questions they have.

Marty added that he wanted Mr. Sutton to know that in this rate increase, the majority of what this initial rate increase is designed to do is to get him flushed again with Maintenance which has
really taken a beating over the last several years as far as not having enough money to do what he needs to do in the Plant. The City Council of Hammond understands that. He made it very clear to them with Mr. Button in conversations, the Mayor understands that, and he knows the Town of Munster understands that, so we are going to get him flush here as quickly as we can.

Rick said he just wanted to make sure that he is screaming it from the mountaintops.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**
There was no personnel report.

**RESOLUTIONS**

The Board considered Resolution No. 28-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Consent Decree Services.

Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 28-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta  
Nays: None  
Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 28-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 05-23-17.

Hawkins **moved** and Muta **seconded** to approve Claims Approval Docket 05-23-17.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta  
Nays: None  
Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Claims Approval Docket 05-23-17 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**President Button called for Old Business**
There was no old business.

**President Button called for New Business**

The Board considered Resolution No. 29-2017: RE: A Resolution of the Hammond Sanitary District Board of Sanitary Commissioners Concerning the Use of Settlement Proceeds from the Town of Griffith.

Dye **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 29-2017.
Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 29-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Button said that he wanted to point out that he and Jack Smith had a meeting with the Water Department this afternoon at approximately one o’clock to talk about Myrtle Street. He wanted to give an update on the Myrtle Street project, which is the emergency repairs to the sewer line at that location. They met with representatives from the Water Department and the contractor (Matt Murphy from Gatlin Plumbing) and there are concerns from the Water Department for their protection of the water service lines so they had a discussion about that issue. The Water Department has asked that we simply try to do the best that we can to protect their water service line. Therefore, if the contractor were to hit them then the Water Department would try to coordinate with them for repairs, but at this point they are not looking at replacing those.

Marty asked what size line the Water Department has running through there.

Jack Smith answered that it is a six or eight inch.

President Button noted that line that they were told runs on one block just two feet off of the face of the gutter on the west side of the street, so two feet east of the west gutter and then the lateral sanitary sewer. The water services cross periodically in there- some 52 water services. So, it is progressing and they are planning to start June 5th with removal of the surface and it should take them about a month.

Marty thanked President Button for the letter that he requested be sent to all of those residents talking about the start of this project. He thought it was very well done. Jack and his department hand delivered those to every resident. He knows they have been doing preliminary setup work out there and he has heard of no calls coming to the Mayor’s office or here from residents asking what is being done.

Jack responded that all the calls with questions are coming to his department, so they have been letting people know that they are going to be starting work in a couple of weeks to replace the sanitary main.

President Button added that the contractor will do a similar notification, but thanks to the Sanitary District, the Mayor’s office, and Councilman Kalwinski for funding this.

**President Button called for Reports from Commissioners**
There were no reports from commissioners.
President Button called for Public Expression
There was no public expression.

President Button called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Dye moved and Dimopoulos seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta
Nays: None
Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Dean Button, PE, President

Matthew J. Muta, Vice President

Sam Dimopoulos, Member

Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member

Michael Dye, Member

ATTEST:
Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle