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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2018
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:07 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

President Dimopoulos called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session at 3:45 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

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

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Joe Allegretti, Attorney
Jeff Massey, HSD
Donald Woodard, HSD
Rick Sutton, HSD
Becky McKinley, GIS
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the January 9, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the January 9, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the January 9, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

District Manager's Report

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, expressed to Commissioner Hawkins that it has been brought to the District's attention that-- he respectfully is asking him to gather some information for us in regards to the landfill in Munster. Originally when the landfill was closed and signed off by the State from what we know there were pumping stations that were put in to collect the leachate from the landfill and all of that was brought here to the Plant to be properly disposed of. All of

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that activity ended in the end of 2007- December 2007 and there does not seem to be any recollection from either Don Woodard or Jeff Massey where that now is going so what he is respectfully asking, Mr. Hawkins, is if he could check and see what documentation that there may be on where that is now being taken to or what facility. We did check with Gary and Gary indicated to us that it is not coming there, so if he could do that we would appreciate it. The other thing is that we have had a couple requests from new developments going up in the Town, specifically along the Calumet Avenue and 45th corridor and as you know there is a pump station that sits on the corner by the gas station that was put in by the developer years and years ago. With all the new development going up in that corridor, he is being told by staff that that pump station is not capable to handle all of that specifically with the new residential/commercial area that is going up and that is going to cause a major problem so we are just putting the Town on notice that we recognize now that that facility is not capable- that pumping station is not capable of handling all of the new development currently in progress, specifically the retirement village there with the commercial that is going up very quickly, the expansion of the hospital and also Three Floyds.

Commissioner Hawkins questioned the pumping out of the landfill- did they used to bring trucks down here.

Don Woodard replied that up until December of 2007 they would truck it in here and we would bill them. We would only bill about \$0.05 a gallon, but we did sample each truck and do lab analyses and that just stopped January of 2008.

Jeff Massey added that they think there may have been a pump station installed at the landfill- a little lift station that is now taking the landfill leachate and discharging it directly into a sewer. A landfill is something that you want to keep an eye on in order to see what is coming out and into the Sanitary District so we can have the ability to see what is being discharged because you never know from a landfill what is going on.

Marty stated that we have also noticed that at that particular pump station that over many years there is just this odor that is uncontrollable and there has never been a reason that our people could pinpoint what was causing that, so he has asked Mr. Massey and his team to actually as soon as the Commissioner gets us the information to go out and take some grab samples wherever this is being discharged to because there is one thing that we know for sure and that is that the leachate that comes off of a landfill has many more contaminates in it than just regular sewage. That could be the answer to some of the questions that we have been having at that pump station. More specifically is that that pump station was put in by the developer way, way long ago—

Matt interrupted that he thinks that is a different pump station. He thinks that is Dyer Road pump station.

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Don added that the landfill more than likely discharges to 45th and Calumet, but then that ends up at Dyer Road and we have extreme odor issues at Dyer Road. Don said he has not been in the 45th Avenue pump station so he could not comment about it.

Commissioner Hawkins said that maybe the guys could in the next so many days—

Don replied that they are still looking into it.

Marty responded that we do know that the 45th Avenue station is under capacity; and he asked if that is correct.

Jeff replied certainly.

Don answered that it could be, but we do not know yet. He explained that there are only two 700,000 a day pumps in there and there is a lot of development in that area and during rain events that station does see an increase in flow significantly and the sump will stay at a high level for hours.

President Dimopoulos questioned that if this leachate is being directed into the sanitary sewers, if that is something that should be happening or should they be trucking that out to be treated separately.

Jeff answered that it happens both ways. In certain areas it gets trucked out if there is no sewer available, but in areas that sewers are available and it meets certain limitations it can go into a sewer. In most areas where it goes into a sewer, it is usually under a Pretreatment permit—somebody should have bene notified that they are doing it, there should be a meter on it to see how much they are doing it and they should be paying for it.

Don added that we should be doing an analysis on it too so we know what is coming into the Plant.

Jeff continued that right now if it is going into the sewer like it seems to be doing it is an active stream that is coming in that nobody is paying for.

Joe Allegretti advised that the big Newton County landfill trucks out its leachate as all big landfills do and they made a proposal to us several years ago about wanting to get a price for them to come in and dump it directly into the clarifiers and we as a policy declined because of the metal content and other surprises that would affect the quality of our sludge, so we are sensitive about landfill leachate.

Commissioner Hawkins stated that he has taken the best notes that he could, but if he has any questions he will give the guys a call.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety Report

Matt Muta stated that we had a very safe year last year. Don did a great job and he wanted to point out that there were no injuries in the Sewer Department last year. The one that they see on the report was a preexisting injury, so the Sewer Department had zero injuries last year.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 4-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana, Authorizing David W. Westland to Execute Closing Documents Concerning the Purchase of Real Estate by the Hammond Sanitary District.

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 4-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 4-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 5-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana, Authorizing David W. Westland to Execute Closing Documents Concerning the Purchase of Real Estate by the Hammond Sanitary District.

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 5-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 5-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 01-23-18.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 01-23-18.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 01-23-18 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was no old business.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

Marty stated that what has been common practice with our union contract with Local 399 is that all non-union employees who have certification (classes 1, 2, 3, 4) that in the new contract there were raises, but the non-union never took those raises until the contract was implemented. He does not know why, but it was just common practice. What he is going to ask the Board is that they will allow him to implement those raises for the classes that we have retroactive to January 1st because he does not believe that those employees- most of them in the Lab and other employees throughout the Plant that are non-union should be penalized by not getting the raises for those classes because the fact that they are not part of that union.

Button moved and Dye seconded to approve the certification raises for all non-union employees retroactive to January 1st.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from commissioners.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Dye moved and Button seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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Sam Dimopoulos, President



Michael Dye, Vice-President



Dean Button, PE, Member



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Patrick D. Moore, Member

ATTEST: 

Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle