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BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:01 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

Vice-President Dye called the meeting to order at 4:01 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, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Commissioners Absent: Dimopoulos

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
Mark Kolisz, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue
David Nellans, Munster Town Council
Mayor Joe Stahura, City of Whiting

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Button requested that the Board suspend the rules of order and asked that they allow Mayor Stahura to speak.

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** to suspend the rules of order and allow Mayor Joe Stahura from Whiting to speak first.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

City of Whiting Mayor, Joe Stahura, explained that Marty asked him to be here today to give a brief update on a project that they are doing in Whiting and also make a request to the Board which is a related capacity certification letter. If you have not heard, they have been lucky

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enough in Whiting to get an \$815,000 grant from the Community Crossing's Program and he elected to dedicate it to the reconstruction of Atchison Avenue. What you may not know is Atchison Avenue is a shared street- half Whiting and half Hammond. There is an advantage to the process and the way his brain is wired and it believes to be an excellent project for both communities. The Community Crossing's grant for City's under 10,000- it is a 75/25 match- the City only has to pay 25 percent. City's over 10,000 (like Hammond) are 50/50, so using the grant for Atchison Avenue is a very low cost option to get the entire road repaired and fixed. The road has been historically a problem street because it appears that there are some subgrade issues (he is not an engineer), but it has failed three times now with repaving in his term as fourteen years as Mayor which is really a short span for paving. The project also allows Whiting to go in and do some underground work- new water line- they were not intending to do any sewer line work, but they were looking at options of correcting some issues that they were having on Atchison like reversing some flow, getting out of the basin that actually is cross tied into Hammond. Unfortunately the engineering work just did not work to make that happen and the elevations just were not adequate enough to make that switch. Now, they intend on repairing the sewer line also only because there is a separation issue between water and sewer lines so they are going to water grade piping on the sewer line in exactly the same places and roughly the same size. This project, even though it is a great project, the contribution from Councilman Kalwinski is about \$115,000 to do the entire work along with ornamental street lighting on the Hammond side will likely trigger the need for a capacity certification letter from HSD so that is why he is here today asking at least for some understanding that the grant will be—or that the letter will be granted. This is a partner process and again Marty asked him to come in front of the Board in case there were any questions.

Commissioner Button commented that the limits of the project are from Indianapolis Boulevard to Ohio or 115th on the Hammond side and then we agree that there is a connection upstream that does not affect Whiting.

Moore **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to take this under advisement right now until Marty and his staff have had a chance to discuss.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

Commissioner Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** to return to the regular order of business.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

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Vice-President Dye stated that the next order of business was the consideration of the February 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve the February 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the February 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

District Manager's Report

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that we are real close to getting the a little over eleven million dollar bond in motion here, so that we can really move forward with some of the projects that we have planned at Headworks. That is where Rick and Don wanted to concentrate with some upgrades to pumps and then we can move forward with some of the other projects- that is really the key issue right now. We have had over the last week or so some issues with power surges from Nipsco that actually shut the Plant down for almost a full day last week, but because of our backup power here at the Plant we were able to run everything that was crucial to keep the Plant out of violation. He will let Don and Rick speak to that and miraculously so about 2:30-3:00 in the afternoon, Nipsco did get the transfer station here on the Plant property (but it belongs to Nipsco) back functioning and in order. He asked Don and Rick to speak to that just a little bit.

Rick explained that what happened was the lightning arresters which are on the east supply- we have two supplies (east and west) lightning arresters on both and they were having trouble with a transfer switch at their Calumet substation and their problem manifested itself to us and we actually exploded two lightning arresters and burnt a copper crowning cables clean through. Nipsco came out right away and did a fairly good job getting us back in service, but the problem is as you know when you are working with that 34.5 kilovolt they are very careful and it takes a long time to get set up and you have to ground the lines for static discharge and things like this. That was a week and a half ago or two weeks ago and we have had three other small outages also, but it is a Nipsco problem and we are working with them and they have been fairly responsive trying to resolve their delivery problems that they are having to us.

Commissioner Button asked if they were able to switch to the alternate feed.

Rick replied that their transfer switch feed mechanism did not function. They tried that right away so they had to repair that and that would have bought us a little bit of time, but ultimately when they were up there repairing the lightning arresters they would have killed both sides anyways because they are so close to each other. It would have bought us a little bit of time, but in the end we needed that- it took them about four to five hours actual work on a lift to get all that repaired.

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Marty commented that it was a little ironic that the day before the Port Authority was shut down. He just found that a little unusual.

Vice-President Dye asked if it hit them and then hit us.

Marty answered no and that they were out of power the day before and then we were the next day.

Vice-President Dye asked if it was the same substation.

Commissioner Button and Marty both answered no it was different substations. Marty stated that Port Authority was out of power for a whole day because of the same scenario and then we had something happen the very next day.

Commissioner Button explained that they had a transformer in the marina go, but it was similar to what had been experienced. Two different things happened and it kind of affected Port Authority similarly to how HSD was.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Button **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the Personnel Report.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the Personnel Report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, stated that she had nothing to highlight, but will take any questions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety Report

Matt Muta stated that he did not have anything to highlight, but would take any questions.

Commissioner Hawkins commented that he looked at the report and it is easy to read and understand, but he is wondering if the one injury that we had on March 7th has the cause listed as machines and equipment- he is wondering if that can be further explained.

Matt responded that one operator was opening a bypass valve—

Don added that the secondary bypass for the power outage and this guy lifts weights and we do not open that valve rarely, so we needed his muscles and he strained one.

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Matt continued that he took the report and he went to the emergency care that morning.

Don stated that he is back to work on light duty.

Commissioner Button clarified that there was lost time since he went to the doctor.

Matt answered yes there was.

GIS Report

Becky McKinley stated that she had nothing to highlight, but would answer any questions.

Sewer Maintenance Report

Mark Kolisz stated that he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Button asked to set up Kennedy Avenue a little bit—so during the flood that we had in the middle of February we as a result of the flooding that we saw—water bubbling up at Kennedy Avenue and 177th Corinne Drive-- Carlson Drive we will say. Sewer was out there last week investigating the sewer line and he happened to be there when they were televising the 48-inch sewer. The course of that TV evaluation we found that the on ramp from southbound Kennedy to eastbound 80/94 the west abutment that crosses Kennedy Avenue had pilings and one of the battered piles or the angled piles had been driven through a side wall of the 48-inch reinforced concrete pi angles and we found that to be a problem. He promised he would talk to the Department of Transportation between the outlet box and Kennedy ejector and the outfall so that repair can be somewhat of a problem.

Rick explained that the 24-inch line, the pipe that was causing the leak at that intersection was the cause. We dug it up started last week and we are hoping to be demobilized and completely done (road poured back in place) at the end of this week. That was a street drainage structure so picture a big, 300 pound crate that they set on top of a poured concrete support structure and then they sat that all on top of our pipe, so the pipe broke because that drainage structure was not properly supported. They used our 24-inch diameter clay pipe to support their drainage structure so we took the drainage structure out and replaced the pipe and we are going to pour a proper base underneath it and set the drainage structure on it and we will be okay. That was really a poor choice for the people who put the street drains in.

Commissioner Button said that he would appreciate any report that Rick may have or photographs.

Rick responded that he has lots of pictures that he will send him.

Commissioner Button thanked him and said that would be very helpful so he can talk to the LaPorte District about the issue. Probably should have had them come out and look at the issue while we were in the middle of that.

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Rick said that he has lots of pictures so they will be able to show them clear as day. There is a lot of truck traffic over there. You make a right turn a little too tight over the curb and you are just crushing our pipe and sure enough right under the pipe that whole. Oddly enough the whole clay pipe was in two sections and right underneath that essentially the whole pipe was just collapsed.

Commissioner Button wanted to comment thank you for the fine job done on the annual report.

Commissioner Moore also said it was really well done.

Commissioner Hawkins added that it was excellent and very easy to understand.

CONSULTANTS REPORTS

The Board considered the AB&H Consultant Report

Mike Hickey stated that we did submit the Long Term Control Plan on March 1st when it was due according to the Consent Decree. He did pass out a copy of the transmittal letter that went along with that to all the board members. He would be happy to take any questions.

Commissioner Hawkins asked where we go from here.

Mike replied that we wait for their comments and he does not know how long that is going to take. When he was on the phone with Max a couple of days ago he asked him what he thinks (2 months, 4 months) and he said yeah, maybe longer. He does not know how long the wait will be, but the point is that we got it in on time so the ball is in their court.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 9-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Consent Decree Services.

Button **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to table Resolution No. 9-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Resolution No. 9-2018 tabled pending more information.

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The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation for February 28, 2018.

Button **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the Bank Reconciliation for February 28, 2018.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the February 28, 2018 Bank Reconciliation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 03-13-18.

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 03-13-18.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 03-13-18 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Vice-President Dye called for Old Business

Commissioner Button commented that he met with Commissioner Hawkins and there has recently been a request to the Munster Town Manager to release the letter that he requested. He asked Jeff Massey who he said is more familiar with the virtual file cabinet- are correspondences like that available on IDEM's virtual file cabinet.

Jeff answered that they are. It is just a matter of when IDEM actually gets around to putting them in. It is public record, but it is also whenever they get to it. They scan things in when they get a chance so it is not necessarily immediate when they put them in. They will be in the file cabinet at one point or the other.

Commissioner Button explained to Commissioner Hawkins that they would appreciate his diligence.

Commissioner Hawkins commented that he seems to have forgot until this morning, but he did pass it on to the Town Manager.

Vice-President Dye called for New Business

Attorney Allegretti stated that the staff wished to bring up the subject of some observations of unusually stressful conditions to the collection systems of the pump stations located in the Town. We noticed the high lows and high sumps during the last bouts of wet weather and they continued after the weather dried- after the cessation of the wet weather. We have been reading in the paper and are thrilled with the enormous investment going on in the Town in the form of improvements planned for Centennial Village, Three Floyds, etc. We are speculating whether

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there is a connection between this ongoing development and what we view as some stress on the Town's collection system. The Town sought and received of course a sewer capacity certification from the Sanitary District certifying the Plant would be able to handle new flows. We have not been consulted about the current capacity or capability of the additional flows that may be coming now in the future from the Munster development to get across the Hammond border and be delivered to the wastewater treatment plant. Also, the Three Floyds development from his understanding talking to Jeff Massey is that it exceeds the 25,000 gallons a day; at least that is anticipated. Normally we only permit and are interested in the pollutants and the potential pathway pollutants that come from industries into our collections system. We normally do not make an inquiry as to the capacity of the delivery system, collections systems, and pump stations adjoining the development to get from there to where we are here, but it is a potential issue at least in the mind of Jeff so he can talk about that if he wishes. We normally and historically, any needed or necessary infrastructure because of this kind of development and investment is the responsibility of the developer or the Town. It is not our business and not of the Sanitary District. Once the developers sell his properties, sells his lots, sells his buildings and his personal space and he is gone and it turns out that there should have been some improvements and there wasn't it would be regrettable. We are not suggesting that is the case again and we are not suggesting that there is a problem, but there have been some observations by staff of stress in the collections system and the pump stations that we want to talk about here on the record and just kind of ask the question. We are not going to cross-examine anyone today, but just suggest to you what we see and what potentially may be a problem in the Town's collection system and historically the collections system is the responsibility of the Town and the pump stations although built by developers once built for maintenance, operation and utility payment becomes the responsibility of the Sanitary District. If Rick or Don can maybe supplement or give some specifics of what exactly are the areas of concern in these pump stations and collection system, he will be quiet and let people who know more about it talk about it.

Don passed out graphs from the station and you can see after that last rain the station ran above normal for ten days. After the last big rain that we had, if you refer to the last page, you will see on the beginning of the first page that is normal operation of that station and during the rain the sump stayed at 29 feet for days, but then even at the end of this period- the end of this ten days, it still has not returned to normal.

Commissioner Button asked Don to give them some perspective on these charts.

Don replied that each page is a one-day period. It goes from normal operation and then after the rain it shows that it stayed high for quite a while after this rain. Red is the rain and blue is the sump pump level. The station has still not returned to normal operation after the last rain so he does not know what can be contributing to that.

Vice-President Dye questioned where the groundwater is going.

Don responded that this is a sanitary lift so it should not get any storm water, but obviously it is.

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Joe Allegretti added that there is always a lot of I&I, but what is generally speaking because Munster is no different than any other separated system, but generally what is Munster's dry weather flow and what is the Town's high or peak wet weather flow which would indicate I&I.

Don answered that back in October there was similar rain to this, but the difference is the ground was frozen for this, but the station went up to 15 feet and recovered within a day. This storm was a little different because the ground was frozen and there was 3 ½ inches, but the station should not have stayed up for that length of time. Normal flow for the Town is about three million and in a storm it is up to ten million- it more than triples. That is the whole Town of Munster.

Joe Allegretti continued that is not unusual at all. Infiltration and inflow is typical in separated systems in Munster because from his understanding some north portions of the Town is mostly separated, but still plenty of I&I.

Marty asked about dewatering at Centennial Village.

Don explained that he does not know if anybody is dewatering into the station or how they would do that he is not sure, but he is not sure of water from that site is coming into the station. This is a recent problem. When he has mechanics go out there and pull the pumps, clean and make sure they are alright and reinstall them, they do not appear to have any problems with the pumps themselves.

Vice-President Dye said that this is probably a question that Dean can answer, but he is wondering if they will do a study to see if the station can handle that extra capacity and who is in charge of doing that.

Joe Allegretti answered that normally and historically any additional infrastructure from a major development like this is the responsibility of the developer and the Town's Plan Commissioner or whatever entity gives these accruables. We know for a fact that Munster has competent engineering people that give engineering advice for them and we are not trying to suggest that they did not do an appropriate study of this, but we are just advising of these stressful conditions that we have been observing and wanted to report it so if there is a need for further inquiry or further investment (improvements to either the collections system or pump stations) that the Town would look into that and make arrangements for that. As the property develops, he presumes there is going to be additional stress on the collections system and on the pump stations and increased water delivered to the South side pump station and ultimately to the wastewater treatment plant.

Commissioner Button commented that his opinion is normally these things happen in the course of the plan review and development so to come back after there is a previous plan approval that is what kind of threw him off. He does not know what you do now that there is a situation occurring now. They would look for flows and lows from any development that comes in and get a determination from the developer how much flows and loads they would expect to receive and

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then make a determination. He feels our responsibility is the operation and maintenance of the station now. We do not fund improvements to stations that were constructed due to previous development.

Commissioner Hawkins commented that there has been a lot of stuff said today and he will certainly take it back to the Town of Munster. He has previously expressed a desire to get this in writing. There has been a lot of detail presented today also so he has taken notes, but is sure he missed a lot of things. He questioned if we wait the two weeks for the minutes.

Joe Allegretti responded that the minutes are good. We are not giving a report and acknowledge that this is not our jurisdiction. We do understand that this is within the Town's jurisdiction, under their ordinances and we understand that they have total, exclusive jurisdiction to approve these projects. They vetted them and they know exactly what they want and they know how they want them to develop. We are not suggesting that we have better judgment or a better vision of these things- we are only reporting an observation of the stress in certain points of the Town's collection system which we have shared responsibility with the Town- mainly these pump stations. He does not know if Rick has something to add about these things. This is not an enforcement or compliance activity, we are just trying to share information with the Town and be good citizens.

Marty asked Rick about the strong odor that he said is coming from these stations.

Rick explained that there have been lots of details, but the thrust of the message is that the 45th and Calumet Avenue pump station is in trouble. There is your message. It is in big trouble. The sump is running at 30 foot. How that area isn't flooded- he has no idea. When he gets a call that says Rick, 45th and Calumet is flooded right now he has no play. Nothing to do. The pumps are on, the pumps are running, they have been replaced recently both of them. He has spare pumps, but the pumps are not the problem. He is suggesting to you that a 30 foot sump over in that area is a really bad thing. You do not have time for an engineering study, you need a construction company out there digging a hole and putting something in it because that 45th and Calumet pump station is in trouble. He is just telling you. His opinion was asked and that is his opinion. Somebody is dumping something in the 45th and Calumet station- it is rancid in there.

Marty asked Jeff what concerns there were about the landfill.

Jeff said that we have concerns about a couple of things over there. We do have some jurisdiction issues and one anything that is coming into the sewer that is not residential type waste we do have jurisdiction over and we believe that the landfill is connected to the pump station and that there leachate is going there. The Sanitary District has full jurisdiction of Pretreatment in Munster as part of the Sanitary District so that is a real concern that we know what is going on from the landfill as well as Franciscan Hospital and now Three Floyds.

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Rick exclaimed that this is all recent. This is all relatively recent- within the last five or so years. Dyer Road, 45th and Calumet- somebody is dumping something nasty in those sewers. It is eating away the cast iron of the pumps, the lifting eyes. We are pulling pumps out and replacing components that help us lift the pump in and out because the nasty water which is not sewage from a house, it is something else is eating that stuff away. It has gotten really bad over the last four or five years and harking back to twenty five years ago there was a gas station at that corner. A little Speedway and he believes a Wendy's originally and that is all that there was. That little pump station was put in for that. Now look at what is down there. That pump station has not grown a bit since then. This is just common sense. It is our intent to tell you that you cannot develop that much without doing anything to the pump station. You are to the point now where it is too late. The station regularly runs in flooding conditions.

Marty asked Jeff if it is fair to say that he met with the engineers from Three Floyds.

Jeff replied that he has met in a preliminary meeting with the engineers from Three Floyds and they were looking at flows and the requirements of their permit. His concern is if that pump station is big enough to handle the flows during wet weather. They do have a little bit of understanding about that. They were asking about storm water. There is concern about that station and how much groundwater is going to that station in that separated area. There is a storm station in that area.

Commissioner Hawkins said that he was writing and thought he mentioned Superior- did you backtrack from Superior and correlate it to 45th and Calumet.

Jeff answered that is a separated area. He asked if something were to happen and that station were to overflow where the water would go so that was their concern on that. They were made aware in his opinion that they should pay strict attention to what happens at 45th and Calumet when there is wet weather. It could be a problem so what they do about it he has no idea. It went to Munster and was approved.

Councilman Nellans commented that he really believes that a meeting needs to be scheduled and sit down with both groups. His suggestion is and he cannot speak to anything of this other than the fact that he knows what is being talked about, but he thinks it would be beneficial to have drawings and talk about capacities, talk about the service area so that they know exactly where this is. It does concern him if Don says that this is not normal, but at this point he has no idea what would be contributing to that. Typically, stations once the activity is done probably normally within a day or two it is back to normal—

Don stated that this was kind of a unique storm because the ground was frozen so a lot of water stayed on the surface and drained into the station over a period of time.

Councilman Nellans responded though for him to say that this has been ten days, something is going on, but we do not know what. Again, that is his suggestion that we get the two

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organizations together with our engineers and have a discussion. He thinks that would be prudent.

Marty replied that he does not think that is a bad idea, but we have already asked for some information that we have still not received as of today specifically for the dump- where is that going. He thinks if we can get some answers to some questions we are already asked then we can say if the dump is not dumping into the sewer then we have to figure out where some of this extra flow is coming from. If they are not dewatering at Centennial Village into our system and correct him if he is wrong, but he thinks the last meeting that he had with the Manager of the Town (Councilman Nellans, Don and Jeff were all in attendance) and he thinks part of that discussion was on Centennial Village. Was it not?

Commissioner Hawkins answered that it was the reason that meeting was called.

Marty added that not a whole lot got done at that meeting.

Commissioner Button announced that he appreciates the need to have a meeting, but you have a collection system issue and you have flow issues and he does not know how much the District should necessarily understand the modeling of your system. That is your system. You are delivering flows to the station that we are held responsible for operating. We have a bunch of experts here, you have a bunch of experts there he does not know if our experts are going to help or decide—

Councilman Nellans responded that he understands. He questioned if the pipe size is right that is leaving the station, he does not know. He cannot make an opinion on that. Obviously something has happened and he does not disagree that things have grown, although he does not know what the sizing was when that station was put in, but he does agree that was a small area. That station was put in for that industrial park that took a lot of time to develop, but again he cannot speak anywhere to the capacity, but he would think and this is only a guess that it was sized for more than Wendy's and Speedway because there was a whole industrial park but again it was very slow in getting developed. The GE Warehouse, and Star Case, and the Hospice office. Now, Franciscan Hospital has come—

Commissioner Button said and Heartland Hospital.

Councilman Nellans continued that he does not know, but that makes three.

Commissioner Button clarified that Heartland is now Franciscan.

Councilman Nellans said yes and it was physicians for a while, but nevertheless that is just his opinion. He thinks we need to get all this information together and he cannot express who is responsible for what- he does not know, but he thinks we need to get all of the information on the table.

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Commissioner Button replied that it sounds to him like Munster has some modeling and some gathering to do. If they want to pull that all together and we can help at that point, but he is not sure what we can do to drive. He questioned what would a meeting here help now. Some engineers that need to evaluate your system and what he is hearing from Rick is that we have an urgent problem now at a pump station and we are not really sure what—we can go out and replace pumps all day, but if a new station needs to be constructed as a result of the development that is happening then that is more of a Munster issue than a HISD issue. As he sees it.

Councilman Nellans repeated that he cannot speak to that. He appreciates Rick's comment, but to dig a hole and put something in it; they need to know more about what they are doing.

Commissioner Button asked how we help them do that. It is your Town, it is your development and it is your control over what hotels, warehouses and breweries are going in. We do not control that as a Sanitary District.

Marty stepped in to say that it sounds like the Town needs to hire an engineering company to come in and evaluate your collection system and the pump station and say you know the Town of Munster with all this new development we feel that station is substantial. Then, come back to us and say here is an engineering report from a company we hired and here is what they are telling us about what is going on in that corridor. The District as Dean is saying and he cannot say it any better than he has, but we cannot help you with that. You need to hire somebody. We do not expect the Town Council or Commissioner to know that. You need a report from an engineering company saying you know what problem there is and now we need to sit down and talk about it because they are saying now to you what we feel maybe and we are not saying there is, but what we feel is going on there that only an engineering company and he asked Dean to correct him if he is wrong, but only they can say what is wrong.

Commissioner Button agreed and said that we have an immediate problem so steps should be taken pretty quickly to figure out because inevitably we are going to get more flow in than we can pump out and you are going to have basement backups, you are going to have overflows and you are going to have dry weather events that are going to cause your residents and your businesses problems. That is what je is gathering from this.

Marty asked Rick to tell him what he said at the staff meeting today. If there were a problem today with that station, you have nowhere to pump it.

Rick repeated that there are no plays left for us. It is a force main and you have two small 10 horse power pumps in a dug in the earth- no concrete floors- one of the jankiest pump stations he has ever seen in his life. So it is hanging on by a thread and you have no idea how close you came to flooding that whole area in this last rain. He knows this is not the first time that this has been brought up to you. 45th and Calumet pump station is in trouble and that is as blunt as he can be. He cannot bypass pump it- there is nothing for him to do. When you call him next week and

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say that station is flooded- this spring you are flooded. Okay, there are no plays left, nothing for him to do.

Commissioner Hawkins stated that this is going to be taken back to the Town Manager with a responsibility for action. Some things have been said here today that have not been said before and he has heard it, he has written a lot of things down and they are going to transfer this information to the Town Manager. If the Town wants to talk to certain people at the District, well yeah he thinks it is logical to get information or ask questions or determine how to proceed. It is just a logical thing and he is not sure that we should get hung up on that and he heard at a prior meeting that some people at the District such as Rick, Don, Jeff, whoever have the knowledge of the system and would be available to work with the Town or whoever to look at examining this problem and look at a way forward to fix this problem because part of it has to do with the pump station which happens to be yours and he does not want to go any further on who does what to whom and how does it get paid for right now. Maybe we should not get hung up on that, but all he is saying to further this process this information will be taken back to the Town. A response by the Town may come back saying that they want to talk to determine exactly where we are at on this or that—

Commissioner Button jumped in to say that this is Munster's facility that we are operating and maintaining, so that is how he feels about these stations. They were constructed by developers or others—

Commissioner Hawkins stated that any issues on that are beyond us right now.

Vice-President Dye said that going back to Marty's statement hire an engineering company, get to the root of the problem, present it and then go from there.

Commissioner Moore added that it sounds like to him that this needs to be done quickly. From what Rick is saying, something needs to be done really fast or you are going to have a big problem and somebody is going to have to answer to that because this is bad. He does not know anything, he knows less than you about it, but what he is telling you is that there is a problem and you all have been through problems before and you do not want them again.

Councilman Nellans commented that you all know he has been coming here for a lot of years and this station predates him and he cannot say that there were not previous discussions and he cannot comment on the fact that the station was accepted as it is. Again, his understanding is that these stations belong to HSD and he does not want to get hung up on all of this. That is why he thinks we need a meeting, but they are going to take this back to the Town Manager, but realistically we still need to talk about this and he thinks both sides need to talk about this and he really does not want to get in and debate this. That is not their point. The point is that they have a problem and they need to find a solution.

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Commissioner Button responded that he thinks both sides should talk, but what is being said is that they have collections system issues that you need to evaluate and other than that he does not think that is the District's responsibility. That is what he is saying. If you want to get your collection systems flows and loads and where all the flow is coming from, we will be ready to talk to you.

Marty added that Councilman just for the record we operate the station on behalf of the Town of Munster as per our agreement, but because you have further development there the District believes strongly- we do not have to have a meeting to discuss it- we believe strongly that if there is a call for a larger station, a bigger station with deeper wells, we are telling you that is the responsibility of the Town of Munster or the developer. We do not increase sizes of stations for development.

Councilman Nellans said that he is not in a position to comment on that. He can't. He can't say yes, he can't say no. We will take your comments and he understands that and he hopes Marty understands where he is coming from, he can neither commit the Town of Munster nor push it back on HSD.

Marty replied that he is not asking him to do that. He is just asking that when you leave here today you firmly understand the position of HSD on those stations and if that station needs to be upgraded due to the fact of all the new development that is going on in that corridor and more yet to come that because that station was put together and built 30 years ago. He cannot agree with Rick more and he is way smarter than he is, Dean that they probably didn't realize back then how much more development or what kind of development was going in there because of the flows that are going to be coming in from that development. He is sure they never knew about Three Floyds, so he guesses what we are saying is that whatever you need to do, you need to hire somebody to examine your collections system and then come back and say you know what that pump station needs to be upgraded and then we can express our feelings on the fact that we, HSD do not believe that that is at our cost or occurrence. That is at your cost and to make sure that whatever is leaving that station coming to line at Hammond that those lines are able to handle that capacity. We can tell you all day long that Don will certify and that we can handle the capacity here, but you have to get it here.

Commissioner Button asked our staff if there are any other stations that are experiencing similar conditions that we also inform the Town of those issues as well.

Councilman Nellans agreed. As you all know he wants to be a problem solver and he wants to have this taken care of and he believes in proper maintenance, but again we will all have to sit down and discuss this.

Commissioner Hawkins stated that this will be taken back today.

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Vice-President Dye called for Reports from Commissioners

Vice-President Dye expressed his condolences to Jack Smith's family for the passing of his father and his wife's grandma.

Vice-President Dye called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

Vice-President Dye called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Button moved and Moore seconded for adjournment.

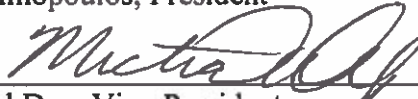
Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.



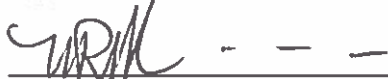
Sam Dimopoulos, President



Michael Dye, Vice-President




Dean Button, PE, Member



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Patrick D. Moore, Member

ATTEST: 
Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

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