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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:02 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 4:02 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
Joe Allegretti, Attorney
Jeff Massey, HSD
Rick Sutton, HSD
Becky McKinley, GIS
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Shannon Ferguson, HSD
Jonathan Albers, 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 September 11, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Button **seconded** to approve the September 11, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the September 11, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

District Manager's Report

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that he just wanted to talk briefly about the fact that Rick is working on a couple of projects and the main project that he is spending a lot of time on is the Headworks project. There was a little bit of a briefing that he and Rick had late last week about a project that he wanted to finish and do in Munster. He thought that it was really more

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being proactive because of what you saw with all of the collapses that we had with the main that he had fixed, so he said hey, this runs in people's backyards in Munster, hard to get to, the likelihood of more problems is probably going to happen so he wants to address it sooner than later. He asked Rick to pick up with Headworks and then talk about Munster.

Rick explained that we are finishing up the engineering with the Headworks project. He would like to sit here and tell the Board with a straight face that in four weeks he will be done, but that is not realistic. He is thinking it is going to be closer to six weeks. They are on the nitty gritty details. The main concept and main idea the bulk majority of the texts and drawings and specs are done, but it is fairly complicated and a difficult sequencing job because they have to keep the building operational during the whole project. They are purchasing items on a schedule and making sure that that schedule is good so that there are no operational difficulties. The contractors all understand that they cannot just come in and rip everything out and start with a fresh pallet- it is a build as you go. They plan to leave the existing stuff alone until the very end and then when the new stuff is operational they will be able to transfer over. This is a little bit more difficult of a spec to write, but they are getting very close to completing that job. The commissioners will have a chance to look at the drawings. With all of this- starting in February of this year through April- we had no fewer than ten force main breaks on the discharge pipe from the Twin Creek pump station. It is a 14-inch cast iron pipe that was breaking at the bottom of the pipe and they were literally going out there once or twice a week and holding up traffic to do emergency repairs. They just finished replacing and tying in the new line to the old line more than a mile of pipe as part of an emergency type operation. They quit when they got south of 45th Street so he would like to complete that job and go from the pump station to 45th Street. They are going to leave the pipe under the railroad tracks alone because that pipe is in a casing so they are hoping that is okay. They would rather just address that if it happens. They have tap-ins on either side of the street now that are available with valves that they can easily tie into if they have to. The idea is that they are trying to finish this fall before the freeze/thaw cycle next year. This pipe from the pump station runs in the backyards of people on Redbud Street for over half a mile (maybe a third mile) and when there is a repair we are trying to mobilize and bring equipment in people's backyards so we are tearing up their fences, tearing up their yards and not to mention there is raw sewage in people's backyards. It has broken at least four times that he can remember in the last couple years so it has not gone away. It was not as bad as the pipe section that we replaced, but it has been happening frequently enough for us to be really concerned and think that it is an emergency that needs to be fixed. At this point, District Manager has asked him to get a scope of work together and drawings and he is going to get some contractors to come place some quotes for the job and at that time he can submit to District Manager and he is hoping that the Board will approve the District Manager to accept one of the bids that we get for this job.

Marty added that Rick had come to him last week just with that concern. Really it was not on the radar at all so he can kind of surprised him with it when he said they needed to talk about Munster and this main because of everything that he saw when they were doing the repair. He is just really concerned that the rest of this because of where it is located and because they are in backyards they have to tear everything up to get to it that it is better to do it now than wait for it

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because it is not an if it is a when. So, he agreed with Rick that it needs to be done and addressed sooner while he is here because he knows that area well so it is better to have him supervise this project. He is going to get Marty three bids so that they can look at that and make a decision probably not at the next board meeting, but the board meeting after (October 23rd). He asked Rick if that is a project that he wants to do before winter.

Rick answered yes. You run into difficulties with the asphalt because we will finish if we start next month we will finish in the middle of November when the asphalt plants are shutting down. For him personally and he would like to ask Commissioner Hawkins for the Town of Munster because the alternative is if you wait until next spring. Historically he can tell you that force main has trouble in February, March and April really when that ground thaws it has trouble and starts breaking on us. He would like to finish it because he does not want to be called out there for emergencies.

Commissioner Button questioned with the temporary patch if they are using cold patch for the time being.

Rick responded that he will write it in there and if the asphalt plants are open do this and if not, do that and base your bid accordingly. One option for completing it this year and the other for finishing the asphalt in the spring.

Commissioner Hawkins commented that there are three or four places where there are problems in that area that were relatively excessive. This pipe access runs behind these homes and it is in an area that people are not supposed to put anything on. Well, people put up fences, landscape and everything. The breaks we have had so far are in an area that can be accessed through a park area and it is easier than some of the other areas that are behind homes and literally we had two a few months back that were in some guy's backyard that was one break right next to the other and the flow was really big. I cannot even estimate how big those flows were- they were just rushing out. This line also runs between homes, side yard, next to utilities and is just a horrible place so to abandon that and build it in the middle of Redbud Street as they discussed before is a good idea and the Town is agreeable to that. They will make themselves available as he will to work with Rick for whatever assistance is needed. It is sort of like something waiting to explode. It is a huge problem and with all of these homes it would be a very big problem if it ever happened.

Commissioner Button wanted to clarify if he has just heard that they are talking about not using the same path, but actually moving the force main.

Rick responded that they are going to move the force main into the street. They are going to relocate it so it is easier accessible to us and not so much trouble for the citizens.

Marty asked Jeff Massey to talk briefly about Dyer Road and the monitoring that he is getting ready to set up based on some of the problems that we are having there.

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Jeff explained that he is planning on after a sampling project that he has going on next week that they are required to do, but after that project he is intending to put some samplers in the Dyer Road to try and determine if they can see if there is anything actually coming into the station that is out of the ordinary starting right by the station where all of the lines come together and monitor that. If they see anything they will send out for analysis and then they will walk backwards there and see if they can pinpoint to a certain area in Munster. Next week they have a big sampling project, but after that they will free up some time and see what they can find at Dyer Road.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was not a personnel report for this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 32-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Engineering Assistance in the Preparation of a Long Term Control Plan (LTCP).

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 32-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Resolution No. 32-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 09-25-18.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 09-25-18.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 09-25-18 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was no old business.

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Marty explained that they have a Resolution they are presenting to the Board. We have over the last six-eight months purchased some new trucks for the Plant (pickup trucks) and so there are three old trucks that we are retiring. He had talked to Ed over at the Water Department since they were so gracious to us on giving us the generator he had reached out to them to see if they

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possibly had any use or need for these. They looked at them and said thanks, but no thanks. They are pretty beat up so he will let Joe explain what we classify them as.

Joe Allegretti stated that they are surplus. When disposing of property, the statute requires a paper trail and in the case of property that has gone beyond its useful life you make a declaration of surplus and since the property is of no value the statute equates no value so you can then scrap or dispose of as seen fit.

The Board considered Resolution No. 33-2018: RE: A Resolution Determining Certain Equipment and Property of the City to be Surplus and Having No Market Value.

Dye moved and Button seconded to approve Resolution No. 33-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. Resolution No. 33-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Marty wanted to add that they had spoken about it briefly in the executive session that our exit audit with the auditors here for the State of Indiana will be done October 9th at 10 am at City Hall in the Chief of Staff's office. The auditors asked him if he would announce to the Board because they are always anxious to have as many board participants as possible. The Chief of Staff and the Controller would also both be there.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Button wanted to thank Becky for the flood plain analysis that she did for him- it was very much appreciated. He asked if there are any surplus generators because if so, Port Authority is looking for one. They are having issues up there. They had a power outage up there this weekend that took the whole station out.

Rick replied that it took us out of power here also for about three hours.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Button moved and Dye seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 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

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Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

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