

MINUTES  
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING  
OCTOBER 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 4:01 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  
Rachel Montes, Business Manager  
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager  
Joe Allegretti, Attorney  
Donald Woodard, HSD  
Jeff Massey, HSD  
John Devine, HSD  
Becky McKinley, GIS  
Jack Smith, Sewer Department  
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD  
Shannon Ferguson, HSD  
Jonathan Albers, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue  
Jim Tufford, Munster Resident

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-President Dye stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the October 23, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Button **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the October 23, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the October 23, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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**District Manager's Report**

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, asked Attorney Allegretti to update the Board with where we are at with the railroad properties.

Attorney Allegretti explained that he did send an email to Marty with Commissioner Button copied on it explaining that they are ready to go with CN Railroad and then heard that both railroad properties are actually ready to go. They delivered closing documents to him so the closing will be done transitionally. He will get a deed and deliver when checks are cut.

Marty asked if there needed to be any board approval for this.

Attorney Allegretti answered that it had been previously approved.

Commissioner Button commented that on the other board he sits on they just had a quiet closing and there was no Board of Works action required so he does agree with Attorney Allegretti regarding matter.

Marty asked John Devine if he thinks it is safe to say within the next thirty or so days that they will be able to start looking at some renderings and some of the proposed activity that is going to go on at Columbia Avenue (Headworks).

John said that he thinks that is safe to say.

Marty added that at that time they will be able to share that information with the Board and give them the opportunity to look at it. He is going to have a first preview next week. Dennis is coming up and wants to meet with him to show him where he is at with everything and then he should be able to share that with the Board at the next board meeting.

Marty asked Rachel if she wanted to talk about our upcoming board meetings. He did not know if there was anything special that needed to be done.

Rachel responded that sometimes we cancel the November one, but this year it falls on the last week of November so we should be fine with that one. We do have one scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> of December which is Christmas so she was not sure if the Board wanted to cancel that now or wait until December.

Vice-President Dye stated that they can do that under new business.

Marty replied other than that, he thinks that is all he has unless there are any questions from the Board for him.

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**PERSONNEL REPORT**

There was not a personnel report for this meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**The Board considered Resolution No. 39-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Non SRF Eligible Engineering Assistance.**

Vice-President Dye noted that this is replacing the second Resolution No. 33-2018 because that number was already used so it is now Resolution No. 39-2018.

Button **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 39-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Resolution No. 39-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered Resolution No. 40-2018: 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 Moore **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 40-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Resolution No. 40-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 10-23-18.**

Button **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 10-23-18.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 10-23-18 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**Vice-President Dye called for Old Business**

There was no old business.

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**Vice-President Dye called for New Business**

Vice-President Dye stated that they are going to cancel the December 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting in observation of the Christmas holiday.

Hawkins moved and Button seconded to cancel regular board meeting scheduled on December 25, 2018.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0.

**Vice-President Dye called for Reports from Commissioners**

There were no reports from Commissioners.

**Vice-President Dye called for Public Expression**

Jim Tufford of 633 South Street in Munster came to speak to the Board.

He attempted to pass handouts out to the Board and Vice-President Dye explained that under public expression they do not take because it is something that is not approved by their District Manager and something they are not going to look at, so if he does have something he wants to share with the Board he has to share that first with the District Manager. Vice-President Dye explained that they will not take anything from him during public expression he has to give his handouts to District Manager Wielgos and that this is a time for him to speak to the Board.

Attorney Allegretti demanded Mr. Tufford to step away from board table and give his public expression please.

Mr. Tufford said that he was going to try and explain the sheet that he has here, but since they do not want to look at it. He did some comparisons with the usage of gallons between single-family residences and multi-unit residences. His first example is for 5000 gallons a month. In Munster this is billed monthly. It is not bi-monthly like Hammond is, but the bottom line is for a single residential house 5000 gallons would cost about \$4.00 per 1000 gallons, but if you did a 4-unit multi-unit residential it would be \$9.03 per 1000 gallons which is a \$5.00 difference which is more than twice the amount for the same type of sewage. If you did 60,000 gallons on a residential house and compare it to (he lives in a 20-unit building) the residential would pay \$2.45 per 1000 gallons and they would pay \$5.11 per 1000 gallons so that is more than double. If you do 1000 gallons for a residential house and compare that to 1000 gallons for a 4-unit residential and potentially there could be more people in the residential house the single family would pay \$10.71 per 1000 gallons and the 4-unit residential would pay about \$36.00 per 1000 gallons (resident misspoke and said \$36,000 per 1000 gallons) - over three times as much. If everybody goes to Florida for the month and there is no water usage at all, the single family is going to pay \$8.40, the 4-unit residential is going to pay \$33.60 and his building is going to pay \$168.00 just for sitting there. In Munster, they said that multi-units were not pulling their load so

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he pulled out the tax bills for three multi-unit scenarios. Where he lives he compared it to if there were single family houses there and what the Hammond Sanitary District gets from our Munster tax bills is \$1900 and a single family would be \$900. At Sand Oak Condos the comparison is from Sand Oak you get \$11,000 and if you had single family houses you would get \$1500. At Oak Crest Apartments- by the way all of these buildings in Crown Point are rated as residential. Oak Crest Apartments, HSD would get \$11,000 compared to single family houses there would only be \$5200 so again that is about double.

Attorney Allegretti enforced 3-minute public expression limit and stated that he knows Mr. Tufford planned to filibuster the Board, but we have a 3-minute limit and his time is up.

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

Button moved and Moore seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

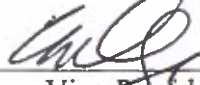
Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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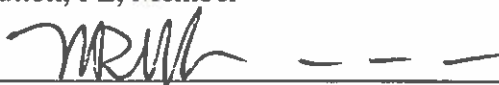
Sam Dimopoulos, President



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