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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2018
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:03 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 4:03 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
Jim Bennett, Jim Bennett & Associates
David Nellans, Munster Town Council

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the November 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve the November 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the November 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 he has had a meeting with staff for the last several months and also the Mayor's office and keeping the Board updated on what our plans are moving forward into 2020 when the Sewer money goes away- about four million dollars. We

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have had several conversations on if that four million disappears, how is it funded. Some of the ideas- obviously what comes to mind is some kind of rate increase on the Hammond side to be able to cover that- we have also looked at maybe using some Storm Water monies that may be available to cover a portion of that. He just wanted to let the Board know that he and Rachel had a meeting today with Jim Bennett who does some work for us and he indicated that there may be a small possibility that we will not lose all four million. He asked Rachel to jump in from there.

Rachel explained that what Jim is estimating is that when they reduce (everybody is at the 1, 2, 3% tax caps) that we are not going to get him with our own exempt debt deficiencies. She said it will all go in to a pot and then gets spread out so everybody who has exempt debt will be at 100% collections and then the deficiency as a whole will be distributed amongst everybody in the County. He does not believe that we are going to lose our entire funding for Sewer Maintenance.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if there is any logical or reasonable way to figure if we are going to lose 50% or whatever—

Rachel replied that he gave us an estimate of what he thought and that was that we would lose about 25%, but that is him against somebody else who has said 100% so-

Marty added that our own Karl Cender said we would probably lose 100%. We saw a report about three months ago that came from somebody who did a study and said that we were only going to lose a couple million so it is all over the place. It depends on who you talk to and even the County cannot tell us because they do not know how it is all going to wash out because it is all based on collections, it is all based on if you have a big manufacturer that for some reason decides to not pay their taxes this year because they can wait until January 1 and the County has the option not to penalize them a late fee (which he just learned that today) so there are all of these different variables that we really do not know how to even plan for it. He told the Mayor the other day that he is looking at it as 0 because that is the safest way. He has to plan that there is going to be no money there so that is where they are focusing at. They are still looking at ideas and he said they did talk a little bit about Storm Water so there may be a little wiggle room there, but they have to be very cautious on if that can be used to some extent. He just wanted to bring that up to the Board because he is not one to wait until the end of 2019 and say hey by the way Jack's department is not being funded so that was one of the main things. They talked earlier in the executive session about Columbia Avenue- hopefully Columbia Avenue is going to be opened up here tomorrow at the end of the day from what he is hearing so that will be a big plus because he knows that has been a heartache for a lot of people trying to get around that and Calumet Avenue so that is a big plus. They are still negotiating with 399. They met with the union last week and they were hoping that something could be done fairly quickly starting something new and have a contract by January 1, but he just does not see that happening because they have a lot of things that they need to hammer out with them. Other than that, he asked Rick to update them on the Columbia Avenue project.

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Rick commented that they are still on schedule to go out in newspaper for public advertising for bid requests on December 17th and then one week later on December 24th. They are going to have a preconstruction meeting for the contractors to come in and ask questions on January 8 and January 22nd they are going to open bids at 11 am. The original schedule is still a go so hopefully we get some good bids for the project.

Commissioner Button stated that they need to give authorization to advertise for that project as the Board. He asked if they should do that under new business.

Joe Allegretti answered that he thinks that is fine. Sometimes they do and sometimes they don't.

Commissioner Button stated but doesn't that require board approval to provide notice.

Joe Allegretti responded that the statute is kind of fuzzy and springs from the heads of management and the Board without formal, but it is certainly a good idea to formalize and memorialize it and he is not disagreeing with him.

Commissioner Button thanked him and said that he will do that verbally under new business.

Commissioner Button asked Jeff about an excursion on mercury and there was a letter that went to IDEM and was in board packet that said that we were going to resample and he was wondering if there were results of the resampling.

Jeff answered that they had to do a resample and it came back within limitations well below limitations so it is an anomaly. We have been sampling low level mercury for numerous years and have never had anything even close to that number- we are always well below our limitations so when they got those results back they were below one part per trillion so they are due to resample off of their regular scheduled sampling this month- they are just waiting for the bottles to arrive and then they will sample and he does not expect to see another number like that one. He just thinks it was an anomaly. They are usually well below one part per trillion and they are back at less than one part per trillion now.

Marty asked Jeff if we actually as that occurrence happened we actually volunteered to go back to the agency and said we want to include mercury.

Jeff said no. We have mercury as a permit limitation. We are one of the few wastewater treatment plants that does not have a mercury variance. We've accepted the 1.3 parts per trillion mercury limit without any sort of variance and we have been successful at meeting that limit like he said before for years and this is the first time they have ever had some sort of issue. He thinks it needs to be noted on that that the influent was exceptionally low so that is what makes it seem like more of an outlier more than anything else. Again, they resampled and let the State know that they were going to do that and it is back lower than the limit and will sample as normal in December and hopefully it will be fine. It should be as every other sample has been

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PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. 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 did not have anything to highlight, but will take any questions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety Report

No comments or questions on the Safety Report.

GIS Report

No comments or questions on the GIS Report.

Sewer Maintenance Report

No comments or questions on the Sewer Maintenance Report.

2019 Hammond Household Flood Protection Program Annual Report

Report is actually the 2018 Hammond Household Flood Protection Program Annual Report. There were no comments or questions.

CONSULTANTS REPORTS

The Board considered the AB&H Consultant Report

Mike Hickey stated that everybody should have a copy of his status report and he did put a letter in front of them today dated December 11th and he will talk about the Long Term Control Plan. HSD submitted the Long Term Control Plan on March 1st. They got comments from EPA on October 10th and they got them on October 12th and did the response (double sided) anyway they did respond and there is a schedule at the end of it. So, that is the LTCP update.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 45-2018: 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 Revised Final Long Term Control Plan (LTCP)

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Dye **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 45-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 45-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 46-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Fixing Salaries and Wage Rates for the Hammond Sanitary District for the Year 2019.

Button **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 46-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 46-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. SW8-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing the Funding of the 2019 Hammond Household Flood Protection Program.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. SW8-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. SW8-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Rachel noted that there was a correction on the date on that Resolution. It was written as the 14th day of December 2018 and it should read today's date of 11th of December 2018.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the amendment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation for November 30, 2018.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the Bank Reconciliation for November 30, 2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the November 30, 2018 Bank Reconciliation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 12-11-18.

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 12-11-18.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 12-11-18 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was no old business.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

The Board considered Resolution No. 47-2018: RE: A Resolution Authorizing the District Manager to Accept a Proposal of Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. to Perform Pilot Testing.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 47-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 47-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Marty wanted to point out a couple of key things. One being the total charge is \$35,300 and part of the agreement is that if for some reason the testing of this machine does not meet EPA standard guidelines that they are going to give us we will be refunded the \$35,300 so it is a good agreement and we are looking forward to moving forward with it.

President Dimopoulos stated that the next item under new business is that they did receive the schedule for the 2019 Board Meeting Dates.

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Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve 2019 Board Meeting Dates Schedule.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the 2019 Board Meeting Dates Schedule is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Button **moved** to authorize the Sanitary District of Hammond, Indiana to authorize advertisement for the Headworks pump station improvements to be received on January 22, 2019 at 11 am and Dye **seconded**.

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

Councilman David Nellans from the Town of Munster wanted to express their wishes to the Board and everyone at the Hammond Sanitary District for a happy holiday, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and they appreciate all of the hard work that was done in the Town of Munster with the staff and he again just wanted to express that gratitude and thank everyone. They are looking forward to another good year next year. Thank you.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting


Dye **moved** and Moore **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



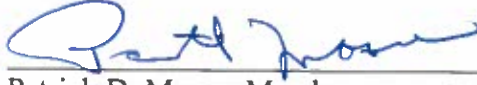
Michael Dye, Vice-President



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