

MINUTES  
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING  
AUGUST 27, 2019  
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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: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Commissioners Absent: Button

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager  
Rachel Montes, Business Manager  
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager  
Joe Allegretti, Attorney  
Jeff Massey, HSD  
Dan Zander, HSD  
Becky McKinley, GIS  
Jack Smith, Sewer Department  
Jonathan Albers, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue

President Dimopoulos called for everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the August 13, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the August 13, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the August 13, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**District Manager's Report**

District Manager Marty Wielgos says that he has a couple things to report. He says that as they talked briefly in the executive session, and he thinks everybody knows, with the tax caps approaching in 2020, in the final wave of those the Sewer Department, which is funded by that with \$3.5 million, will go away. Marty states that for the last year and a half they have been preparing for that and working with the Administration, the City Council, and staff to put together

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some ideas on how that can be funded and making sure they find the right revenue source for that. He says that as they get closer, he will keep the board updated. Marty continues saying as of right now they've had five or six meetings with City Hall and the Mayor while looking at various options and are getting close to narrowing those down. Marty says that as soon as he has a clear green light, he will make sure to keep everyone updated and let the board take a look at that.

District Manager Marty Wielgos says the other thing he wants to talk about are the couple other bonds the District has out. He says that because it looks like the interest rates are going to be coming down, the District may look at refinancing those to take advantage of some better rates. Marty turns it over to Business Manager Rachel Montes to briefly talk about the situation. Rachel says the bond that has really been an issue is the 2015C as it had an adjustable interest rate. She says she hasn't gotten the chance to talk to the City Controller Heather Garay about, but that's the only one they did discuss as that bond is callable now. She says they are now able to do a refunding bond but she doesn't know if they are going to gather those and sell them together with a couple older ones or just that particular one. Rachel state that one is the most important because the interest rate on that one has been climbing from \$80,000 per year to \$100,000 per year extra than they had previously anticipated.

District Manager Marty Wielgos says he has nothing else to report unless anyone has any questions. There are no questions.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

There was no personnel report.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**The Board considered Resolution No. 24-2019: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Non SRF Eligible Engineering Assistance**

Dye **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 24-2019.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of Resolution 24-2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 08-27-19.**

Moore **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 08-27-19.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

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District Manager Marty Wielgos points out the board received a revised edition of the claims docket. President Dimopoulos confirms and acknowledges.

**The Board considered the Revised Claims Approval Docket 08-27-19.**

Moore **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Revised Claims Approval Docket 08-27-19.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the Revised Claims Approval Docket 08-27-19 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**

There was no New Business.

**President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners**

There were no reports from Commissioners.

**President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression**

Jeff Massey from the Hammond Sanitary District says that he just has a concern. He states that he was out in Munster today and was concerned about the construction going on around the 45<sup>th</sup> Pump Station. He says he knows they are doing some build up in Centennial Park, but they are actually doing construction right next to the station and that there is heavy equipment and sewer pipe laying right on top of where the force main actually is. Jeff says that nobody at the District has heard anything from the Town of Munster or anyone about what's going in there. He says he has grave concerns that they are going to cause some issues with that force main by the station. Jeff Massey continues on saying that when they were out there earlier, there was an excavator sitting just about right on top of where that force main should be and they've got the ground stripped and moved and they are really concerned about that. He says he just wants to make the board aware of this action going on out there and that they are really encroaching up on that station. Jeff states that they had stuff sitting on the force main and no one from the District went out and marked where it was at for them, so he is concerned that there is either going to be damage to the force main or that there is going to be issues. Jeff just wants it on record that they are doing stuff really close to force main as there was stuff sitting on top of it. President Dimopoulos thanks Jeff Massey for the information and asks Commissioner Hawkins if he could make that report to the town officials. Commissioner Hawkins responds saying that he will

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forward the message to the town and knows that they did a location on that force main as he knows it was a concern. He says Jeff is right as they are working right next to the brick structure. Jeff Massey says they have a large piece, what looks like is going to be a storm line, sitting right on top of where that force main is adjacent to the station. He says there was also an excavator sitting right on top of it too. He says they learned it here at the District that you can't do work and have heavy equipment sitting on top of a pipe like that without the fear of crushing what's underneath. Jeff Massey says its just some concern. He says it may be fine, he doesn't know, but he just wants to make it aware that there are some concerns about it causing some issues. Commissioner Hawkins says they moved the equipment Jeff is talking about, as he came that way to the meeting, but will take his concerns to the Town Engineer. He asks Jeff if he would like a call and Jeff says he can check in with him.

President Dimopoulos thanks them both and asks Commissioner Hawkins if he can give the board a report on the situation at the next board meeting just to make sure they are crossing their T's and dotting their I's as they don't want to have an issue with that force main.

President Dimopoulos asks if there is anything else. There are no further comments or questions.

**President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting**

Moore moved and Dye seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

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Sam Dimopoulos, President



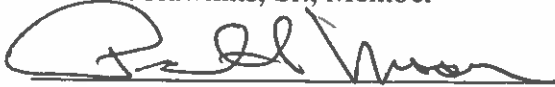
Michael Dye, Vice President



Dean Button, PE, Member



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Patrick D. Moore, Member

ATTEST.



Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Jonathan Albers