

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
MAY 26, 2020
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:14 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 4:14 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

Commissioners Present: Dimopoulos

Commissioners Present Remotely: Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Commissioners Absent: Dye

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

District Personnel Present Remotely: Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Dan Zander, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Rebecca McKinley, GIS Department

Others Present Remotely: Mike Hickey, MJHY LLC
Natalie Cook, AB&H Donohue

President Dimopoulos stated that they did have a roll call of attendees at Stormwater meeting prior to this meeting. He said he knows the Commissioners that are online, but asked all other attendees to state their name for the record.

There was a motion passed during Stormwater meeting prior to this one giving President the authority to sign any warrants, motions, documents, minutes, etc. eliminating the need to collect signatures from board members participating electronically. Also, the rules regarding all motions ~~having roll call votes and that anybody speaking must state their name beforehand.~~

President Dimopoulos stated that the next order of business was the consideration of the May 12, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

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Moore **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the May 12, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Moore
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

District Manager's Report

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that the last few days here have been somewhat emotional and very tough on the staff. Jack's staff, along with a variety of other people, were working almost nonstop the last three days and through the holiday dealing with residents and the flood issues from the storm. He wants to thank all of them for the hard work and he does not think that he has ever seen this type of rain come down so quick in such a short period of time in his life. What he saw out there Saturday night and into Sunday was just unbelievable, so he is thanking the Board for approving the Stormwater portion of the \$250,000. They are estimating that should be enough, but he just wanted to let the Board know that if they get more requests than the \$250,000, then he will be back at the Board asking for further appropriations for that cost. Other than that, the Plant ran really well. They had no pumps down. Jeff was doing a great job with monitoring everything. The operators did a great job. They lost power in Sam's neighborhood, but they were able to get a generator out there quickly, so there was really no downtime out there at all. As far as everything else, everything worked to the best that they could have hoped. It is unfortunate that Mother Nature gave us what she did. Other than that, he has nothing else. Thank you.

President Dimopoulos stated that was the first time for him that he ever seen hail that was 1-inch in diameter. He has never seen that before in his life. That was crazy.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 14-2020: 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).

Moore **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 14-2020.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Moore
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

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The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 05-26-20.

Moore moved and Miller seconded for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 05-26-20.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was not any old business.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

Commissioner Hawkins stated that there was significant rainfall on Sunday evening (5/17), but nothing in comparison to this past weekend, but over the period of 5/17-5/18, the Town of Munster Public Works questioned if the Dyer Road pump station was offline for a period of time and not pumping. This may be a Jeff Massey question and he may not have the information or an answer now, but at some point, when he has the chance if he could please give him a response. Thank you.

Marty stated that he and Jeff talked about this earlier and told Jeff to go ahead and respond to Commissioner Hawkins question.

Jeff replied that at no time that evening did that station ever lose power or go down. The sump did rise up pretty high due to the rain event, but it never shut down. It was always in operation that whole evening.

Commissioner Hawkins thanked Jeff.

Marty asked Commissioner Hawkins how Munster fared with this past storm and asked if he was aware if they had many basement backups.

Commissioner Hawkins responded that there were several basement backups with this storm the past weekend because it was such an overpowering amount of rain in a short period of time. There were basement backups. There was some serious flooding similar to what Hammond suffered. They have an underpass on Broadmoor which goes under the old rail line that flooded because everything could not keep up and there was a car sitting in the middle of it.

~~Marty said that it is amazing that he has overhead sewers in his house and believe it or not, he got backup with overhead sewers.~~

Commissioner Moore commented that most of the complaints and calls that he received are from people who do not even know that he is on the Board, but know that he had an interest with McDermott for a while and most of them seem to be in South Hammond.

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Marty responded that North Hammond hardly got anything.

Rachel added that it was most South Hammond and Hessville.

President Dimopoulos commented that he lives off of Hohman Avenue on the south side there and it was horrible. He had never seen that much rain and hail ever. The underpass under the expressway on Hohman Avenue that had at least 3-4 feet of water as well and there were a couple of cars stuck in that too. He thinks the south side of Hammond got it much worse than the north side.

Commissioner Hawkins stated that the surprising part of this storm is that Munster on the north side got about 2.8 inches of rain. He lives in the extreme south end of Munster somewhat along Main Street and he got one inch.

President Dimopoulos answered that he thinks the calculation for South Hammond was somewhere in the range of three inches average.

Marty asked Jeff what the numbers were.

Jeff responded that in the Kennedy Avenue area there was well over three inches. Around the South Side pump station, it was over 2.5 and in the Robertsdale section it was right around 0.6 inches.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

President Dimopoulos wanted to report that in his neighborhood, there were a lot of Nipsco trucks because they did lose power around 3 pm and their power was not restored until about midnight. They had Nipsco trucks going up and down each alley cutting trees down trying to find out where the problem was. They finally found it and around 12:30 am or so, they did get power back. It was a very substantial storm that cam down in a very short period of time. His neighborhood has a lot of old trees in it and unfortunately the power lines do not like the trees and they are not friends with each other and they lost power.

Commissioner Miller asked Rachel if she received her email regarding funding.

Rachel answered yes and explained that her and Marty are going to discuss it.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

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President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Moore moved and Miller seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.



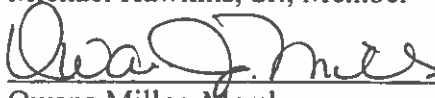
Sam Dimopoulos, President



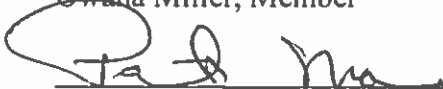
Michael Dye, Vice-President



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Owana Miller, Member



Patrick D. Moore, Member

ATTEST:



Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle
