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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING  
JUNE 30, 2020  
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:03 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 prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

Commissioners Present: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager  
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager  
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney  
Rachel Montes, Business Manager  
Jeffrey Massey, HSD  
Dan Zander, HSD  
Jack Smith, Sewer Department  
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY LLC

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the June 16, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Hawkins **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve the June 16, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**District Manager's Report**

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that it has been a busy week as it has been the last several weeks with us issuing checks to residents that had verified basement backup. So far, they are at about 450 residents that have received checks out of the 1700, but what they are finding as they are going through interview process with some of the residents that not all of them are homeowners- several of them are tenants or businesses and they obviously do not qualify. The thought is that they have actually been running into a few of them (it is not just a handful, but quite a few), so the 1700 number is going to come down slowly just by itself. That is actually good news. Those people are not happy, but they do understand that the program was designed for homeowner

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occupied homes, so that is the main key. He is going to let Dan and Jeff talk briefly about the screw pumps and where they are with the back-up pumps. As the Board knows, they have two that they bought to help in case they needed them because of the loss of a couple of screws that actually just totally went bad, but then they had a meeting a couple of weeks ago and he authorized them to order two more so that they are in really good shape. They are actually buying one of those and leasing the other, so he will let Dan talk about when he expects those to arrive and when they will be installed.

Dan explained that they purchased the two pumps and put them in for bypass and then they are having another two because they had another screw go down so they are still out until October when the screw pumps get here. They ended up pulling out number five screw and pulling them up the trough so they can get enough into the building to bypass the pump out. They have those two, but with the other screw going down, they are just trying to stay ahead of the game because they were all built at the same time so if they lose another one, they will really have some problems. They have another two coming- one will be here Thursday and one next Tuesday so they will get those in and put in place so they will be ready if something does happen.

Commissioner Dye clarified of the two that are coming, one is a leased one and one is purchased.

Dan verified that is correct. He said those pumps are just not readily available and the ones that are with all the flooding going on everywhere, everybody is just grabbing a hold of them and that is across the United States. He picked up another one on lease until they get done with the project.

Commissioner Dye asked about the leased one just being a temporary fit. It is not made to the exact spec of the ones that they purchased.

Dan commented that it does not pump- it pumps about 2000 gallons less per minute so it is not quite as big. They could have possibly found one for purchase, but they definitely need the big boys to do what they need them to do.

Marty added that the good thing is that there is a possibility that after they get the new screws installed that the leasing company may be interested in buying their new one because they will not need all four once the screws are installed, so there is a good chance they could recoup some of that expenditure which would be phenomenal.

Commissioner Miller asked if anybody has followed up from the Stormwater Damage Relief Program about the 50/50 Backflow Preventer Program.

Marty answered actually yes, they have. He will let Jack talk about it because they talked this morning.

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Jack commented that there has only been a total of three of them so far. Mark Kolisz goes out and does the inspections and then Katie sets everything up and then they go from there. As long as they have all of their paperwork and everything is good, it is sent over to Katie.

Marty added that the interesting thing is that there have been a couple of homeowners that have installed a backflow preventer back in 2006 and 2016 and they failed and that is not the first time he has heard that. He thinks it is because of the amount of pressure that this storm provided. Even one of the employees from the Street Department that Jack helped install his and it failed, but it was not new- it was years old. The question was do these people who believe in the backflow preventer and had it installed and it failed, can they still qualify for the program and he said today the answer is yes. Because of the fact that it was not their fault that it broke and they have seen this now in several cases so he has authorized that. At that time, it was only a \$500 reimbursement and now they are up to \$1000 and it still has to be installed the same way and verified by a professional plumbing contractor that is licensed in the City of Hammond, so they just went through that today. He is hoping as they talk to these homeowners, they are telling them about the backflow preventer program so he thinks that is why they actually got three, but three out of four hundred is not a good number, but it is better than what they've had in the past.

Rachel said that once this program is over, they will spit out a letter to anybody on this list saying that they may qualify for this so contact us.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

There was no Personnel Report.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**The Board considered Resolution No. 17-2020: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District, Lake County, Indiana Adopting the 2020 Financial Expenditure Plan for the Pretreatment Fund (609) in the Amount of \$546,010.**

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 17-2020.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**The Board considered Resolution No. 18-2020: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District, Lake County, Indiana Adopting the 2020 Financial Expenditure Plan for the Operation and Maintenance Fund (606) in the Amount of \$22,823,435.**

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Moore **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 18-2020.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**The Board considered Resolution No. 19-2020: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Modifications of the District's Contract for Professional Services with MJHY, LLC.**

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 19-2020.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**The Board considered Resolution No. 20-2020: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District, Lake County, Indiana Establishing a Policy Regarding the Most Cost Effective and Efficient Manner for Preventing and Collecting Delinquent Accounts.**

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 20-2020.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 06-30-20.**

Hawkins **moved** and Moore **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 06-30-20.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**President Dimopoulos called for Old Business**

There was not any old business.

**President Dimopoulos called for New Business**

There was not any new business.

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**President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners**  
There were no reports from Commissioners.

**President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression**  
There was no public expression.

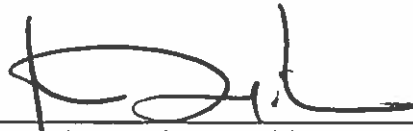
**President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting**

Dye moved and Miller seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 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