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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 11, 2017
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:34 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

President Button called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session from 3:45 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana codes.

Commissioners Present: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Joe Allegretti, Attorney
Donald Woodard, HSD
Rick Sutton, HSD
Jeff Massey, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Rebecca McKinley, GIS Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue
David Nellans, Munster Town Council

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Button stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the March 28, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** to approve the March 28, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the March 28, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of the minutes.

District Manager's Report

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that he did not have anything to report at this time. He is going to have Rachel talk briefly on our payables and where we are.

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Rachel commented that we are going to be cutting checks today or tomorrow for what we have outstanding for February and March other than City of Hammond and attorneys. We are cutting checks today or tomorrow and she is not sure when we will be paying claims that are approved today. She knows we have some payments, large payments, coming soon for the Consent Decree so she cannot estimate any other payments.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report for this meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, stated that she did not have anything to highlight other than the payments, but she will take any questions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SAFETY REPORT

Safety report is not included.

GIS REPORT

Becky McKinley stated that she had nothing to highlight, but will answer any questions.

SEWER REPORT

Jack Smith stated that he had nothing to highlight at this time.

CONSULTANTS REPORTS

AB&H Donahue Consultant Report

Mike Hickey stated that everybody should have a copy of the status report. He would be happy to answer any questions.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 19-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana, Authorizing the Permanent Transfer of \$100,000 for the 1st Quarter of 2017, from the Operation and Maintenance Fund (H) to the Replacement Fund (R).

Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 19-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 19-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 20-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing a Decrease in Reimbursement of Mileage Expense.

Hawkins **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 20-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 20-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation for March 31, 2017.

Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** to approve the Bank Reconciliation for March 31, 2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Bank Reconciliation for March 31, 2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 04-11-17.

Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** to approve Claims Approval Docket 04-11-17.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Claims Approval Docket 04-11-17 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Button called for Old Business

Commissioner Hawkins stated that the Town of Munster and the Hammond Sanitary District were supposed to meet about the pump stations and generators and that meeting was canceled. He is wondering if that was going to be rescheduled.

Marty explained that he talked to staff and they felt after speaking with Mr. Allegretti that we really need to concentrate on getting this memorandum of understanding between the Town of Munster and the Hammond Sanitary District hammered out. The Hammond Sanitary District as it has done in the past responds immediately to all generator problems. We have none other than

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our portables so they are all in the Town of Munster. We have and we will continue to do so. That is the best answer that he has to the question.

Commissioner Hawkins asked so operating people cannot talk to operating people.

Marty answered that they can. They have talked to Jose as far as he knows.

Commissioner Hawkins replied that everybody in the Town of Munster speaks very highly of Jose. They get along very well. There was a recent incident at Calumet Avenue on a Sunday a couple of weeks ago, Jose was out there with Anton Petrashevich and they work well together. Munster is willing to meet about generators and pump stations any time that the District is ready.

President Button called for New Business

The Board considered Resolution No. 21-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Hammond Sanitary District Board of Sanitary Commissioners Establishing Terms and Conditions for the Transfer of Certain Property Owned by the Sanitary District to the School City of Hammond.

Dimopoulos **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 21-2017.

Commissioner Dye commented that this is a really great thing putting old, retired equipment to good use educating the youth of our community.

President Button stated that we are transferring a host of power tool related type equipment to the Area Career Center and that is fantastic.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 21-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 22-2017: RE: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Release and Termination of Easement.

Muta **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 22-2017.

President Button pointed out that this came to them through Garcia Consulting Engineers. They represent Tristate Automation at Calumet and Michigan that would be the southwest corner. They are asking for the vacation of certain easement access for which there was an old abandoned sewer line. He has coordinated with Mr. Smith from the Sewer Department and they have determined that there is no need for that portion of the easement to remain in terms of the Sanitary District ownership or accessibility. There is a section on the north half of the west

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property line of Tristate Automation that we still need access to and so therefore we are seeking to vacate that easement.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 22-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hawkins questioned on the 50/50 Sewer Backflow Prevention Device Program if there is an issue with the Town of Munster further participating or using this program.

Marty answered that he thinks the resolution that we have covers both the Town of Munster and the City of Hammond.

Commissioner Hawkins went on that Steve Gunty had a discussion with Marty via email maybe two or three weeks ago and wanted to meet with Jake or whoever in regards to talking about this program. There is some new personnel involved in the Town of Munster and they would like to have a discussion. He asked if that is an issue.

Marty replied that is never an issue.

Rachel stated that behind the Resolution there are attachments and everything is outlined in there.

Marty explained that there is a very complex inspection that goes on when a resident calls and says that they have basement backup. The City of Hammond has offered the Town of Munster during a conversation that he had with the Commissioner last year to offer its services in doing those inspections since the Town of Munster has very few backups so that the system that the City of Hammond and the Sanitary District has in place can be followed completely as it does here in the City. He believes that Commissioner Hawkins indicated that is not something the Town of Munster was interested in.

Commissioner Hawkins responded that the Town of Munster is willing to have HSD personnel do the inspections with the provision that the Town of Munster personnel would be present with them. It would be familiar to Town residents having the Town of Munster personnel there so that is not an issue. He talked to Steve Gunty about that a few days back and that is not really an issue at all. All of the reporting documents are in place and seemingly approved so the Town is ready.

Marty answered that they can have a discussion about that. It was just the fact that they did not want to meet with the Town of Munster with the indication that he was getting from staff that Steve had talked to and he believes that was Mr. Massey. He asked Jeff if that was correct.

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Jeff responded that there was some confusion about what would happen if there are basement backups in Munster. Would they then have to be reported by Don as far as things and then there was some confusion as far as statements that were made as far as who does the inspections. There were statements made in board meetings about Hammond personnel inspecting Munster properties that they wanted worked out before moving forward. We need to get everything straight as far as if there is a backup in Munster who is responsible for reporting that because that would be considered an SSO. We need to figure out on whose part would that be- Munster issue or Hammond as far as the consent decree goes.

Commissioner Hawkins asked how we do this.

Marty replied that he thinks the answer to his question is that they have to have a discussion.

Commissioner Hawkins asked when.

Marty answered that he will get back to him.

President Button called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from commissioners.

President Button called for Public Expression

Councilman Dave Nellans commented that he believes there is some good progress being made in Munster in respect to the agreement they are going to be submitting back. Dustin Anderson should be reaching out to Marty to get some dates to set this down, but he would also like to encourage to have this generator talk take place. He and Marty have had phone conversations and quite frankly he thinks it is important for staff to talk to each other, work with each other. He knows that they are talking to Jose, but he would like it to be more as a total group and he thinks it is to their advantage. We are going to be partners in this thing until the end of eternity as far as he knows and again he is a big advocate for the generators and he pushed to get those in there and they are working to get their own SCADA system which should have come along but as you all know budget constraints don't allow everything to happen as you'd like. They are working their way towards that. He is sure Dean recognizes that it is an important thing that is going to help them know what is going on. They will know when generators are running and they can then find out why they are running as opposed to waiting until there is a failure. He would definitely like to see the groups work together and make things happen and again he is here to make things positive and support everything that HSD does. He recognizes what goes on and he appreciates having the discussions that they have had and wants to continue this and make things a win win situation for both. On this backflow preventer he is not sure what Jeff refers to as a board meeting but the Council approved the agreement to set up with HSD to have the 50/50 program. There was no discussion at their Council meetings about not having Hammond personnel present. He understands what is being brought up- it makes sense and he thinks they should at least start with that because Hammond people are more familiar with this and what they look for, but he is sure that they would like to have a Munster representative with the

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Hammond representative to be there because residents get skittish and spooky and they want to make sure that they have all of those bases covered. They do not want to have any problems on either side of the fence and he is sure that everybody will agree on that.

Marty stated that he would like to address two things. They have had many conversations over the years about the generators and he has had conversations with this staff every staff meeting every week almost on Munster generators. The problem is a consistent problem with the generators. It is lack of maintenance. When we go out there and he will just rephrase what he has been told they are out of fuel, generator just does not come on and it is because from what we believe from what he is being told by his staff is that there is no maintenance program that we can tell is happening. They are not being exercised, they are not being monitored. He knows they talked about SCADA over a year ago and he was hoping that could have been put in because that would help solve the problem for us, but as he stated earlier the Hammond Sanitary District will continue as it always has that when the Munster generator or pump station is telling us that something is wrong, we are out there immediately. There have been conversations through the Commissioner on trying to have various people meet, there have been meetings before and he knows those people are now gone and there are new people, but his staff feels strongly that to talk about maintenance issues is really not something that they want to talk about because that is what they are finding. That is what we are finding when we go out. He asked Don what he has heard.

Don agreed with what Marty said. They are either out of fuel, transfer switches are not sized correctly or inconsistent voltage. He does not think it is from Nipsco's supply. He does know that at one of the stations the transfer switch is not sized correctly. He thinks it may be Superior. Superior or Twin Creek. One of those two. We have had a lot of issues with both of those generators.

Commissioner Hawkins explained that Superior has a power fluctuation problem right now and Nipsco is monitoring it.

Councilman Nellans added that he just wanted to say that he wants to support this and he will tell us that they have a vendor that comes out every six months and they have reports from them that does the overall inspection of the generators and makes sure that everything is up to snuff. As far as fuel goes, that is where the SCADA will come in because if a generator is running more than just the exercising period they will be able to validate the exercising is going on because the SCADA system will tell them that the generator is running and then they will know. He thinks having a conversation is always a win win situation and he thinks these fellas know a lot and can help them. They do have some new staff and they would like to do the best that they can and they need to have that input. He thinks it is a win win situation instead of just grabbing some comments. He personally wants to advocate for the sit down conversation, so he will leave it at that because he does not want to beat the horse to death, but he thinks it is a win win situation for both parties.

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Rick stated that in his opinion, he is missing the point. We completely support anything that Munster wants to do; it is irrelevant to us what is done to the generators. If there is a power outage out there, our actions are unchanged if they are running or if they are not running- we do not care. We are dispatching people to the stations to figure out what is wrong immediately. We are making plans to make the pumps run. We support anything that you do. We do not care what you do. He is being blunt. Do whatever you need to do; that is fine. Our actions on our end are unchanged whether the generators run or whether the generators fail. They are unchanged. There is no change.

Councilman Nellans responded to Rick that he knows exactly what he is saying because he needs to know why the generators came on. Whether it is a Nipsco problem or a pump problem, something caused the breaker to trip or whatever, he understands that.

Rick replied that is why HSD's input is not needed for Munster's plan. They clearly will do what they want when they think it is best in their interest. We support them doing that. We are not involved in them. We are going out to find out what is wrong at the station. If the generator is running or not running, it is irrelevant to HSD.

Councilman Nellans said that they understands that, but it is relevant to the Town of Munster with respect to their residents. They have this bridge gap of power and if it is a major storm or something that took out a number of stations--

Rick stated that he concurs and they are right to try and implement a plan to keep the generators running and we support that.

Councilman Nellans stated that he is just trying to bring us all together. That is all. He appreciates all that Rick does and he has a pretty good understanding of what he does; he does not know everything that he does- he only has 30 years at Community Hospital with all the pumps and things there. His background is maintenance and maintenance superintendent so those are positions that he has had, so again he appreciates what Rick goes through and he appreciates when Marty says that Rick is giving up money. He knows how painful that is. He just wants to encourage it- that is all.

President Button called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

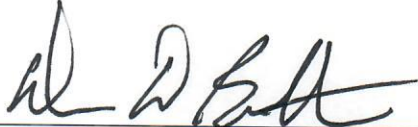
Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

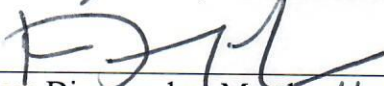
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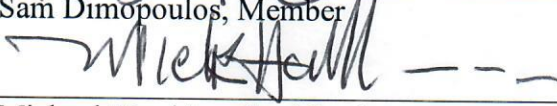
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Sam Dimopoulos, Member



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Michael Dye, Member

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