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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 9, 2017
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:25 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 4:25 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session from 3:45 p.m. until 4:20 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana codes.

Commissioners Present: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Commissioners Absent: Dimopoulos

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Joe Allegretti, Attorney
Donald Woodard, HSD
Rick Sutton, HSD
Jeff Massey, HSD
Mark Kolisz, Sewer Department
Thomas Ramker, GIS Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue
Pete Torres, Hammond City Council
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 April 25, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Muta **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the April 25, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the April 25, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of the minutes.

PERSONNEL REPORT

President Button stated that the board received a personnel report immediately prior to this meeting.

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

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the Personnel Report is attached to and made a part of the minutes.

District Manager's Report

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated the only thing he had to report on and that everybody knows is that we have a lot of projects going on in the Plant. We have had a lot of rain the last couple weeks that was managed real well by staff and Mr. Woodard. We have had no complaints of any basement backups during all of these heavy rains, so we fared very well. What we have started to notice and what has started to trend is that since the basin was put in we can see a dramatic drop in the number of times not only do we dump in to the river, but the calls coming in for basement backups. There is some kind of correlation there to that and he thinks most of that is because of the way Mr. Woodard operates the Plant. He is going to let Rick talk about chlorination to let the board know where we are with that for the basin and the deadlines that we are meeting with the federal government. We are moving forward very positively with the Town of Munster and it seems we have finally come to an agreement about language in a document that was presented to both sides over the last several months finally hammered out for our initial rate increase that we so direly need. We are looking forward to getting that passed by the Town Council of Munster and the Hammond City Council who he had a chance to talk to all of the nine members last night at their Council meeting individually just to keep them updated on where we are at. Other than that, he thinks that is all that he has.

Rick explained that the next rain event that we have where we go over and discharge to the Grand Calumet, we will start chlorinating and dechlorinating. We have completed the installation of the new equipment and although we have not commissioned it fully yet, we are going to start dosing because it is going to take us a while to figure out the dose. It is a little bit different than the plant effluent so there will be some trial and error on our part to make sure that we are getting good E.coli kill and acceptable residuals in there. Next time it rains, we will start doing that so we need a few events ideally we get several over the next year so that when we get ready to be held to our permit which eventually it will be modified to include disinfection requirements, we will be good to go. We have at least come close to the DOJ's wishes with their first deadline- about a month late, but it is ready to go now. We will chlorinate the next event.

President Button commented that he was going to give Rick a call tomorrow about some particulars.

Marty added that if you have not had a chance to see the white swans have returned to us in the back- there is about seven or eight of them and they are big and beautiful. They seem to like hanging in this back area right behind our building in the river, so take a look.

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President Button responded that the river is looking very good in the last several months.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SAFETY REPORT

Safety report is not included, but there is nothing to report.

GIS REPORT

Thomas Ramker stated that everybody should have a copy of the status report. He had nothing to highlight, but will answer any questions.

SEWER REPORT

Mark Kolisz stated that he had nothing to report.

President Button asked if he could see Mark after the meeting because he has a couple of questions for him about some items, so if he could hang around for just a minute.

CONSULTANTS REPORTS

AB&H Donahue Consultant Report

Mike Hickey stated that he had nothing to highlight on his report, but he would be happy to take any questions.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 24-2017: RE: A Resolution of the Hammond Sanitary District Board of Sanitary Commissioners Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services/Consulting Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc.

Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 24-2017.

President Button explained that this is an agreement with First Group to help assist with property acquisitions.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of Resolution 24-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation for April 30, 2017.

Muta **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the Bank Reconciliation for April 30, 2017.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the Bank Reconciliation for April 30, 2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 05-09-17.

Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** to approve Claims Approval Docket 05-09-17.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of Claims Approval Docket 05-09-17 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Button called for Old Business

There was no old business.

President Button called for New Business

The Board considered Resolution No. 25-2017: RE: A Resolution of the Hammond Sanitary District Board of Sanitary Commissioners Confirming and Memorializing a Cost Sharing Agreement Among the District, the City of Hammond, and First District Councilman Mark Kalwinski for Emergency Sewer Repair Work on Myrtle Ave.

Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 25-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of Resolution 25-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 26-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana, Authorizing the Temporary Transfer of \$77,300 Between the Storm Water Fund (425) and the Operations & Maintenance Fund (606).

Hawkins **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 26-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

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Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of Resolution 26-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 27-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana, Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local Number 142 Covering the Years 2017-2020.

Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 27-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of Resolution 27-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Button stated that as a matter of record we received a copy of the proposed agreement (draft agreement) between the Hammond Sanitary District and the Town of Munster.

Marty replied that what we decided to do is let the Town Council of Munster talk about this in their executive session in their meeting coming up on Monday and then let them take action on it and then the board will take action at our next board meeting and then he will present it to the Mayor for his final approval.

President Button called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from commissioners.

President Button called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Button called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

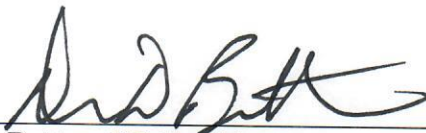
Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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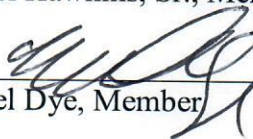
Matthew J. Muta, Vice President



Sam Dimopoulos, Member



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Michael Dye, Member

ATTEST: 

Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle