

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
JULY 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 4:04 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 4:04 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Code which started at 3:45.

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

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel:
Marty Wielgos, District Manager
Joe Allegretti, Attorney
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Jeff Massey, HSD
Becky McKinley, GIS
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Don Woodard, HSD
John Devine, HSD
Jacob Galik, HSD

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

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Button stated that the first order of business was the public hearing related to the amendment which proposed corrected rate charges. There was no public expression related to this hearing so the public hearing was therefore closed.

President Button stated that the next order of business was the consideration of the June 27, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Hawkins **moved** and Muta **seconded** to approve the June 27, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the June 27, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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District Manager's Report

District Manager Marty Wielgos stated that the clarifier project is coming along really well and he invited the attendees of the meeting to drive back into the plant at the conclusion of the meeting to see the progress being made and to take in the size of the large structures. When completed, this project will be a big benefit to Don Woodard regarding the operation of the plant.

Marty also stated that Rick Sutton is recovering quite well. He has not yet entered rehab, but will upon the complete healing of the sternum. From his weekly conversations with Don, Rick seems to be in good spirits.

Marty then asked Don to explain to the attendees of the meeting the fencing project situation from the Fisher Street Pump Station in Munster. Mr. Woodard explained that he was informed on Monday, July 10, 2017, that a section of fence was removed when a generator was installed and was supposed to be replaced upon completion of the installation of the generator. The section of cyclone fence that was removed and not yet replaced totaled to 72 feet of fencing. Marty explained that he is asking for the Town of Munster to have the contractor put the fencing back up that removed it when installing the generator. Commissioner Hawkins stated that he would pass this information to Steve Gunty to try to find a remedy to the situation. Mr. Gunty works for the Town of Munster Public Works Department.

Lastly, Marty asked Jack Smith to explain to the attendees of the meeting the situation regarding a collapse that Mr. Smith informed Marty and his staff about earlier in the day. Jack explained that the force main (which is gravity fed) that runs from 165th Street all the way to the plant had a cave in on Friday, July 7, 2017. The cave in was located at Columbia and Eaton Street. As of the time of the meeting, Tom Ramker had been televising the area from Eaton Street to the railroad tracks, which equates to 650 feet of tile (3 foot diameter), and found that the H₂S has eaten away the whole complete top. Jack stated that for the rest of the week Mr. Ramker will be televising from Eaton Street south to 165th Street, to which Jack has a good feeling that the whole section of pipe (which sits 7.5 feet deep) will need to be replaced. Jack stated that gaskets are hanging out and rebar is completely exposed throughout the section of pipe.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report in the board packets.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety Report

Don Woodard stated that there was nothing to highlight, but that he was open to answer any questions.

GIS Report

Becky McKinley stated that there was nothing to highlight, but that she was open to answer any questions.

Sewer Maintenance Report

Jack Smith stated that besides his update during the District Manager's Report that he had nothing to highlight but was open to answer any questions.

CONSULTANTS REPORTS

The Board considered the AB&H Consultant Report

Mike Hickey passed out a status report prior to the meeting and had comment on the first item regarding the Revision of Combined Sewer Overflow Operational Plan. The first deliverable for the consent decree was due yesterday (Monday, July 10, 2017) and has since been delivered. Mr. Hickey stated that he had nothing else to highlight, but was open to answer any questions.

President Button asked Mr. Hickey if comments were expected back from the first deliverable to which Mike explained that they have 60 days to issue comments, but that he doubted they would make any given their past history where they typically have not submitted comments. If comments are received, they will be dealt with accordingly. According to the Consent Decree, deliverables must be submitted at two points during the process: once after two months (which was just completed) and once at the end of the Long Term Control Plan. The next submittal of this kind will be in eighteen years, at the conclusion of the LTCP.

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RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 34-2017: RE: A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 6-2017 Being a Resolution Amending and Fixing the Schedule of Sewer Rates and Charges to be Collected by the Hammond Sanitary District from the Owners of Property Served by the Sewage Works of the District, as Amended. (INTRODUCED JUNE 27, 2017)

Dye **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 34-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 34-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 36-2017: 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 2nd Quarter of 2017, from the Operation and Maintenance Fund (H) to the Replacement Fund (R).

Muta **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 36-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 36-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 07-11-17.

Dye **moved** and Muta **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 07-11-17.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 07-11-17 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

There was no new business.

President Button called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from commissioners.

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President Button called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Button called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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


Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Muta

Nays: None

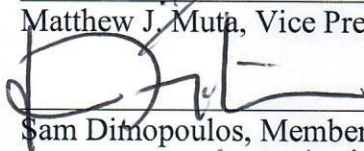
Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.



Dean Button, PE, President



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: Jacob T. Galik