

MINUTES  
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2018  
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:05 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 4:05 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session at 3:45 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

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

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager  
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager  
Rachel Montes, Business Manager  
Joe Allegretti, Attorney  
Jeff Massey, HSD  
Donald Woodard, HSD  
Rick Sutton, HSD  
Becky McKinley, GIS  
Jack Smith, Sewer 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 Dimopoulos asked that everybody stay standing for a moment of silence for Stan Dostatni- City Engineer and also a person who was on this Board for over twenty years. Personally, he has never heard Stan say anything bad about anybody. He thought that Stan did a fantastic job running the Sanitary District Board as President for those twenty plus years and he met his untimely death two weeks ago as we all know. He is going to be very missed throughout the City. Even though he was supposedly "retired", he was still a very big part of the City of Hammond and we all are definitely going to miss him.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the January 23, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the January 23, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore  
Nays: None

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Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the January 23, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**District Manager's Report**

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that the only thing he has is that we went to our exit audit last week and we cannot talk about any of the specifics of that until it is actually published by the State Board of Accounts, but one thing that he can say is that he is going to be working with Rachel- we still are understaffed. Rachel is doing a lot of different activities that she needs to have another person helping out with. It is more reviewing a variety of activities that happens downstairs on the accounting side and so he is going to be working with her to look at exactly what it is we need. If it is going to be a full-time or part-time position and once that is figured out, we will bring it back to the Board.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Personnel Report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Safety Report**

Matt Muta stated that he did not have anything to highlight, but would take any questions.

Commissioner Button commented that there is a typo on the final line (item 4) if he would check that under description of incident.

**GIS Report**

Becky McKinley stated that she would answer any questions.

Commissioner Button thanked Becky for all of her help for the City Engineering with the map that she did for them.

**Sewer Maintenance Report**

Jack Smith stated that he had nothing to highlight.

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**CONSULTANTS REPORTS**

**The Board considered the AB&H Consultant Report**

Mike Hickey stated that the first item on his report was the Consent Decree quarterly report which was submitted on February 9<sup>th</sup> so he did leave a copy for each board member so they could see what that was. The last item on his status report just talks about what has been going on the last couple of weeks with the Long Term Control Plan so there is going to be a public hearing here 10 am on next Tuesday (February 20<sup>th</sup>) and we notified regulatory agencies and stake holders and there was a notice published for the public. They prepared some cost estimates for alternatives 5, 6 and 7 and submitted to HSD staff, they have given cost information to Karl Cender so he can update the financial capability analysis. They have incorporated the wastewater treatment plant projects that they received from staff and have had some coordination with IDEM, so that is what has been going on the last two-three weeks and like he said the public hearing will be here next Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

Commissioner Button commented that he would like to attend that meeting.

Commissioner Hawkins questioned where the public hearing was advertised.

Mike Hickey replied that he thinks just the Hammond Times.

Commissioner Button asked Mike Hickey to briefly describe what data he is collecting for the Post Construction Compliance Monitoring.

Mike Hickey responded that the flows from Johnson, Sohl and Columbia and they are digitizing that information so they can make graphs to figure what goes in and what goes out.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**The Board considered Resolution No. 6-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Accepting Proposal from Barnes & Thornburg LLP for Bond Counsel Services for the District's Proposed Special Taxing District Bonds.**

President Dimopoulos explained that there is a Resolution on the agenda, but they are waiting for some information for it.

Dye **moved** and Button **seconded** to table Resolution No. 6-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Resolution No. 6-2018 tabled pending more information.

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**The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation for January 31, 2018.**

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve the Bank Reconciliation for January 31, 2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the January 31, 2018 Bank Reconciliation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 02-13-18.**

Dye **moved** and Button **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 02-13-18.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 02-13-18 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**President Dimopoulos called for Old Business**

Marty asked Commissioner Hawkins if he has had any luck in finding out where the leachate from the landfill is going.

Commissioner Hawkins answered that the Town of Munster is looking at it and he is seeing emails flying back and forth so they are looking at the details right now. The Town of Munster would like to request that any questions or concerns in regards to the Town of Munster or for the District or from the District be officially submitted to the Town Manager whose responsibility is to respond so there is accurate communication and a timely response, etc.

Marty commented that he will talk to Joe Allegretti and see what his feeling is on that. Everything is in the minutes and also coordinated and directed through Commissioner Hawkins as the representative of the Town of Munster. Marty stated that he is always available by phone if the Town Manager has any questions. We also had a question about the pump station. He asked Don Woodard to talk about the concerns we have about the pump station.

Don expressed his concern about capacity because it is a small station. There are two 10 horse power pumps in there. There is a 12-18 inch line—

Commissioner Hawkins asked if he is talking about 45<sup>th</sup> and Calumet.

Don answered yes. He is just concerned about the capacity of the station. It runs at a high level now when it rains. It is a sanitary lift, but obviously there is a lot of infiltration. It stays maxed out during a rain storm now and with the new development being added to it he does not think the station can handle it.

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Marty asked Jeff Massey to talk about his concerns about Three Floyds.

Jeff added that the major concern is when Three Floyds upgrades and they are going to take their dry weather flow over 25,000 gallons a day- in a rain event he is not sure that station like Don says is going to be able to handle the added capacity of not only Three Floyds, but the hospital there as well. Three Floyds could start backing up their line onto their own facility and the ones around it. The problem that he sees is that they have to come to us for a Pretreatment permit and it could be difficult to issue a Pretreatment permit without having clear sight that pump station can handle the flow that they want to discharge. Under dry weather it looks like they are okay, but a wet weather event it may not be able to handle it and in Pretreatment rules if you know that it cannot handle flows that you are trying to permit that is a bit of an issue. That is something that needs to be addressed with everything going on before we can issue a permit to Three Floyds. We would like to help out with that, but we have to make sure it can handle what they want to do along with what everyone else wants it to do. The main thing is capacity issues.

Commissioner Hawkins said that he emailed the Town Manager the night of our last meeting (January 23<sup>rd</sup>) about these issues and about the 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue pump station. He and Jeff have had some conversations about Three Floyds flow recently and it seems that the pump station is going to have to studied and looked at in regards to flow south of the 45<sup>th</sup> area along Calumet because there is a lot of open area there. Community Hospital has announced that they are going to be putting some more buildings in that south area so there is a whole area that he thinks flow needs to be looked at between the Hammond Sanitary District and the Town of Munster.

Marty thinks that after his staff meeting today that it was advised to him that they are requesting the Town of Munster to hire an engineering company to determine what the needs are of that pumping station and to predict both the interests of the District and the Town of Munster. Any time there is new development within the Town those responsibilities and expenses are incurred by the developer or by the Town for the development and the purpose of the development. We are respectfully requesting that the Town of Munster hire an engineering firm to study what that pumping station can do and the upgrades that they believe need to happen.

Commissioner Hawkins requested that this is put in writing and send it to the Town Manager along with any details from Don and Jeff who are both very versed—

Marty stated that he thinks the request and he will talk it over with Mr. Allegretti but he thinks by having Commissioner Hawkins here as a representative of the Town and an elected official (Dave Nellans) here that the message should be pretty clear, but he will talk to Mr. Allegretti and see if he wants to put that in writing. He thinks the key thing that the District is concerned about is the fact that when that development was initially put in a long time ago-- the pump station has a dirt floor. The developer never even put in a concrete floor.

Commissioner Hawkins replied that there are plenty of pump stations with dirt floors.

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Marty responded not that size.

Commissioner Hawkins said that the guys are pump station experts and they know what they want, so he imagines there is going to be some follow up to this. Yes detail needs to be put in and people need to meet, there needs to be studies and here is how we start it off.

Marty said he thinks the initial start off will be when the Town hires an engineer. We would be more than happy to answer any questions that engineer may have and Don can supply them with what that pumping station does in dry and wet weather without the current development and we would be more than happy to cooperate.

Commissioner Hawkins stated that the Town has a contract engineer Craig Hendricks that will be notified of requests.

**President Dimopoulos called for New Business**

Commissioner Button stated that the City of Hammond has a project called Refuge Island that is located at Purdue University Northwest at 173<sup>rd</sup> by the Student Union Building. We are making an area where students can stop if they can't make the signal because there is a lot of traffic through there. It is funded in part by the Indiana Department of Transportation as a highway safety improvement project which is a 90/10 split. There is an area where we are replacing a portion of the roadway and what we need to do is figure out what kind of flow that water shed is going to take. He is asking if the Sanitary District can use the AB&H consultant to help them determine the size of the storm sewer line that will need to be installed in front of that area on 173<sup>rd</sup> so they can appropriately size that line for future drainage in that area. He is just asking if the District Manager would assist in that.

Marty asked if there was a cost on that.

Commissioner Button replied it is just doing an engineering evaluation- he does not know what it is off hand. He does not think Mike Hickey provided a cost, but he does need to talk to him about looking into that so they can get right size line.

Mike Hickey explained that we have an existing contract for Street and Sewer coordination. He does not know exactly what Dean needs, but he will get a cost and submit to the District.

Commissioner Button said that is what he would like him to try to do. The sewer line will be installed as part of the widening project.

**President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners**

There were no reports from commissioners.

**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

Dye moved and Button seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.



Sam Dimopoulos, President



Michael Dye, Vice-President




Dean Button, PE, Member



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Patrick D. Moore, Member

ATTEST:   
Rachel Montes, Secretary  
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle