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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2017
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:03 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 4:03 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, Moore

Commissioners Absent: N/A

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

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Button stated that the first order of business was the appointment of the Vice-President to replace the outgoing Vice-President, Matt Muta.

Dimopoulos **nominated** Michael Dye and Moore **seconded** the nomination of Michael Dye as Vice-President of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners.

Moore **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to close nominations.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Nominations closed.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Michael Dye is now Vice-President of the Sanitary District of Hammond's Board of Sanitary Commissioners.

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President Button stated that the next order of business was the consideration of the August 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the August 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the August 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that he really does not have anything to add today.

PERSONNEL REPORT

President Button stated that there is no personnel report to act on today.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 08-29-17.

Moore **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to approve Claims Approval Docket 08-29-17.

Commissioner Hawkins questioned on the claims approval docket the two payments to the Lake County Clerk in the amount of \$320,000 each.

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, responded that those are purchases of the two buildings on Linden Avenue that went to court. The Court appointed appraisers and the appraisals came back for \$320,000 each so we have to make payment.

Attorney Allegretti explained that the appraisals—you use your own appraisers as the basis for your good faith offer, but when the good faith offer is not resolved, accepted or negotiated then once you file a lawsuit the Court appoints court appointed appraisers (two of them) and they were both the same for both properties. In order to be able to take possession and then argue about damages later you pay in to the Clerk's Office the average of the court appointed appraisals and then within 30 days you are allowed to take possession of the property. There are a few strings attached here- a couple lease holders that Marty is going to have to deal with- but that is why the checks are payable to the Clerk.

Commissioner Hawkins asked about the two \$4,000 payments—

Rachel replied that those are for the appraisers.

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Ayes: Button, Dimopoulous, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Claims Approval Docket 08-29-17 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

President Button commented that he understands that Jack has some discussion to make about some sewer issues.

Jack Smith stated that at 5843 Columbia Avenue there has to be a patch job on a 36-inch part of the force main. Every time they kick on the pumps, it washes out part of the street so we need to make the repair as soon as possible on that. He has three quotes- one from Dyer Construction for \$52,401, one from Grimmer Construction for \$21,500 and one from Rex Construction for \$19,950.

President Button asked Jack if he would like the Board to declare an emergency and award the work to the low bidder of Rex Construction for \$19,950.

Jack Smith answered that is correct.

Dye **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to declare an emergency project at 5843 Columbia Avenue and award work to the low bidder (Rex Construction) in the amount of \$19,950.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

Jack Smith explained that he just purchased a 2017 F-550 that we should receive in eight weeks.

President Button questioned the purpose of that vehicle.

Jack responded to replace one of their old ones.

President Button asked if that is a dump truck.

Jack replied that it is. He believes it is a 2.5 ton dump truck. It is replacing a current dump truck that is going to be 18 years old.

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Jack announced that the project on Myrtle Avenue is complete.

President Button asked if even the surface paving was done and if they did what they asked them.

Jack replied that they did.

President Button informed the board what happened on Myrtle Street was the contractor did not appropriately make the Elm Street tie in to the manhole. Their pipefitter set the pipe inside an existing pipe and it was low and caused a damming situation to occur in the pipeline so we asked them to repair—

Jack added that he missed one lateral tap at 1504.

President Button verified that it was only one. He thought there was two.

Jack responded that it was only the one- the other went to 115th.

President Button explained that they went in and fixed problems with the one lateral tap and that was all done at his own cost.

Marty questioned who the contractor was.

Jack answered that Gatlin Plumbing was the contractor.

President Button went on to say that Jack, the Sewer Department and the Engineer's Office all got together.

Marty asked when we found out that they missed a lateral, what they asked us to do.

Jack responded nothing with that. He called Gatlin back up and let them know and they were on it the next day.

Marty clarified that we did not have to take the vactor out or anything.

Jack replied no that this was part of the repair. He helped them out with the suction of some of the fill around the existing tile that was going into the manhole.

President Button stated that they did a hydro excavation. They basically kind of vactored out around the existing pipe as Jack said.

Jack said that they probably removed close to a fourth ton piece of concrete that was in that area.

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Marty asked if this was for the repair that they missed or the repair itself.

Jack answered for that actual repair they, like Dean said, they went in with a pipe up to a certain level and they had to remove that almost six foot.

Marty questioned again that this was after Jack caught it and they had to go back in.

Jack replied they did. Yes.

Marty stated so that is what he is wondering. We did not participate in that second part of the repair that they missed.

President Button stated that we did.

Marty asked with the vactor. That is what he is asking.

Jack answered that yes we did with the vactor.

Marty questioned if we charged them.

President Button responded that no we did not- not yet.

Marty said okay. He thinks we should charge them because we had to use our equipment to go back in and help with their repair.

President Button explained that basically they set this new pipe in this elbow and thought that it would flow in and it was not flowing into the manhole so they had removed this section and in order to do that they had to hydrovac around the area. They thought it was better rather than trying to dig and tear that out and there was a significant pour of concrete that somebody had made a repair over the top of the existing main. They hydrovaced that out to get them access to that and underneath that fitting they chopped that out without damaging the manhole and then tied back in all the way to the manhole is what he did. We were out there assisting him and we had a vactor operator, his helper, Mark Kolisz and Jack Smith were all out there making sure they were doing what they were supposed to because clearly they did not do it right the first time.

Marty replied shame on them in his opinion because we use Gatlin a lot. They are the contractor that we paid a fee to do the job and unfortunately the job was not done completely and correctly and they asked for our assistance in doing the repair and he believes there should be a charge that goes back to them.

Dye **moved** and Moore **seconded** to authorize Marty to gather information necessary to provide an invoice to Gatlin in order to have them pay for services of the District to assist with repair.

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Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore
Nays: None
Motion carried 5-0.

President Button called for Reports from Commissioners
There were no reports from commissioners.

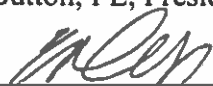
President Button called for Public Expression
There was no public expression.

President Button called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Dye moved and Dimopoulos seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore
Nays: None
Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Dean Button, PE, President



Michael Dye, Vice-President



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Sam Dimopoulos, Member



Patrick Moore, Member

ATTEST:



Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle