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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2017
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:22 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 4:22 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
Carol McCormack, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue
Karl Cender, Cender & Company
Ed Bierschenk, The Times
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 November 28, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve the November 28, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the November 28, 2017 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 that he has is that they had their staff meeting today (as they always do on board meeting dates as opposed to Mondays when it is not a

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board meeting week) and it was discussed that he and Matt had actually gone to the Sanitary District of Highland board meeting a couple of weeks ago- just to talk to them about where we are and what we are doing and to ask permission to use Commonwealth who is their engineer to look at this alternative plan of a secondary plant. It was a very good meeting and everything went well. So today at the staff meeting some different revelations came up. We still do not have an agreement with Commonwealth- the Town of Highland was trying to add things to that as caveats to say ok Hammond if you really want to use them then here is what we want and he finally made a decision today that we are not going to do that. We informed the attorney for Highland that we are not going to do that- he has no more interest in Commonwealth and we are going to go in a different direction. The clock is ticking and plus when you add these things that really do not have anything to do with the reason why we wanted to use Commonwealth, we are just not playing games. He informed them not only with our attorneys (that is when he thinks President Button came in) in Indianapolis, but also with Brett Tauber who is really the main attorney for Highland that we are taking a different position, so he just wanted the Board to know. Other than that, he has nothing to add.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

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

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 had nothing to highlight, but would take any questions.

GIS Report

Becky McKinley stated that she had nothing to highlight.

Sewer Maintenance Report

Jack Smith stated that he had nothing to highlight, but he can answer any questions.

CONSULTANTS REPORTS

The Board considered the AB&H Consultant Report

Mike Hickey stated that everybody should have a copy of his status report. He wanted to highlight on the last page last month we awarded the Post Construction Compliance Monitoring

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Plan (PCCMP). The kick off meeting was November 30th and they received a bunch of data from Don Woodard that they are crunching on. He would be happy to answer any questions.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 58-2017: 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 4th Quarter of 2017 from the Operation and Maintenance Fund (H) to the Replacement Fund (R).

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 58-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 58-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 59-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Amending Fixed Salaries and Wage Rates for the Hammond Sanitary District for the Year 2017.

Moore **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 59-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 59-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 60-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Execution of a Release and Termination of Easement to Accommodate the Re-Subdivision of the Lost Marsh Estates Addition to Hammond.

Dye **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 60-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. 60-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 61-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Fixing Salaries and Wage Rates for the Hammond Sanitary District for the Year 2018.

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Dimopoulos moved and Moore seconded to approve Resolution No. 61-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. 61-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 62-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Fixing Salaries and Wage Rates for the Sewer Maintenance Fund (608) for the Year 2018.

Dye moved and Hawkins seconded to approve Resolution No. 62-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. 62-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 63-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Amending the 2017 Voluntary Retirement Program.

Moore moved and Dye seconded to approve Resolution No. 63-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. 63-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 64-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Concerning the Issuance of Bonds to Provide for the Refunding of Certain Outstanding Debt of the District, the Levy of a Special Tax, and Other Matters Connected Therewith.

Dye moved and Dimopoulos seconded to approve Resolution No. 64-2017.

President Button explained that this is for the purposes of--- President Button asked Karl Cender to comment on the purpose of this.

Karl Cender explained the reason why we are reissuing these bonds is to refinance three bond issues- 2006, 2007 and 2010 bond issues and hoping to say the least after issuance bonds and net

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present value savings is probably around a million dollars approximately and gross savings is at least 1.2 million.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. 64-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 65-2017: RE: A Resolution Accepting Proposal from Cender & Company for Financial Advisory Services for the District's Proposed Special Taxing District Refunding Bonds and Special Taxing District Bonds.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 65-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. 65-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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

Dye **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to approve the Bank Reconciliation for November 30, 2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the November 30, 2017 Bank Reconciliation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 12-12-17.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 12-12-17.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 12-12-17 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Button called for Old Business

Marty announced that he had a long meeting with the Mayor last week and he thinks that this is important that he says this to the Board there was an instance that took place with another entity, another board that unlike himself, he thinks all of the Board knows- first of all, all of you are appointed (at least the ones from Hammond) by the Mayor. All of you know that he has been with the Mayor for many, many years- before he was the Mayor he knew Mayor McDermott and

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he was his chief of staff when he got elected in 2004. All of you know that and he believes they all know that he has a very close personal relationship with the Mayor. With that being said, just because he is the District Manager here if and at any time they question anything that he says, the Board needs to let him know, but more importantly you need to call the Mayor. He wants to let you know that because with the situation that took place last week with another board that did not happen because the individual much like him has the attention of those board members and this unwritten understanding that whatever he says must be coming from the Mayor because of the relationship that he has or this other individual has. He just wants to make it clear to all of you that if at any time you feel that what he is telling you does not sit well with you, he appreciates the fact and wants to relay that to you, to call the Mayor. He appointed you. Just like he is an appointment. You need to do that and he is asking that they do that because that keeps the checks and balances in place. That did not happen with this other board last week and he was extremely upset- probably more upset than he has seen him in a long time. He gets it and he understands, but he feels that unless it is told to all of you like he is doing tonight that they need to know that. He may be assuming that they do not, but he just wants to reassure them that if at any time they feel that anything he is telling them isn't sitting well, please he encourages you to call the Mayor because he is the one who appointed you and that is kind of your job (to be his eyes and ears) on everything that goes on in the District.

President Button responded that he has great respect for Marty and he knows that they do not always see eye to eye on certain things, but he appreciates that he is in a similar situation not just being on this Board but as a department head and he sympathizes with his situation. He hopes that they continue to build on their relationship.

Marty thanked him.

President Button called for New Business

The Board considered Resolution No. 66-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing David W. Westland to Execute Closing Documents Concerning the Purchase of Real Estate by the Hammond Sanitary District.

President Button stated that this is for real estate commonly known as 7540 Linden Avenue.

Dye moved and Moore seconded to approve Resolution No. 66-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. 66-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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The Board considered Resolution No. 67-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing David W. Westland to Execute Closing Documents Concerning the Purchase of Real Estate by the Hammond Sanitary District.

President Button stated this property is commonly known as 7523-75 Columbia Avenue.

Dimopoulos **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 67-2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. 67-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Button said that the last item that he has to add on to New Business is the 2018 board calendar including cut-off and report due dates. These dates appear to be consistent with our standard Tuesday following the second and fourth Monday with the exception of December which only has one meeting. We are not meeting on Tuesday, December 25th.

Dye **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to approve the 2018 Board Meeting schedule.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the 2018 Board Meeting schedule is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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 4:38 p.m.

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Dean Button, PE, ~~President~~ Member



Michael Dye, Vice-President



Sam Dimopoulos, ~~Member~~ President



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Patrick D. Moore, Member

ATTEST:



Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

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