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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
JUNE 25, 2019
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:01 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 4:01 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
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Joe Allegretti, Attorney
Jeff Massey, HSD
Dan Zander, HSD
Becky McKinley, GIS
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jonathan Albers, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue

President Dimopoulos called for everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated there was an executive session prior to the beginning of this meeting to discuss any litigation or personnel issues that may have occurred since the last meeting.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the June 11, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Button **seconded** to approve the June 11, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the June 11, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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District Manager's Report

District Manager Marty Wieglos says that he has a couple of things. He says Rachel Montes and he, for about the last 6 or 8 months, have been going through the property insurance as the District has always been bundled together with the City and Water Department all in one. Marty states that after several conversations with Heather Garay, it looked like the City wanted to go in a different direction so the District is going to be going in a different direction. He continues on saying he had their agent put some numbers together for them to be bundled together with the Water Department. By doing that the savings, for the two of them, based on what the current rate and premiums are, would come close to \$50,000 - \$60,000, which includes lesser deductibles for the District. Marty says that he talked to Heather Garay about it and says that he is waiting for a final answer to make sure nothing has changed, as he said he had talked to her a couple days ago. The District Manager states that his understanding from her as of recently (a few days ago) was that Heather was agreeing and allowing the District to go on their own with the Water Department. Marty says that they are going to pursue that route. He states that hopefully by the next board meeting that has actually happened and to save that kind of money they would be foolish not to do this.

District Manager Marty Wielgos says that the other thing was that last week he and Rachel came across a couple things that some of their products from various vendors raised some red flags. He says just to give the board an idea, the District buys barrels of oil for the biogas machine as the machine takes about 3-4 barrels of oil every 4-6 weeks as they need changed, because if the biogas runs dirty it needs to be changed. Marty says the cost of that seemed a little out of line so he called a vendor that the District is currently using named Pinkerton, and got a quote that was immediately \$100 less per barrel. Marty says he found this interesting. He says that they checked and found out at the end of the day, getting the same product (same type of oil) from a different manufacturer, they were down almost \$170 per barrel in savings.

Marty Wielgos says that the District orders unlike any department in the City, he would think, as the District orders a lot, millions of dollars of items. He says it seems that he has to, once again, and in his meeting today with the staff he did this, reiterate to them that just because they've used a vendor for a long time doesn't mean they are getting the best price. He says that even though it may be several hundred dollars, which he isn't too concerned about that, but rather he is concerned about the thousands and up, and says the example he gave is a perfect case. Marty continues on saying that they are going to monitor that more closely, because if it is just at the top that he scraped randomly, then he's assuming that there is probably some more. He says its only because they are not like the Engineering Department where they contract out a street, so its X amount of dollars down and you don't have to worry about it, whereas here at the Sanitary District there are so many things that they are buying and replacing. He reiterates again that they do buy a lot of things, so he thinks it is very important they take a closer look at things.

Commissioner Dye adds that its almost like acting like a buyer within your own company. Marty Wielgos says yes, and that he thinks it is a good check and balance and is not saying that anything was done wrong and he doesn't believe it was, it was just that this was a place they always used.

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He says when he talked to the individual further, the individual indicated that is where Dr. Unger and Rick only told him to go to. Marty says that he believes it was only because they were so comfortable with them and only used that vendor for the oil. He finishes up saying that is not going to be the case anymore. Commissioner Moore comments that is a very smart move by Marty and says that he used to do it all the time and that you find when you're comfortable with somebody and all of a sudden you figure out that they whacked you by about 20%. He says it's a good idea and a smart move. Marty Wielgos thanks Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Moore congratulates the District Manager.

Marty Wielgos says that other than that, that is all he has.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 18-2019: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Specialty Controls, Inc.

Commissioner Button asks if there was a discussion on this item as he is not clear who this is and that there is no contract amount set aside for this. President Dimopoulos and Attorney Joe Allegretti say this is for Roger Harasty. District Manager Marty Wielgos interjects and says that Roger Harasty has done a lot of work for the District and that he is an electrical engineer. Commissioner Button asks Marty if he is the gentleman, he met at a meeting they had earlier. Marty confirms that is him. Commissioner Button acknowledges and Marty continues on saying that Roger has been a tremendous value already early on with some of the changes they had made to the Headworks Project. Marty says he is very happy with him and he is local as he is from Hammond. Marty says that he is a tremendous asset, so they want him under contract. Commissioner Button asks if there is a contract limit for this agreement because it is not in the Resolution. Many people join in to tell Commissioner Button what page to look at in the Resolution and Joe Allegretti states that it is an hourly rate and explains that Roger is 'as needed' and that they did not put a cap in there. Commissioner Button asks where the hourly rate is in the Resolution and many people tell him it is on page 4 at the bottom. Joe Allegretti jumps in and tells him it is a competitive rate at \$169 per hour and explains he was originally an EE subcontractor of Dennis Benoit. Commissioner Button sees it in the Resolution and says he thought Roger was terrific and was very sharp. Marty says he is also easy to work with and says once again that he's an engineer by trade, double E, and says that Roger is great at explaining things to people, like himself, who know nothing to where they can get it. District Manager Marty Wielgos goes on saying that he works really well with the staff and with Dennis and they are happy to have him.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 18-2019.

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Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 18-2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 06-25-19.

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 06-25-19.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 06-25-19 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was no Old Business.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

Marty Wielgos says he has something and would like to start by saying he received this from City Hall today. He says he had a long conversation with the staff at City Hall and that is about President Dimopoulos' son and if he could he would like to share it with board. Marty states that President Dimopoulos' son, George, was selected to attend Hoosier Boy State at Trine University. Marty states that George attends Munster High School and is going to be a senior. George was the only student representing Hammond in about 400 participants. Marty says that George was elected governor but President Dimopoulos stops him and says that is incorrect.

President Dimopoulos continues on saying his son received the Outstanding Citizens Award which is given to one student every year, elected by his peers. He says that these 400 kids voted for him and then he went through an interview process with the coaches and staff, but also the American Legion Personnel that were responsible for this. President Dimopoulos says it was American Legion Post 369 that was his son's actual sponsor for Hoosier Boys State. President Dimopoulos says he really didn't know too much about what was going on with this thing and says he wasn't aware of any of it. He says they were really honored that George was selected to participate and that he was very excited about it. President Dimopoulos explains that it was a week long process and what they do is that they go through the process of creating a state government at this for those who do not know. He states that each of the dorms were counties and within each of the dorms they created cities, so they elected mayors, county officials, and ultimately elected a governor for the entire state. He says his son called him and told him they would be done around 8 o'clock on Friday and that they can come pick him up then. President Dimopoulos say he and Sue decided to go early just to make sure they didn't get there late since their son was waiting there for them to pick him up.

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President Dimopoulos says they got there around 7:15 and when they walked in, he saw they were having an awards ceremony, which he had no idea about what was going on. He says they were giving awards to all the mayors and then they gave the awards to others, and adds that these awards also included scholarships. He says he doesn't know the exact amount of the scholarships for each award. He continues on saying it was great and all these kids worked really hard all week. He says then the person at the podium, who he didn't know who he was, said it was time to award the most prestigious award to the student who showed leadership and says the guy at the podium went through this whole thing. President Dimopoulos says all of a sudden, they called George's name out, and says he still had no idea what it was. He continues on saying they met with the American Legion people about it and they told them about it. He says George was really honored that they picked him.

President Dimopoulos says now his son is going to Washington to participate in Boys' Nation and that he will be the Indiana Representative, so they are going to try and put together some bills that they are going to try and get passed in this Boys' Nation. He says George is going to meet the President, will go through tours of the White House, the Pentagon, the Congress and all the other stuff. He says that its truly amazing and that his son also received a \$3,000 scholarship. He says that it was really exciting for them and that he still can't believe that he won. He continues on saying that George did a great job and that it was very cool.

Everyone in the meeting gives a round of applause and people congratulate President Dimopoulos.

President Dimopoulos says that is the story he was going to tell earlier. District Manager Marty Wielgos says that he told him to hold on until the meeting because he received this email from Mayor McDermott. Marty says that Mayor was there speaking. President Dimopoulos confirms that he was. Marty Wielgos says that Mayor McDermott, if he had known George was going to win that award, would have rearranged his schedule to stay, but he guesses it happened right after he left. Marty states that Mayor McDermott saw George and shook his hand and knew he was there. President Dimopoulos says he asked George, "So was the Mayor here?" His son told him that he was and then President Dimopulos says he asked him why he didn't tell him that Mayor McDermott was there. He says that his son told him that he didn't think to tell him. Members of the Board and others laugh and say he was caught up in the award and didn't think it was a big deal. President Dimopoulos says he told his son well you should have told him he was there because it was a big deal the Mayor was there. There is more laughter and President Dimopoulos continues saying that his son told him the Mayor spoke and that he called out his name.

President Dimopoulos says he told his son that it would have been nice to know that. President Dimopoulos continues on more saying his son is very excited and that he is looking forward to Washington D.C. and that the medical profession for him is now out the window and that he is now going to be an attorney and a politician. The room laughs. President Dimopoulos says that

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they are very proud of him. District Manager Marty Wielgos congratulates President Dimopoulos and his family.

President Dimopoulos asks if there is anymore New Business and Marty says that there is a resolution.

The Board considered Resolution No. 19-2019: RE: A Resolution Terminating and Providing Notice of Termination of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 399

Dye moved and Moore seconded to approve Resolution No. 19-2019

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. A copy of Resolution 19-2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners
There were no reports from Commissioners.

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

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

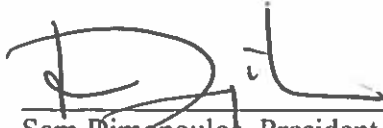
Button moved and Dye seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

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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

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