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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2020
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:07 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 4:07 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

Commissioners Present: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Commissioners Absent: N/A

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

Others Present Remotely: Mike Hickey, MJHY LLC

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the July 28, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the July 28, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

District Manager's Report

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that the Plant is running well. They have just about finished up the \$500 payments to those residents who were affected by the flood. They have a little over 1600 people who received \$500 checks. Rachel just sent out letters today to 67 people that they have not been able to get a hold of or a variety of different circumstances. That should clean them up and then they will be completely done with this program. Both staff that Owana had here and she spent a lot of hours here along with her staff and the staff here did an unbelievable job under some very tense circumstances because these people were not all very happy. Even though they were getting \$500, many of them thought that they should have got more because they believe

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that they lost more in things that they had in their basements. At the end of the day, the staff did an extremely good job under some very difficult circumstances. They were working- along with people from Jack's department by the way. Those guys were out doing their job and then came here at 3:30 when they would normally go home. They had two guys come here for the entire duration of this four months and would stay here until 7 pm Monday-Thursday with him, Rachel and Kaleigh. He is very grateful that it is just about over and he thinks that the Sanitary District along with Owana's Department that actually did and interviewed all these people, he thinks that \$500 is better than nothing and he thinks for the most part, many people were very gracious to receive that. They even had some people say they were in a situation where even though they'd love to get the \$500, please give it to someone else. They had a handful of people that did that and that is really just unique. The staff here did a really, really good job and he is very proud of the fact that he had no one complain- not one person came to him and complained or said that is not their job and they were not doing it. Not one. He is very grateful for them and also very happy that it is almost over. The construction project is nearing completion. As you know, in the executive session they told the Mayor they will be calling his office within the next 30 or so days to do the final dedication of that building, so they are all looking forward to that. Other than that, he does not have anything else.

President Dimopoulos commented that hopefully there is not another situation like this one, but he thinks they all learned a lot so moving forward if there is another situation again, they will be better equipped to manage it. He wanted to thank Marty and everybody else for doing such a great job.

Vice- President Dye questioned if they have seen an increase in backflow preventer applications since this has happened.

Marty replied yes, they have. That is a good question. They have seen a dramatic increase.

Jack added that the exact number is 23.

Marty explained that they normally go year after year with none and because of this circumstance, they have 23 that have applied for it and 23 have actually received checks, so they have also passed out 23 \$1000 checks to different homeowners. He said it is a great improvement.

Vice-President Dye thanked Jack and Marty for information.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no Personnel Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, stated that she had nothing to highlight, but would take any questions.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety Report

There were no questions or comments.

GIS Report

There were no questions or comments.

Sewer Maintenance Report

There were no questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that he wanted to call in and report on the Long-Term Control Plan. They are incorporating EPA's comments and should have them done by Friday or so this week. They are also working with Karl Cender. He is giving them an update to the Financial Capability Assessment and they should get that from him Friday or Monday. Once they get that, they will finish the LTCP schedule and finish the LTCP for Hammond and get it reviewed September 4th and submit to EPA on September 18th. He would be happy to take any questions if there are any.

Vice-President Dye thanked Mike Hickey for the report that he provides every month and just giving them an update on the activities throughout the month showing what he has done. He is a real asset to the District and a great partner.

Mike Hickey thanked Vice-President Dye and said that he really appreciates that.

Commissioner Hawkins asked about the Financial Capability Assessment. He is wondering if they are just asking for an update or anything additional or different.

Mike Hickey responded that they have turned in so many LTCPs. The one they turned in in September of 2019 which was the previous one did not have an updated FCA. It used the previous FCA which was March of 2018 and that was actually using 2016 numbers so this update is going to be 2019 numbers so it will be a lot more current than what they have now.

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The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated July 31, 2020.

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated July 31, 2020.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 08-25-20.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 08-25-20.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was not any old business.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

Marty stated that he wanted to add that they had the outside of this building power washed over the last two days and it has never been power washed since it was built in 1995. He asked the Board to take a look at it when they leave because he thinks they are going to be very impressed. He said that it looks like it is brand new. It is absolutely beautiful and the guys did a really good job. They outsourced it and the guys were here for two solid days

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

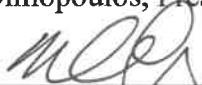
Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

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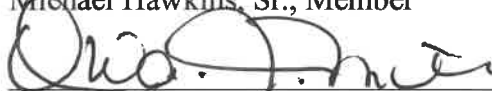
Sam Dimopoulos, President



Michael Dye, Vice-President



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Owana Miller, Member



Heather Garay, Member

ATTEST: 

Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle