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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2019  
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:12 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 4:12 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: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager  
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager  
Joe Allegretti, Attorney  
Rachel Montes, HSD  
Jeff Massey, HSD  
Dan Zander, HSD  
Becky McKinley, GIS  
Jack Smith, Sewer Department  
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue  
Chris Spolnik, Town of Munster  
David Nellans, Town of Munster Council

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the November 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Hawkins **moved** and Button **seconded** to approve the November 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the November 12, 2019 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 to report today is that during the heavy wind storms that we have had prior to a couple weeks ago, it ended up taking a good portion of the roof off of the Dewatering building. Now, that roof is made of heavy gauge steel-not aluminum. It is amazing the damage that it did. They contacted our insurance carrier (Hartford)

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and they were out here immediately. Temporary, he does not want to say repairs, temporary tarping was put up inside the building to protect the equipment from any rain damage in case we get any rain. They responded immediately- Hartford did and Gluth will be the company doing the work. The bill looks like it is going to be around \$233,000 to go ahead and repair and replace. They actually so far have agreed to do the entire roof because after further inspection because that roof is screwed down and because the wind will lift a good portion of that first half off that with the force of that wind it was pushing the rest of that roof and compromising the entire thing. So far it looks like they are agreeable to that so it went from \$115,000 to \$233,000 and the building engineer for Hartford actually flew out today and met with both Dan and Jeff and actually got onto the roof even though it was quite windy he still went up there and spent a good couple hours looking at everything and it looks like they are also going to agree to do the whole roof. He will keep them updated. That is all he has.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

There was no personnel report.

**FINCANCE REPORT**

Business Manager Rachel Montes stated she has nothing to highlight, but will take any questions.

There were no questions.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

There were no highlights or questions on the Department Reports.

Commissioner Button commented that he would just like to say that Becky has been really helpful with a filing that he needed in December for asset management of roadways. Thank you, Becky.

**CONSULTANT REPORTS**

Mike Hickey stated that the Board should have a copy of his status report and he would be happy to take any questions if there are any on that. Nothing really to report on the Long-Term Control Plan because they are still waiting on the EPA's comments.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**The Board considered Resolution No. 34-2019: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Professional Services Consulting Agreement.**

Dye **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 34-2019.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

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Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 34-2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered Resolution No. 35-2019: RE: A Resolution Authorizing the Sanitary District of the City of Hammond, Indiana to Make Temporary Loans to Meet Current Running Expenses for the Use of the Debt Service Fund of the Issuer, in Anticipation of and not in Excess of Current Taxes Levied in the Year 2019 and Collectible in the Year 2020; Authorizing the Issuance of Temporary Loan Tax Anticipation Warrants to Evidence such Loans and the Sale of Such Warrants to the Hammond Local Improvement Bond Bank; and Appropriating and Pledging the Taxes to be Received in Such Fund to the Punctual Payment of Such Warrants Including Interest Thereon.**

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 35-2019.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 35-2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered Resolution No. 36-2019: 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 Development by the Hammond Dual Hotels, LLC.**

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 36-2019.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 36-2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered Resolution No. 37-2019: 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 2020**

Dye **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 37-2019.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 37-2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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**BANK RECONCILIATION**

**The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated November 30, 2019.**

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Bank Reconciliation November 30, 2019.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Moore, Hawkins

Nays:

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Bank Reconciliation November 30, 2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 12-10-19.**

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 12-10-19.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 12-10-19 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**President Dimopoulos called for Old Business**

There was not any old business.

**President Dimopoulos called for New Business**

Commissioner Dye stated that the next board meeting dates are January 14, 2020 and January 28, 2020.

Marty Wielgos wanted to say a few words about Councilman Nellans. Unfortunately, he is not going to remain on the Munster Town Council, but he just wanted to say publicly that he has been a strong benefactor and supporter of the District and he does not forget about that. He has been to almost all of the meetings that he can remember for many years and they just wanted to thank him for all that he has done for the District and the cooperation between Hammond and Munster because they are a part owner of this District and he takes that seriously. He thanked him for all of his hard work and he hopes to see him around.

Councilman Nellans thanked him.

Commissioner Hawkins added that he is a wealth of knowledge and that with him being on the Council over twenty years there is going to be a very big hole left because it is said in Munster that there are no meetings that Councilman Nellans does not attend. He also thanked him.

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Marty stated that the Hammond City Council meeting is coming up this Monday and they will be looking at approving our rate increase for the Sewer Department so he is keeping his fingers crossed—

Rachel corrected Marty that it is Storm Water.

Marty corrected himself saying Storm Water increase and he is keeping his fingers crossed that that does get passed.

**President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners**

There were no reports from Commissioners.

**President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression**

Councilman Nellans stated that he really did learn a lot coming here. You can learn something from anyone and he will just repeat this because Joe is a real good guy and he will never forget when he first came, Joe said you know Councilman Nellans you really do not need to come to these meetings because they will keep an eye on everything and he said he knows they do, but he just enjoys coming and he has learned a lot. He appreciates the kind words from the Board and having the tours in the Plant and he has had a chance to go through it. Hopefully he will have time and come back and see what is going on because as it was said this will be his last meeting as Councilman at this point, but again he appreciates everything from the staff and all of their knowledge- he has known Jeff a long time with Community Hospital and all that so again he just wanted to say it was a good program, a good relationship, he has learned a lot and they had their back and forth, but have worked through it all.

Commissioner Button commented that he is always welcome back.

**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 4:23 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

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle