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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2022
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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 Dimopoulos called the meeting to order at 4:03 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, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Commissioners Absent: Dye

District Personnel Present: Marty Wielgos, Chief Executive Officer
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Dan Zander, HSD
Robert Szczudlo, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Rebecca McKinley, GIS
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Ken Schoon, Town of Munster

Others Present Remotely: Mike Hickey, MJHY

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the January 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Rubio **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the January 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Marty Wielgos, stated that the only thing he has to report is that the Plant is running extremely well. They are having no problems. They do have some new positions that Jeff will be posting both for operators and collections. They had a couple of people retire. There are a couple of spots in the Lab that are open, so they normally hold off and do hiring in the first quarter so they are in that process. They have some employees they will be hiring here in the next

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month or so, but other than that, he will turn it over to Mr. Zander to talk about some new equipment briefly that Jack has been waiting for patiently and where they are at with that process.

Dan Zander explained that they have coming for Jack a new backhoe, compacter, roller, service truck and a dump truck all coming to spruce up his equipment line.

President Dimopoulos commented that is great and asked Jack if he is happy with that.

Jack replied very.

Marty said that other than that, he does not have anything else, but would be happy to entertain any questions the Board may have.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no Personnel Report.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

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Mike Hickey stated that he had a couple of things to report. In regards to the Long-Term Control Plan, he got an email yesterday from EPA and he was just checking on the status of their FCA. He confirmed with Max Kelln and responded that they were still waiting on information from Griffith. Second item he wants to report on is the information from Griffith. They expected to receive their SSO costs on January 15th and they still have not received them. On January 19th, Max Kelln did send an email to Griffith's attorney and as of this moment, they have not heard anything back yet. That is the latest on the LTCP and FCA.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 01-2022: RE: A Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Amending a Temporary Employee Policy.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 01-2022.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 01-25-22.

Hawkins **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 01-25-22.

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Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

Marty said that they do have some new business. He asked Attorney Allegretti if they were bringing out the auction items. He asked what they were doing with that.

Attorney Allegretti responded that with Rachel on vacation, if it was not on agenda.

Marty answered it was not on the agenda because it came in after packets were sent out, so they were going to do it under new business. Marty asked Jeff Massey how urgent this is or if it could wait until the next meeting.

Jeff responded that the urgency is to get the permission to advertise the—it has to be advertised twice in the paper. He asked Attorney Allegretti if that was correct.

Attorney Allegretti answered that he thinks it only has to be advertised once.

Jeff said that he is just trying to get it advertised, so they can get the auction done.

Attorney Allegretti stated that he would illicit permission from the staff to go ahead and advertise and then they can authorize it and ratify it at the next meeting.

Commissioner Rubio did have a copy of the list of items. She received a copy of the list and printed herself off of the Google Drive. Other Board members did not receive because they get hard copies of packet. Copies were made and distributed to all Board members to look at before taking action.

Attorney Allegretti explained that there is a list with 41 items on it and the statute provides that in order to dispose of surplus property, the Board must declare it to be surplus. The statute provides the means for disposing of it and in their case, it has some secondary value. They advertise for a public auction. They have done this before in the past. The Resolution authorizes the staff to proceed to publicize public notice in the newspaper and prepare an auction package for members of the public and interested persons to come in and bid on the property. There are some rules. It is as is and as delivered, so there are protections built in to it for the District's protection. They raise some money and put it into the pot. He is asking for permission for permission to move forward with the appropriate advertisements at this time.

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Marty commented that the list is just basic items because he is trying to clean up areas that have not been addressed for quite some time and there is a lot of equipment that they just do not need anymore and that has seen its lifeful age, is not useful and a variety of other things. As they try to do every 4-5 years, they try to keep going and handling it and getting it out of here, so that is what that list is. He told the Board to take a few minutes and look at items and then they will move forward with Resolution.

President Dimopoulos confirmed that this is equipment that has reached its life span and they are no longer using and they see that there is value in it, so they are putting it up for auction to inquire the funds from the auction.

Marty replied that is correct.

The Board considered Resolution No. 02-2022: RE: A Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District Determining Certain Equipment of the District to be Surplus and Providing for its Public Sale.

Rubio **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 02-2022.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

Marty asked Jeff Massey if he was missing something. He thought he has two things to address under new business.

Jeff responded that Attorney Allegretti was working on a jurisdictional agreement, but he was not sure if that was done.

Marty explained they will do that at the next board meeting, but they were approached by the City on doing an intergovernmental agreement that specifically talks about bidding out their natural gas usage. He guesses there are companies now like they have in Illinois because he knows in Illinois it has been happening where different companies will offer you different rates per kilowatt or whatever it may be and usually you end up getting a really good rate and it is locked in for two or three years. They are combining themselves with the City and he believes Water and will hold an auction and see if they can get a better price. Their gas usage here at the District along with the other two entities.

President Dimopoulos questioned if Nipsco would also be bidding.

Marty answered that this will be all bidding will be handled by the intergovernmental agreement giving the City the right to hold the auction on their behalf. That will be the Board of Public Works that will be doing that.

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President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from Commissioners.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was not any public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

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Sam Dimopoulos, President

Michael Dye, Vice-President

Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member

Owana Miller, Member

Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST: _____
Rachel Montes, Secretary
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