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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2026
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:00 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 4:00 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: Rubio

Commissioners Present via Zoom: N/A

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Robert Szczudlo, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos said that it is not on the agenda, but they are going to have the election of officers for the Board.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to nominate Sam Dimopoulos as President for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners for the year 2026.

No other nominations.

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

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Miller **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to nominate Michael Dye as Vice-President for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners for the year 2026.

No other nominations.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to nominate Rachel Montes as Secretary and Kaleigh Boyle as Assistant Secretary for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners for the year 2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

Vice-President Dye asked if they should do nominations for the Storm Water board as well.

President Dimopoulos questioned if they can just say that these positions are also for the Storm Water board

Attorney Allegretti clarified that he believes that it is the intent of the statute that the Board of Sanitary Commissioners also serves as the Board of Directors for Storm Water Management. It is automatic.

President Dimopoulos stated the next order of business is the consideration of the December 16, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the December 16, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Milan Kruszynski thanked everyone for coming. He wished a happy, safe and healthy new year to all. He congratulated the board members who were reappointed to the Sanitary District board in the last year- Vice-President Dye, Commissioner Hawkins (from Munster) and Commissioner Rubio. He is now going to give some department updates.

Jack from Sewer Department reported that the total cleaning for 2025 was 115.26 miles of sewers. Also, they had a big number of locates that came in 2025. The total was 12,165. Out of

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those, 479 were emergency locates and 422 were emergency responses. A lot of good work done by the Sewer Department.

Safety Department (Matt) let them know that the 2025 OSHA report was completed and submitted to City Hall. There was one safety incident in 2025 and that was in the Sewer Department. None for the Sanitary District. The new safety meeting schedule went out for winter and spring of 2026. The first meeting is January 23, 2026, at 7:15 in the morning.

Dan in Maintenance reported that they are hauling biosolids to the landfill, hauling biosolids to the Wealing facility to be landfill applicators. They are working on primary tank #12 rebuild, cleaning the buildings in the plant, cleaning the outlying stations and installing the new power rails on the chlorine crane which is out by the Chlorine building.

Jeff in Operations reported that the plant is running normally. They are averaging 43MGD (million gallons/day). There has been about 2.5" of rain across the district since the last board meeting. The basin is going to be cleaned as soon as the weather allows them to do that. They are working on the biosolids application permit which is due at the end of this month. This is a 5-year permit. Jeff is working on the December MRO which is due to the EPA on the 28th of this month. Jeff conducted all of the required annual industrial user inspections. He is now beginning work on the 2025 annual Pretreatment and the SRA tier 2 reports for the stored chemicals that we have on site. IDEM did a surprise inspection unannounced here at the plant December 30th. It was determined that the Sanitary District will be required to get an air permit for the emissions from our biogas flares. Something that was new for IDEM to approach the sanitary districts.

Lastly, IT reports that they will be moving two remaining virtual machines over to the new server. They appreciate Bob and Jessie for doing that. They are working on AT&T to move the copper lines over to the fiber circuit and they are continuing to work on the SCADA upgrades and working on the next phases of that process in the plant.

Financial- Rachel reports that she is working on capital assets and getting that over to Jeff so they can do their review. She is working on the financial reports for all of you for the November and December months. She is also working on Gateway and hoping to get started working on and done next week.

Commissioner Miller asked what IDEM said that the Sanitary District is going to have to do.

Milan responded that they are going to have to get an air permit.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

President Dimopoulos asked if there was anything other to say or add to what the District Manager reported for them today.

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Safety

No questions or comments.

Sewer Department

No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

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Mike Hickey is not here.

Donohue

Natalie Cook said that she does not have much to report on. They had a quiet month- busy celebrating.

President Dimopoulos replied they are looking forward to a very productive 2026, he is sure.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 01-13-26.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 01-13-26.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

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

President Dimopoulos said they do have a few items.

Review & consideration of an updated Sanitary District of Hammond logo, letterhead and stationery.

The Board agreed that it looks great. President Dimopoulos stated that as far as the mascot-Rollster is their pick.

Milan thanked them. He said Rollster will be new mascot, and they will get little emoji stress balls and things to hand out. He will now take it to City Hall and get their approval as well.

Vice-President Dye reminded Rachel to send out email invite for the board meetings.

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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 no public expression.

President Dimopoulos stated that before he moves for adjournment, he would like to say Happy New Year to everyone. It has been great working with everyone here for so many years and that they are looking forward to another nice, smooth 2026 and keeping the sanitary water flowing.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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


Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Sam Dimopoulos, President




Michael Dye, Vice-President

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Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member
(attending and voting via teleconference)




Owana Miller, Member



Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST:



Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle