

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Sanitary Commissioners
Terre Haute, IN**

March 21, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners took place in the Third Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 17 Harding Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana, on March 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Physically present:

Jim Winning -	President
Tim Adams -	Vice-President
Marcus Maurer-	Secretary
Larry Auler -	Board Member
Joel Modesitt-	Sanitary Attorney

Face Time:

Brad Bush-	Board Member
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Brad Speidel-	IT Dept.
Jesse Tohill-	Sewage Billing Dept.
Sally Roetker -	Dept. of Engineering
Debbie Padgett-	Wastewater Treatment Plant
Troy Swan-	HWC Engineering

Jim Winning, President of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners, called the meeting of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Board received the minutes of the meeting from March 7, 2023.

On a motion of Tim Adams, seconded by Marcus Maurer, and unanimously approved, it was resolved the minutes from the March 7, 2023 meeting be approved.

APPROVE CLAIMS

The Board was given the list of claims for the Wastewater Utility Funds.

On a motion of Larry Auler, seconded by Tim Adams, and unanimously approved, it was resolved the claims be approved as presented.

APPROVE PAYROLL

The Board received the WWTP payroll for the period of 2/20/23-3/5/23 for Hourly and 3/2/23-3/15/23 for Salary.

On a motion of Marcus Maurer, seconded by Tim Adams, and unanimously approved, it was resolved the WWTP payroll for Hourly from 2/20/23-3/5/23 and 3/2/23-3/15/23 for Salary be approved.

SEWAGE BILLING POLICY 1-3/ SUMMER ALLOWANCE

Brad Speidel reported there is a change to Policy 1-3 for the Summer Allowance which states this allowance is only available to residential users.

On a motion of Tim Adams, seconded by Larry Auler, and unanimously approved, it was resolved to approve the change to Sewage Billing Policy 1-3 to add that the summer allowance only applies to residential users.

RESOLUTON #1-2023/TRANSFER OF FUNDS/ OUT OF SERIES

Debbie Padgett reported that a transfer is needed from Drainage Ways to Purchase of Equipment for the purchase of a second remote controlled mower. This mower will be used to mow Thompson Ditch.

On a motion of Larry Auler, seconded by Marcus Maurer, and unanimously approved, it was resolved to approve the transfer of funds from Drainage Ways to Purchase of Equipment for \$67,698.00 to purchase a second remote controlled mower.

OTHER

Brad Speidel reported a single property owner has approached City Council repeatedly inquiring why property owners have to ultimately pay sewer bills. He has most recently reported that City Code states there is a clause about collection deposits on new users. The Mayor has asked for a feasibility study on this. The reality is that collection deposits on sewer accounts on all users in the Sanitary District is not enforceable and we cannot implement this. The Water Company starts service well before we even know an account has changed. State Statue says property owners have to ultimately pay the sewer bill. If you don't have sewer you have to install a septic system. The sewer is a public utility that benefits the property owner. Property owners receive a letter every time an account goes 60 days delinquent. The letter states the address, the amount due and it is mailed to the deeded property owner. We also have a portal in the City that any owner can look at any address to see if there is a sewer bill due on that property. Out of the 28,000 customers in the Sanitary District we calculate 7,000 of those properties are tenant filled account holders and there are approximately 1,000 different landlords. There are many tools to help the property owners.

Debbie Padgett reported on the issues from 2/22/2023. Hydrite Chemical accidentally discharged into the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This killed off all the live bacteria in the plant over the course of 24 hours. The plant had to shut off the flow to the river and try to hold everything possible until live bacteria could be hauled in from neighboring plants. This was done for about 2 weeks. The plant is currently back to almost normal, the flow was held for 3 days and started discharge again. IDEM is aware of the situation and has been to the plant. The plant is still currently working with Hydrite

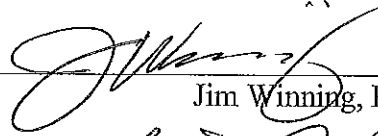
over this situation. Hydrite will be billed with the total cost of this occurrence. The cost could be as high as \$300,000.00 The plant is back to 95% normal at this point and expects to be at 100% in the next week or two. This problem was caused by operator error. Hydrite will be completely automated and has assured this problem will not happen again.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Tim Adams, seconded by Marcus Maurer, and unanimously approved, it was resolved to adjourn the Board of Sanitary Commissioners meeting.

The next meeting of the Sanitary Board will take place on April 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 17 Harding Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana.

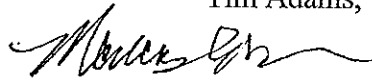
APPROVED on the 4th day of APRIL, 2023.



Jim Winning, President



Tim Adams, Vice President



Marcus Maurer, Secretary



Larry Auler, Commissioner



Brad Bush, Commissioner