

An Executive Session of the Board of Directors of Hammond Water Works Department was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 to discuss litigation and personnel matters prior to the commencement of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors. President, Secretary, Treasurer, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, the Chief Executive Operator and the Board Attorney were present. No other matters were discussed by the Board.

MEETING MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HAMMOND WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT
Thursday, February 11, 2021

S. Daniels	President	M. McLaughlin, Chief Executive Operator
P. Walker	Secretary	S. Levinson, Board Attorney
R. Lendi	Treasurer	
P. Gavrilos	Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	

Those not present: B. Grisolia and J. Prieto

The Board President called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved and accepted as submitted to be placed on file upon motion made by P. Gavrilos, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried.

The following reports were received to be placed on file upon motion made by P. Gavrilos; seconded by P. Walker, and motion carried: Three-Year Monthly Pumpage Comparison for January, Pumpage Report, Filtration Overtime Report for January, Operations Reports, Sick and Personnel Absentee Reports.

Upon motion made by R. Lendi seconded P. Walker; to approve the payment of the claims listed on Accounts Payable Voucher Ledger for 2/11/21.

The Chief Executive Operator informed the Board that the Filtration plant had its first Frazil ice of the season twice this past week. During this time they may cut back what they pump to the wholesale customers until they thaw.

A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to: advertise for the Spring Chemical Bids, Anhydrous Ammonia, Hydrofluosilicic Acid and Liquid Chlorine on February 19, 2021 and February 26, 2021, with a return date of March 25, 2021 and award on April 8, 2021.

The Filtration Plant Superintendent submitted his report as follows:

FILTRATION SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On February 5th the plant experienced our first frazil ice situation in 2 years. At 8 am that morning we had a reduction of flow in our 60 inch water intake and a drop of 3 feet in our intake well. At this point we had to decrease the incoming Low Lift Pumps to decrease the flow of incoming ice and stabilize the amount of water coming into the plant. We also had to reduce the flow of outgoing to maintain a level amount of water coming in and going out. To achieve this even level of incoming and outgoing pumpage we must go through a decreased flow to all our wholesale customers until the icing situation has passed. This process can last from 4 hours and sometimes 18 hours. In this case lasted for 4 hours, but then we saw a repeat of the icing returning at or around 7 pm that same evening. This put us in the same situation as earlier. This event lasted into the night and the next day of February 6th. Using the same protocols we used during these events and through this icing event we finally saw an ending of incoming ice around 11 am the morning of February 6th. At this point we slowly increased all are pumping stages to fill our tanks and reservoirs and open up our reduced wholesalers as soon as possible. This can consist of another 12 -24 hours of increased pumpage to return them to a comfortable level that was lost during the time we had to reduce them. I would like to acknowledge my whole staff for a job well done. I would like to report that with this major cold snap it has provided our ice cover over Lake Michigan. This helps insulate, and act as a blanket over our 60 inch intake and can prevent a frazil ice situation.

*Sincerely,
Charles P. Pietrucha, Filtration Plant Superintendent*

There were two people from the public who attended the meeting via zoom.

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The Board President asked if anyone would like to speak using the chat option? An individual from the public asked via chat if the water rates have gone up for a family of 5 people.

The Board President replied that the base had not gone up and that the rates are based on usage and not by the number of people in the household.

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The public replied that they had been misinformed and thanked the Board.

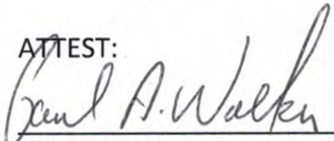
The Board President again asked if anyone wished to speak from the Public. No Response

The Public left the Zoom meeting with no response.

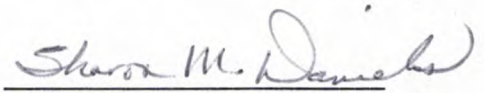
The Board President asked if anyone had any other business.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by; R. Lendi seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to: adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY



PRESIDENT