An Executive Session of the Board of Directors of Hammond Water Works Department was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 to discuss litigation and personnel matters prior to the commencement of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, the Chief Executive Operator, the Deputy 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, April 22, 2021

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M. Mclaughlin, Chief Executive Operator

B. Grisolia

Vice President

J. Prieto, Deputy Chief Executive Operator

R. Lendi

Treasurer

S. Levinson, Board Attorney

P. Walker

Secretary

P. Gavrilos

Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

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 B. Grisolia, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried.

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

Upon motion made by R. Lendi seconded B. Grisolia; to approve the payment of the claims listed on Accounts Payable Voucher Ledger for 4/22/21.

A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to: award the chemical bids as follows:

Anhydrous Ammonia \$0.71/lb. Liquid Chlorine \$0.1992/lb. Hydrofluosilicic Acid \$0.165/lb.

The Deputy Chief Executive Operator informed the Board that Nies Engineering has submitted a proposal to complete a Valve and Hydrant study. The study would be done in two phases. The first phase will to be to mark out approximately 20% of the City's valves and hydrants out. The second phase will compile a system where data points will be available to provide Hammond Water with two locations of shut off valves that are the closest to a main break.

A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to: approve NIES Engineering's proposal for Engineering Services for the Valve & Hydrant Survey.

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The Board Attorney presented an intergovernmental agreement to the Board to absorb the convenience fee for payments. The fees will be subsidized and split between Water, Sanitary District and the Board of Works. Hammond Water will pay those fees and then send a monthly bill to Sanitary and Public Works. A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by B. Grisolia and motion carried to: approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to absorb payment convenience fees.

A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by B. Grisolia and motion carried to: suspend the Board rules.

A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to: adopt the COVID-19 Voluntary Vaccination Incentive Policy adopted previously by the Mayor for the City as identified as Executive Order 21-34. This policy will allow employees who become fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to receive 3 additional Personal Days to use through December 31, 2022.

A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to approve the hire of Alexandra Stahura for Customer Service.

A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by B. Grisolia and motion carried to approve the hire of Sarah Vital for Customer Service.

A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by B. Grisolia and motion carried to: return to the regular Board Meeting.

The Distribution Superintendent submitted his report as follows:

Distribution monthly work summary 3/25/2021 thru 4/21/2021

- (4) 1" Water taps performed
- (1) 12"x 6" Water tap performed
- (2) Fire Hydrant Replaced
- (4) Fire Hydrants repaired
- (8) Service line issues resolved
- (355) Meters exchanged
- (1) 8" insertion valve installed

Multiple valve boxes replaced thru out the city.

312 Project Phase 1 located at Sheffield Ave. from Gostlin south to Chicago Ave. 24" water main and 16" water main install complete.

Sincerely, Bruce Long, Distribution Superintendent MEETING MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAMMOND WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT Thursday, April 22, 2021 Page Three

The Board President asked if anyone had any other business.

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

**PRESIDENT** 

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