

An Executive Session of the Board of Directors of Hammond Water Works Department was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 to discuss litigation and personnel matters prior to the commencement of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors. President, Treasurer, Secretary, the Chief Executive Operator, the Deputy Chief Executive Operator and the Board Attorney were present. No other matters were discussed by the Board.

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HAMMOND WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT  
Thursday, May 13, 2021

Those members in person:

S. Daniels	President	M. McLaughlin, Chief Executive Operator
R. Lendi	Treasurer	J. Prieto, Deputy Chief Executive Operator
P. Walker	Secretary	S. Levinson, Board Attorney

Electronic Communication was available via Zoom – No Public or Board Members attended via Zoom.

Those not present: B. Grisolia and P. Gavrilos

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 R. Lendi, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried.

The following reports were received to be placed on file upon motion made by R. Lendi; seconded by P. Walker, and motion carried: Three-Year Monthly Pumpage Comparison for April and May, Filtration Overtime Report for April, 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 5/13/21.

The Chief Executive Operator informed the Board that employee James Dolato from the Filtration Plant has been working there as an Operator with full time hours and no benefits. Lloyd Osborne from the Operating Engineers' union has requested that Mr. Dolato receive union benefits The Chief Executive Operator informed the Board he intends to reinstate full time benefits to Mr. Dolato effective May 17, 2021.

The Board Attorney informed the Board that the School City of Hammond is in need for the Hammond Water Works Department to complete a Release of Easement on Windrich Avenue for the new High School. There have been meetings and discussions with the School City to work out an agreement to fund the relocation of the water main that is through that easement. The Board Attorney is requesting the Board authorize the Chief Executive Operator to execute that agreement once it is finalized so that there is no delay in the construction of the school. A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to: allow the Chief Executive Operator to sign the release of easement and work out an agreement with School City of Hammond for the payment on the relocation of the water main South of Becker, North of Eaton and West of Erie.

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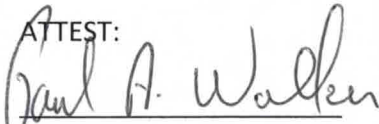
A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to waive the probationary period for new hire Alexandra Stahura, as Ms. Stahura has successfully completed a six month probationary period already with the Hammond Police Department.

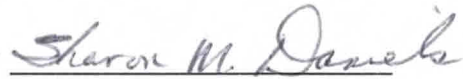
The Board Attorney informed the Board that with Governor Holcomb's new Indiana Code it is necessary to adopt a policy for electronic participation if the Board still wanted to have the option for virtual meetings. The Board Attorney drafted an electronic participation policy for the Boards review. A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to adopt the policy for Electronic Communication effective May 13, 2021.

The Chief Executive Operator addressed the Board regarding the Festival of the Lakes. He is hoping to have the Water Department cover the costs for water and related services. He will get back to the Board with more information.

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. Walker and motion carried to: adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:  
  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDENT