

An Executive Session of the Board of Directors of Hammond Water Works Department was held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 to discuss litigation and personnel matters prior to the commencement of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Assist. Secretary/Treasurer, Chief Executive Operator, Deputy Chief Executive Operator and the Board Attorney were present. No other matters were discussed by the Board.

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Electronic Communication was available via Zoom – No Public Attended  
In-Person resident Omari Cherry attended

Board Members via Zoom: B. Grisolia

Those members in person:

S. Daniels	President	Mark Mclaughlin	Chief Executive Operator
R. Lendi	Treasurer	J. Prieto,	Deputy Chief Executive Operator
P. Walker	Secretary	S. Levinson	Board Attorney
P. Gavrilos	Assist. Secretary/Treasurer		

- The Board President called the meeting to order.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia seconded by B. Lendi to suspend the rules.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Minutes)

YES: Grisolia, Gavrilos, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT:

Motion carried

- The Board President asked that the guest state his name and to address The Board.

Mr. Omari Cherry stated he has been renting the property at 1474 Summer St. The owner of the property (Mr. Jeffrey Smith) passed away and Mr. Smith's wife inherited the property (Mrs. Natasha Chapman-Smith). The lease signed in 2019 is between Miss. Natasha Chapman-Smith and Mr. Omari Cherry. The property has gone through foreclosure and is now bank owned. Mr. Omari is pleading that The Board make an exception to the rule.

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- A motion was made by R. Lendi seconded by P. Gavrilos, and motion carried that subject to the payment of \$424.20 being paid as well as a deposit of \$200 being made that we will provide an exception to our policy for 1474 Summer St through July 15, 2022. After July 15, 2022 the services will be eligible for disconnection unless other decisions are made. Should we be notified that the bank wants the water shutoff we will have to move forward with the disconnection of water.

ROLL CALL VOTE (exception to policy)

YES: Grisolia, Gavrilos, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT:

Motion carried

- A motion was made by R. Lendi and seconded by B. Grisolia and motion carried to resume regular business.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Resume business)

YES: Grisolia, Gavrilos, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT:

Motion carried

- A motion was made by B. Grisolia seconded by P. Walker, and motion carried to accept and place on file the previous minutes as submitted to the board

ROLL CALL VOTE (Minutes)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT:

Motion carried

- A motion was made by R. Lendi seconded by B. Grisolia to approve Accounts Payable Voucher Ledger (Claims List) and Refund Voucher list from May 26, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Claims List & Refund Voucher)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT:

Motion carried

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- A motion was made by B. Grisolia, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to approve the miscellaneous reports as submitted.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Miscellaneous Reports)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT:

Motion carried

- Miscellaneous Reports submitted:

Board Meeting Claims – Operating Fund \$493,529.84

Board Meeting Claims – Capital Improvement \$8,818.17

Board Meeting Claims – Depreciation \$141,306.16

3 Year Pumpage Comparison for February and March

Filtration Plant Overtime Report – 29 Hours of Overtime 5/08/22-5/15/22

- The Deputy Chief Executive Operator discussed the Schneider Avenue storm sewer water main replacement change order. The Schneider Avenue Project was passed and funded by the Capital Improvement's Board. Upon construction they found that the water line was in conflict and they decided to change out the whole line and remove some lead joints and some lead aspects from that particular line, because it was so old and brittle. The Capital Improvement Board is requesting \$75,526.00 for this change order for a new water pipe.
- A motion was made by R. Lendi and seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to approve the change order.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Schneider Avenue Project)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT:

Motion carried

- The Board Attorney informed the Board that Resolution 2022-07 authorizes the use of authenticated electronic and digital signatures for customers. A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to approve Resolution 2022-07 A Resolution Authorizing The Use Of Electronic And Digital Signatures For Customers.

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ROLL CALL VOTE (Resolution 2022-07)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels  
NO: NONE  
ABSENT:  
Motion carried

- The Board Attorney discussed writing up a policy with regards to estimated meters. We are considering imposing fines as we still have a number of customers who have not scheduled/or refuse to exchange their water meters to the radio read meters.
- A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to approved Resolution 2022-5 Rate of Pay for WT5 Certifications to All Plant Workers.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Resolution 2022-05)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels  
NO: NONE  
ABSENT:  
Motion carried

- The Distribution Superintendent submitted his report as follows:

5/25/2022

*Distribution monthly work summary 4/21/2022 thru 5/25/2022*

*(15) Service line issues resolved  
(3) 1" Hot tap performed  
(3) Large Hot taps performed  
(7) Fire Hydrants repaired  
(2) New Fire Hydrant installed  
(25) Valves exercised  
(129) Meters exchanged*

*Our locating team is assisting with 26 miles of fiber optic line install thru out the city. For new internet service to all Hammond Schools.  
Leak truck crews are assisting with water main reroutes for the NICTD corridor train project.*

*Sincerely,  
Bruce Long  
Distribution Superintendent*

