

An Executive Session of the Board of Directors of Hammond Water Works Department was held on Thursday, March 21, 2024 to discuss litigation and personnel matters prior to the commencement of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors. President, Vice President, Secretary, Assist. Secretary/Treasurer, Chief Executive Operator and the Deputy Chief Executive Operator were present. No other matters were discussed by the Board.

MEETING MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HAMMOND WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT
Thursday, March 21, 2024

Electronic Communication was available via Zoom – No Public Attended

Those members in person:

S. Daniels	President	
B. Grisolia	Vice President	M. McLaughlin Chief Executive Operator
P. Walker	Secretary	J. Prieto, Deputy Chief Executive Operator
R. Lendi,	Treasurer	S. Levinson, Board Attorney
P. Gavrilos	Assist. Secretary/Treasurer	

- The Board President called the meeting to order.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia and seconded by P. Gavrilos for approval of the minutes for the DWSRF Public Hearing that was held on March 7, 2024 as submitted to the board.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia and seconded by P. Gavrilos for the approval of the minutes for the PILOT Lead Service Line Replacement Project Public Hearing that was held on March 7, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. as submitted to the board.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to approve and place on file the previous meeting's Minutes as submitted to the Board.
- A motion was made by R. Lendi seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to approve Accounts Payable Voucher Ledger (Claims List), Refund Vouchers and Payroll Vouchers as submitted to the Board.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to approve the miscellaneous reports as submitted.

Board Meeting Claims – Operating Fund \$548,868.66

Board Meeting Claims – Capital Improvement \$0.00

Board Meeting Claims – Depreciation \$7,004.00

3 Year Pumpage Comparison for February

Filtration Plant Overtime Report – 53 Hours of Overtime 3/10/24 & 3/17/24

Bank of New York Bond Bank – \$0.00

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- The Deputy Chief Executive Operator proceeded to open and read the bids aloud for the Lead service line replacement project as follows:

Rex Construction	\$1,448,250.00
Calumet City Plumbing	\$1,397,700.00
Hasse Construction	\$2,569,540.00
Gatlin Plumbing	\$1,975,000.00

- A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by B. Grisolia and motion carried to turn these bids over to our Corporate Council to verify completeness and then forward over to staff for tabulation and recommendation of award.
- A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to approve Resolution 2024-7 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hammond Water Works Department, Authorizing the Issuance & Sale of Revenue Bonds of the Waterworks District of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to Provide Funds for Water Treatment Plant Improvements, Distribution System Improvements and Various Other Waterworks Improvements, Together with the Incidental Expenses, Including Costs of Issuance of the Bonds.
- A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded B. Grisolia and motion carried to approve Resolution 2024-8 A Resolution Authorizing CEO as Signing Entity for Rimbach St Closing.

CEO/Deputy CEO Report for Board Meeting 3/21/24

- *A Pre-Bid meeting was conducted on 3/14/23 for contractors interested in bidding for HWW's Pilot Lead Line Replacement Program in conjunction with ARCADIS (our engineering firm). Five companies came in. It was NOT a requirement for companies to attend, who wanted to bid on the job. We will be opening bids at the next Board Meeting on March 21, 2024.*
- *We have begun advertising for some of our chemicals, on 3/15/24. As you know, eBridge is helping us do this utilizing reverse auctioning. The live auction will occur on the week of April 15, 2024.*
- *We met with Mayor, the Chief of Staff and representatives of Sanitary District (board members, administration, and attorney) on March 18th, to discuss certification discrepancies amongst Local 142 employees in both HWW and Sanitary District. We all agreed that HWW(DSL certification ONLY) would match the cert pay that Level 4's from Sanitary District*

receive. This will go before you (the Board) for approval. We also agreed that there will be NO CAP in how many 142 employees may be able to attain the DSL.

- *Distribution has reported to me the many issues they have been having with the International Dump trucks that were purchased in 2020 and 2021. Currently, we have one back at Rush Truck centers for service. Our shop manager has told me the many times these trucks have been going back and forth to the Rush service center. I am collecting all of our invoices for each dump truck and notes taken by our shop manager concerning these trucks. I intend to speak with Rush reps and try to understand why we are having so many issues.*

- *Last month, we spoke with our rep from Liberty Mutual Insurance regarding best practices and cost savings for the Plant, Distribution, and our Fleet. He sent us various Risk Management programs that we can institute, and possibly keep premiums down.*

- *Distribution employee, Ryan Massey, will begin training with Jonathan Parker (Engineering Dept) and Becky Mc Kinley (former Hammond GIS administrator) next month to keep up the city's GIS system. With the new valve program that NIES Engineering helped us with, we intend to incorporate that information onto the city's GIS platform and make a more robust GIS system to help all city departments. Ryan is a graduate of PNW with a degree in Computer Science and Graphic Design.*

- *Bruce has sent over water pressure and water main information to Indiana American in Gary to get the ball rolling on a future emergency inter-connect. This will allow for us to pull water from Indiana American and vice versa.*

- *Chuck and Rich have spoken to management at Horseshoe Casino regarding the security gates and intercom system that has been broken for many years now. We received a quote from SDI for new gates, concrete, and intercom in the amount of \$17k. Horseshoe has agreed to pay half as well as man the intercom system to allow vehicles in. This should help with any unauthorized vehicles possibly driving into the Plant's perimeter fence.*

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- A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to approve DSL Certification Pay.
- No New and Unfinished Business
- The Board President asked if anyone had anything further.
- The Distribution Superintendent submitted his report as follows:

Distribution monthly work summary 2/22/2024 thru 3/20/2024

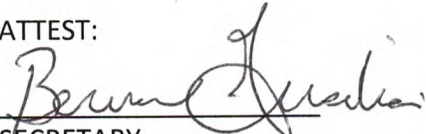
*(11) Service line issues resolved
(8) Corp issues resolved
(1) Fire Hydrant replaced
(5) Fire Hydrants repaired
(37) Valves exercised
(2) Valves replaced
(7) Valves markers installed
(2) Valve boxes installed
(49) Meters exchanged
(1) Broken Mains Repaired
(2) 1" Hot taps performed*


Crews are working with the contractors to install new water mains for the NICTD West Lake Corridor train project.

*Sincerely,
Bruce Long
Distribution Superintendent*

- A motion was made by P. Gavrilos seconded P. Walker and motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY


PRESIDENT