

An Executive Session of the Board of Directors of Hammond Water Works Department was held on Thursday, December 12, 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, Board Attorney and Chief Executive Operator were present. No other matters were discussed by the Board.

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Thursday, December 12, 2024

Electronic Communication was available via Zoom – No public attended

V. Lopez and S. Levinson appeared via Zoom

Those members in person:

S. Daniels	President
B. Grisolia	Vice President
P. Walker	Secretary

M. McLaughlin, Chief Executive Operator
J. Prieto, Deputy Chief Executive Operator

Those not present: R. Lendi

- The Board President called the meeting to order.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to approve the previous Minutes as submitted to the Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Minutes)  
YES: Grisolia, Lopez, Walker, Daniels  
NO: NONE  
ABSENT: Lendi  
Motion carried

- A motion was made by B. Grisolia 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Claims List, Refund Voucher and Payroll Vouchers)  
YES: Grisolia, Lopez, Walker, Daniels  
NO: NONE  
ABSENT: Lendi  
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.

Board Meeting Claims – Operating Fund \$1,226,125.78

Board Meeting Claims – Capital Improvement \$0.00

Board Meeting Claims – Depreciation \$35,939.12

3 Year Pumpage Comparison for November

Filtration Plant Overtime Report – 22 Hours of Overtime 12/1/24 & 12/8/24

Bank of New York Bond Bank – \$0.00

ROLL CALL VOTE (Reports)

YES: Grisolia, Lopez, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: Lendi

Motion carried

- The Deputy Chief Executive Operator submitted his report as follows:

*CEO/Deputy CEO Report for Board Meeting 12/12/24*

*HWW made their presence felt at Indiana's AWWA winter conference in French Lick from December 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. We had Distribution employee Jeremy Estrada compete in the Meter Madness, where contestants were timed to see who can assemble a water meter in the fastest time. Unfortunately he came in second place out of eight, losing by less than a second. If he would have won, he would've been competing at Nationals in Denver next year. Nonetheless, we attended many classes where Lead Lines (letters and replacements) and PFAS were the main topic of conversation.*

*The Filtration Plant conducted another PFAS testing a couple of weeks ago. Even though PFAS are in Lake Michigan, we are happy to report that we found NO DETECTION in our filtered water.*

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*CEO/Deputy CEO Report Continued...*

*Hannah Rockwell and Rebecca Slaubaugh from ARCADIS were in town on Wednesday, 12/11/24 to conduct a site visit for our Lead Line Replacement Project currently happening in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. We held a workshop about future dates for the Lead Line Replacement process as well as an on-site visit with Calumet City Plumbing who were in the field replacing lines.*

*So far our Distribution department has repaired 7 water main breaks in the past 3 weeks. All but one break were smaller diameter pipes (8" and under). We did have to repair a 12" main on the corner of Indianapolis Blvd. and 165th. On this break we were assisted by Gatlin Plumbing due to the contaminated soil in that area due to BP pipelines.*

*HWW had 2 vehicles in the Christmas Parade and debuted a live Water Willy costume.*

*On Thursday, 12/12/24, Lochmueller Group came in to hold the kickoff meeting for the Inter-Connect Project w/ Indiana American Water.*

- There was no new or unfinished business.

- The Filtration Superintendent submitted his report as follows:

*Filtration Superintendent Report  
12/12/2024*

*Chicago Underwater along with Hulsinger Electric have completed and powered up the connections to our second heated sleeve in the East Intake cone along with 4 heated drops to help combat any Frazil Ice conditions.*

*Our first session of USEPA/ UCMR-5 tap samples and results were found to have no detection of PFAS, are next draw will be in February followed by May and ending in August. These results will determine if any other treatment will be needed for any removal if detected.*

*We are anticipating the start of are Filter Study with CDM-Smith in January which will detail upgrading and replacing key components of all 20 filters in Plant #1 and Plant #2.*

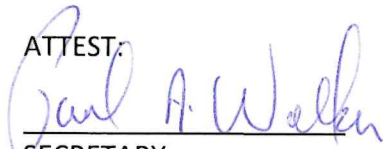
*Charles P. Pietrucha  
Filtration Plant Superintendent*

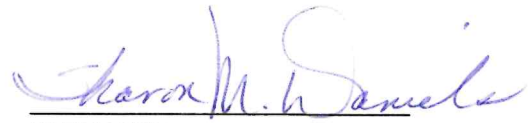
- The Board President asked if anyone had anything further.
- A motion was made by V. Lopez seconded P. Walker and motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Adjourn)  
YES: Grisolia, Lopez, Walker, Daniels  
NO: NONE  
ABSENT: Lendi  
Motion carried

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ATTEST.

  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDENT