

Minutes

Board Meeting of August 28, 2019

THE BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS conducted a regularly scheduled meeting in the Auditorium on the first floor of City Hall in Muncie, Indiana.

Board members present were: William Smith, Michael Cline and Joseph Evans.

Department managers and staff present were: Mark McKinney, Legal Counsel; Angie Smith, Billing Manager; Deana Cox, Financial Manager; Phil Reagon, Sanitation Superintendent; and Megan Huff, Administration Office Manager.

Public: Kimberly Ferguson, 1806 N Petty Street and Mary Stilts, 712 S Burlington Drive.

Consideration of Minutes: Mr. Evans moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the August 14, 2019 meeting. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion was approved (3-0).

Consideration of Claims: Mr. Cline moved to approve the Register of Claims for \$859,890.52. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved (3-0).

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2019-12, an Amendment to the Salary Resolution. – Bill Smith, Board President/District Administrator. Mr. Smith said we are going to skip this Resolution for now. He said he believes there is no action that needs to be taken at this time.

2. Release of Retainage for Bowen Engineering. – Deana Cox, Financial Manager. Mrs. Cox said she would like to request the Release of Retainage to Bowen Engineering for the amount of \$200,000. She said United Consulting did approve this release as well. Mr. Cline said this was the remaining amount of Retainage from the beginning 47 million dollars issued in 2016 for projects. He said construction is completed which is why we can now release retainage. Mr. Evans moved to approve the Release of Retainage for Bowen Engineering. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion was approved (3-0).

Public Comments:

Kimberly Ferguson, 1806 N Petty Street, stated she would like to follow up on a discussion from the last meeting. She said she is committed to the Muncie community and that she understands the improvements needed to infrastructure is necessary, but the money should be spent wisely. Ms. Ferguson said she would like to know the exact total amount of money that will be saved for the new building projects. Mr. Smith said it is hard to come up with an exact total at this time, but there are definite savings in regards to consolidated departments, transportation costs and making the buildings energy efficient. He said unfortunately there is not a way to know an exact amount of savings until we are putting all of the mentioned items into practice. Mr. Cline said he would like to sit down with Ms. Ferguson at some point and better explain the savings. He said there are several buckets of savings we are looking at like the fact some of the expenses are paid with taxes and others are paid with the stormwater or sewage fees. Mr. Cline said it would be best to sit down and be able to truly understand what you are looking for in terms of a breakdown. Ms. Ferguson said she would be happy to do that and what she thinks would help most is to put it a format that states in terms of gas we would be saving x much and so on. She said the

community would not be opposed to spending 9 million up front to learn that we could save 40 million over the lifespan of the building for example, but we do want to see that breakdown in some way. She said she really feels this is just a public relations issue and that the public wants to better understand and see the savings in terms they can understand.

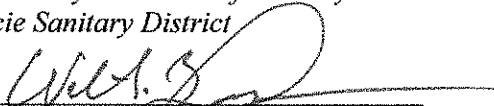
Mary Stilts, 712 S Burlington Drive, said that the District should build the new buildings on the old Borg Warner. She said land on MLK will have to be leveled out and take more time and money than if they were to build pole barns at the Borg Warner site. She said also the new building sites would be closer to our other departments. Mr. Smith said for the Administration offices we needed to be centrally located and near bus routes for the accessibility to the public – that is why we chose downtown. He said as far as the Sanitation building it is less than a block from our CNG station. We use those pumps every single day so that was a big factor in where we chose to build. Mr. Cline said also we were notified about two years ago by a law firm that there was potential for contaminated ground water coming from the Borg Warner site. He said they were told it would go through the plume at our Treatment Facility and into the River with any possible development around that site. He said that had a lot to do with this move and some of the choices we are making. Mr. Cline said we are moving our office across from that site to the new building because of that challenge. He said he is not a contaminated land engineer, but he hopes that helps answer some of her concerns. Ms. Stilts said she appreciated him sharing that information and she understands. She asked if the MSD Board minutes could be made available on the website for those who cannot come to the meetings. Mr. Smith said he would look into that and did not see any reason that we could not do that.

Respectfully Submitted,

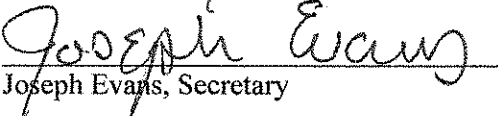


Megan Bluff, Administration Office Manager


*Approved by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners
Muncie Sanitary District*



William Smith, President



Joseph Evans, Secretary



Michael Cline, P.E., Vice President