

Minutes

Board Meeting of December 4, 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; Deana Cox, Financial/Billing Manager; Phil Reagon, Sanitation Superintendent; John Anderson, District Engineer; Harvey Wright, Sewer Maintenance Superintendent; Jason Donati, Stormwater/Recycling Educator and Megan Huff, Administration Office Manager.

Public: Andrew Pop, 4000 N Piper; Joe Trotti, 6601W Timbercrest and Mary Stilts, 712 S Burlington.

Consideration of Minutes: Mr. Evans moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the November 20, 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 \$272,516.52. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved (3-0).

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2019-20, a Transfer of Funds within the MSD. – Deana Cox, Financial Manager. Mrs. Cox, Financial Manager, presented Resolution 2019-20, a Transfer of Funds within the MSD. Mr. Smith said this is not appropriating new money it is just shifting money from one line item to another to finish out the year. Mr. Cline moved to approve Resolution 2019-20, a Transfer of Funds within the MSD. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved (3-0).

Public Comments:

Mary Silts, 712 S Burlington Drive, said she thinks a lot of the City including MSD is doing spending that is extravagant and a lid needs to be put on it. She said Mr. Smith comment last week bothered her when Mr. Smith said what is \$200 compared to our 34 million dollar budget. Mr. Stilts said that money could help offset the rate increases.

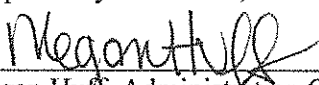
Andrew Pop, 4000 N Piper, asked what funds were being moved in the Resolution passed earlier and what accounts they were being transferred to and from. Mrs. Cox said she could get him a copy of the Resolution. Mr. Pop said that would be great.

Joe Trotti, 6601W Timbercrest, wanted to thank the Board for taking care of Mr. Grubb at the last meeting and supplying him with his check within 24 hours. Mr. Smith said they were glad to help. He said a little background on the story for those who were not in attendance is that a customer overpaid on his sewage account by \$2000 and would normally not have received a refund until our next pay. Mr. Trotti said he thinks people really need to be involved in the ongoing communication process with IDEM. He said Kimberly Ferguson has already forwarded a letter to MSD officials she's written addressed to IDEM on behalf of the community. Mr. Trotti said we need to continue to have the community involved in this process so that we can really get IDEM's attention. Mr. Smith said MSD

would like to convince IDEM of an alternative plan that does not degrade the river as much as the original plan and is stretched out over a longer timeframe so rates will not be as high. Mr. Trotti said we could have more people under less stress if they can afford their sewage bills in the upcoming years. He asked how many homes would have their water turned off this month. Mr. Smith said an average 30 homes a month are being shut off. Mr. Trotti said to anyone that is watching the Board meeting or is in attendance should be trying to get involved in the letter process. He said for MSD to spend \$190,000 only to get a lesser water quality in river just doesn't make sense and should be stopped.

There were no further comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

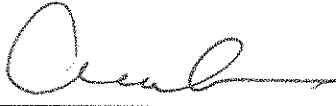


Megan Huff, Administration Office Manager

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



William Smith, President



Michael Cline, P.E., Vice President

Joseph Evans, Secretary