

Board Minutes for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners Meeting of October 5, 2022

THE BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS conducted a regularly scheduled meeting.

Board members present; Stephen Brand, Board President; Tonya Brothers-Bridge, Vice President; Adam Leach, Secretary; and David Smith, Board Member. Mr. Brand made a public note that he will be out of town and will be absent for the October 19, 2022, Board of Sanitary Commissioners meeting.

**Department managers and staff present;** John Barlow, District Administrator; Mark McKinney, Legal Counsel; Deana Cox, Financial Manager; John Anderson, District Engineer; Jason Donati, Stormwater Educator; Thom Noble, Sewer Maintenance Assistant Superintendent; Phil Reagon, Sanitation Superintendent; Tim Stover, IT Administrator; and Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager.

**Public present:** David Williams, 2208 N Moors Street.

**Consideration of Minutes:** Mr. Brand entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Brothers-Bridge moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as submitted for the meeting of September 21, 2022. Mr. Leach seconded the motion. The motion was approved (4-0).

**Consideration of Claims:** Mr. Brand entertained a motion to consider the register of claims totaling \$385,838.73. Mrs. Brothers-Bridge stated on page one of thirteen our relationship continues to work very well for Napa. She stated Phil and his group purchased replacement toters for \$3,808. Mrs. Brothers-Bridge stated we paid Schneider General Contracting \$14,600 for work done on 10t Street. She stated we paid Horner Industrial Group \$5,450 for McCulloch Park work. Mrs. Brothers-Bridge stated we paid Smith Family Services \$15,100 for the eleventh mow of the season. She stated we are anticipating that the mowing season will come to an end in the next week or so. Mrs. Brothers-Bridge stated we paid Stagusa Services \$2,100 for some CNG training to be able to work on police cars. Mr. Leach stated his appreciation to Deana Cox, department heads, and all others who enter in the claims for giving good descriptions. Mr. Smith stated his appreciation as well. Mr. Brand entertained a motion to consider the register of claims totaling \$385,838.73. Mrs. Brothers-Bridge moved to approve. Mr. Leach provided second. The motion was approved (4-0).

**District Administrator Update – John Barlow.** Mr. Barlow gave credit to Jason Donati for some updates on community events that happened recently. He stated Ironman was hosted last weekend and prior to the event Jason's group did a waste audit on what was generated from Ironman. Mr. Barlow stated the audit showed there was about fifteen tons of landfill waste generated from that event. He stated that Muncie Sanitary District, East Central Recycling, Muncie Delaware Clean and Beautiful, and staff at Prairie Creek Reservoir partnered to make efforts to decrease the amount of waste. Mr. Barlow stated recyclables were taken to East Central Recycling and Prairie Creek Reservoir staff collected wooden pallets. He stated clothing, reusable water bottles, and other items dropped by the athletes were donated to local charities after going through the lost and found process. Mr. Barlow stated unused athletic items, Gatorade, energy bars, and bottled water went to local athletic groups and public safety organizations. He stated in all 1.3 tons of recycling and 0.85 tons of trash were collected. Mr. Barlow stated that instead of about two tons total going to the landfill, some was able to be donated or recycled. He stated his appreciation to all the partners and to Jason Donati for bringing this to his attention. Mr. Barlow stated the Soup Crawl is beginning this Thursday. He stated a thank you to Jason Donati for his efforts in providing 15,000 recyclable bowls and utensils as opposed to plastic and styrofoam. He stated the utensils and vessels for soup are now biodegradable and recyclable. Mr. Barlow stated his tribute to Paul Creasy, Project Manager from Bowen Engineering for his work for the last eight years. He stated Mr. Creasy has done a phenomenal job and timeliness of work. Mr. Barlow stated Mr. Creasy is moving on with Bowen and Alec Goodall will be taking Mr. Creasy's place. Mrs. Brothers-Bridge stated her appreciation for

bringing Jason's work to attention. She applauds his work in taking care of the environment and being a good steward with Ironman and the Soup Crawl. Mrs. Brothers-Bridge stated than you to Paul Creasy for his outstanding work, knowledge, and responsiveness. She stated that with working with Bowen we have learned they have a deep bench. Mrs. Brothers-Bridge stated that the selection of Alec coming in to be our partner is very nice. She stated her recognition of Paul's work and having Alec as our partner will be strong. Mr. Leach stated his congratulations to Paul and Alec. He stated both are very talented individuals, we were blessed to have them working for us and will continue to work with Bowen. Mr. Smith stated his congratulations to Alec and Paul, and thanks to Paul for the many years and dedication he served us. Mr. Brand stated his congratulations to both Paul and Alec. Mr. Brand asked if there were still openings for CDL drivers. Mr. Barlow stated that there is one opening at Sewer Maintenance that will require a CDL and an opening for a Mechanic at Sanitation. He stated it is a challenge to find CDL drivers. Mr. Barlow stated that for anyone interested to apply. Mr. Brand stated for clarification that we have an opening for a CDL Sewer Maintenance and a Mechanic for Sanitation. Mr. Barlow stated that is correct and the positions open are listed on the website.

#### **Additional Board Topics:**

1. Mr. Leach stated his appreciation for the work everyone does. He stated an announcement that the Public Works Department with the City of Muncie will be doing a topsoil giveaway at 5790 W. Kilgore Ave. location. Mr. Leach stated the topsoil is from excavation of the MSD project at Storer Estates. He stated that anyone interested can two cubic yards of good topsoil. Mr. Leach stated that we will load it into trucks, but not into buckets or bags. He stated we would like to give it back to the community. Mr. Leach stated it will be on Thursday, October 13, 2022. He stated his appreciation to Jason for his great work with Ironman and enhancing our recycling efforts in trying to make Muncie a greener place.

#### **Public Comments:**

1. **David Williams, President of Robinwood Neighborhood Association.** Mr. Williams stated that if you are familiar with us, you would know we are an active neighborhood. He stated they do a lot of beautification efforts. Mr. Williams stated we have a divided median with trees, mulch, and flowers at the start of the neighborhood. He stated there is a free library there too. Mr. Williams stated they work with the residents who do not necessarily keep up the yards as they should. He stated that their greatest problem in trying to maintain property values is the streets and drainage issues. Mr. Williams stated there is an area where two streets come together when it floods or snows there are people who cannot get to their mailboxes. He stated that the neighborhood has concrete streets which are very expensive to replace according to the city. Mr. Williams stated to remedy this the neighborhood association has created a drainage committee. He stated the committee met with Councilman Polk, where Brad recommended, he come before the Board to request members of the Sanitary Board to look at the needs of the neighborhood. Mr. Williams stated that if you have ever driven through the neighborhood, you would know that the streets are in dire need. He stated before fixing the streets we want to fix the drainage issues. Mr. Williams stated we badgered the city and got a few portions fixed. He stated the request is that members of the Board would come and walk the neighborhood to see the issues and give an appraisal of what need to be done. Mr. Brand asked when the next meeting of the Street and Drainage Committee is. Mr. Williams stated that there is not one scheduled but could easily be scheduled. He stated there is a general meeting October the 20<sup>th</sup> at the church at 7:00 pm. Mr. Brand recommended that immediately following the meeting that Mr. Williams and Mr. Barlow have a conversation to organize something. Mrs. Brothers-Bridge asked for clarification on the neighborhood association. Mr. Williams stated Robinwood Neighborhood Association. Mr. Leach stated that there are drainage problems in that area. He stated that we do know about the street conditions. Mr. Leach stated that in years past the city has not had a concrete crew nor the means or methods to do their own concrete work. He stated that has been remedied as of this year. Mr. Leach stated the crew is backlogged, but the ability to fix concrete is now an ability. Mr.

Williams stated that Donnie the street supervisor agreed to do a couple of sections per year. He stated that Donnie said the city did not have the ability to do it themselves. Mr. Leach stated that we are trying to tackle the drainage problems prior to fixing the road. Mr. Smith stated that he is familiar with the area and thank Mr. Williams for coming in.

**Adjourn:** Mr. Brand stated our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. in the City Hall Auditorium. Mr. Brand stated he would accept a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Brothers-Bridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting for October 5, 2022. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager

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

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Stephen Brand, President

  
Tonya Brothers-Bridge, Vice President

  
Adam Leach, Secretary

  
David Smith, Board Member