

Board Minutes for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners Meeting of February 22, 2023

THE BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS conducted a regularly scheduled meeting.

Board members present; Adam Leach, Vice President; Michael Wolfe, Secretary; David Smith, Board Member; and Tim Overton, Board Member. Excused absence; Stephen Brand, President.

**Department managers and staff present;** John Barlow, District Administrator; Josh Brown, Legal Counsel; Jason Donati, Stormwater Educator; Harvey Wright, Sewer Maintenance Superintendent; Melanie Lanich, Health Insurance; John Anderson, District Engineer; Tim Stover, IT Administrator; Rick Conrad, BWQ Director; Jason Ingram, WPCF Superintendent; Deana Cox, Financial Manager; and Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager.

**Public present:** Rick Yencer; and Judith Hill, 917 N Blaine St.

**Consideration of Minutes:** Mr. Leach entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Overton moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as submitted for the meeting of February 8, 2023. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed (4-0).

**Consideration of Claims:** Mr. Leach entertained a motion to consider the register of claims totaling \$1,115,122.76. Mr. Leach stated a claim on page five for work on Talley by JW Construction totaling \$16,650. He stated on page nine of fourteen there are claims for two 2016 Ford F150 trucks for the Sewer Maintenance Department, both purchased for \$16,500 each. Mr. Leach stated on page eleven of fourteen there are three expenses for travel. He stated Bureau of Water Quality visited the mussel lab in Tennessee. Mr. Leach stated it was \$30.27 for gas, \$33.99 for lunch, and \$94 for the hotel reservation. He stated a large claim on page eleven of fourteen for the camera truck totaling \$376,126.54, previously approved. Mr. Leach stated on page thirteen of fourteen a claim for the Muncie South Tie Back design. He stated that the Muncie Sanitary District owns the levee system within Muncie that removes a lot of home from the floodplain. Mr. Leach explained that part of owning the levee requires necessary updates as required to meet Corps standards. Mr. Smith moved to approve the consideration of claims. Mr. Overton provided second. Motion passed (4-0).

**District Administrator Update – John Barlow.** Mr. Barlow stated one update that Jason Donati kicked off the sign in for the new recycling toter program. He stated that Jason gave the update that as of date there are 1,226 people that have signed up to participate.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Additional Board Topics:**

1. Mr. Overton stated that he had a great tour with Jason Ingram at the Water Pollution Control Facility, he did a great job. He stated that he learned a lot and it is a very impressive operation. Mr. Overton stated he has never seen the facility from the other side, it is amazing what it is in your backyard and you not even know.
2. Mr. Wolfe stated that we received some praise for Ed Lowe around some of the clean up on Bunch Blvd. on Harvey's team. He stated congrats to that team, we always love to hear good feedback, especially on cleanups. Mr. Wolfe stated his appreciation.

3. Mr. Leach stated some praise to Mr. Wolfe for showing his value to the Board. He stated that Mr. Wolfe speaks his language of Excel sheets. Mr. Leach stated that Mr. Wolfe has been doing some great financial reconning. He reached out to the plant and stated that they are doing a great job. Mr. Leach stated that Mr. Barlow has a special place in his heart for the Water Pollution Control Facility and Jason Ingram has been a more than worthy heir. He appreciates the work that they are putting forward in looking ahead and planning capital improvements. Mr. Leach stated that Jason has done a great job ordering the improvements. He stated that some items have long lead times and have been in service for 30 plus years. Mr. Leach stated the more we can preplan our destiny for some of these things helps prevent emergencies.

**Public Comments:**

1. Judith Hill, 917 N Blaine St, stated that there are multiple property owners in that area and life long residents in this city. She is speaking on behalf of the Whitely neighborhood to represent this matter. Ms. Hill stated there are a lot of new members on this board that we have not seen before. She thanked the board for allowing her to speak. Ms. Hill stated that in an effort to save time she has prepared a transcript and packets for the board to review. She stated that one thing they are trying to find out is that the Whitely project that is part of the Kitselman project. Ms. Hill stated that in the packet there are four different points that we would like MSD to address in the future. She stated the main thing is that they are going to do major projects especially on the real estate that MSD has already acquired. Ms. Hill stated that we would also like to know if there are going to be any more transfer of ownership of these baren lands that the homes were torn down such as the Land Bank. She stated that we would also like to know if the existing property owners are able to acquire the areas that were once home owned. Ms. Hill stated that it would be ideal if the Board could respond today. She stated that it would be understandable if nothing much can be stated today. Ms. Hill stated she certainly and respectfully requests that the Board please not ignore this matter much further ad any similar matter up to this date. She stated that she will most likely attend future meetings until she has a better understanding of the future plans of MSD in the Whitely neighborhood. Ms. Hill thanked the board for the opportunity to speak and for their time. Mr. Leach stated that the Board will take a look at the packet and provide a response from the District Administrator once the Board comes to a general consensus. He stated that he believes these are all answerable questions.

**Adjourn:** Mr. Leach stated our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in the City Hall Auditorium. Mr. Leach stated he would accept a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting for February 22, 2023. Mr. Overton seconded the motion. The motion was approved (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



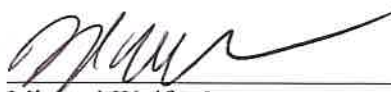
Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager

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

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Stephen Brand, President



Adam Leach, Vice President



Michael Wolfe, Secretary



David Smith, Board Member



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Tim Overton, Board Member