

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY July 16, 2024**

The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Highland convened in a study session immediately before the Regular Public Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 with Commissioner Garcia presiding, in the first floor meeting room of the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana, in order to discuss the final agenda of the regular meeting.

Silent Roll Call: Commissioners Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Greg Cieslak, Dave Jones and Richard Garcia. Also present were Mark Knesek, Public Works Director, Derek Snyder of NIES Engineering, Inc, Robert Tweedle, Attorney Alex Robertson, Councilman and Ed Dabrowski, IT director. Also present was George Smith and Larry Kondrat from the Highland Waterworks Board of Directors for the presentation from Standard Equipment regarding the joint purchase/lease of major equipment.

Mike O’Conner from Standard Equipment was present to discuss options to purchase/lease of a vactor combination sewer cleaner. A long discussion took place with the members of the sanitary district and the waterworks board.

Study Session ended at 7:20

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Highland convened immediately after the study session with Commissioner Garcia presiding, in the meeting room of the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. The Regular Public meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Roll Call: Commissioners John Bach-absent, Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Greg Cieslak, Dave Jones and Richard Garcia. Also present were Mark Knesek, Public Works Director, Derek Snyder of NIES Engineering, Inc., Robert Tweedle, Attorney and Alex Robertson and Ed Dabrowski, IT Director.

The minutes from the June 18, 2024 public meeting are approved.

Special Order: None

Communications: None

General Order and Unfinished Business:

1. Commissioner Cieslak made a motion to accept Pay Request no. 2 2024 CIPP Lining of Sanitary Sewer Project. Commissioner DeGuilio-Fox seconded. Upon roll-call vote, there were four (4) affirmative and no (0) negatives. The motion passes.

New Business: None

Reports: None

Comments from the Commissioners: None

Business from the floor: Barrington Parker, of 9410 Erie, with his neighbor Sonny of 9404 Erie, were present with a power point presentation to discuss a water issue he has on his property with the runoff of his neighbor’s property onto his and issues he has getting a quote from businesses to do any kind of landscaping. Mr. Gracia stated we don’t normally allow power points but since we have it we will allow it this one time. Mr. Parker showed how his property has been affected by the overflow of the neighbors run off and the easement. He stated a contractor did landscaping for neighbors at the time if the project and Mr. Parker has reached out to the contractor and many other contractors and can’t get any of them to give him a quote for landscaping. He just wants some resolution. It was explained to Mr. Parker that the town cannot force a contractor to give him a quote. Sonny stated the project that was done was a great help and is working great, he was one of the neighbors who had the contractor do the extra work on his property. Mr. Snyder explained the project that was done years ago to help with flooding issues in the area which is working as intended and some neighbors had taken extra steps at that time to help their properties with water drainage at their own expense. Mr. Parker stated he paid for the extra drainage and he would like his money back. Mr. Knesek stated Mr. Parker did not pay the town for that work and that work was done through a contractor the homeowners hired. Mr. Parker stated he knows what he wants to do to tie into the pipes and he wants to do the job himself. Mr. Snyder explained he would need to contact a qualified contractor to come up with plans to show the elevations and how they’re going to get there and present it to the town to be approved. This and the work would be paid for at Mr. Parkers expense. Mr. Parker asked if the town would come out and do that. Mr. Knesek again stated the property of Mr. Parker is able to tie into the pipes if plans are submitted and approved. However, a contractor has to come up with plans and it would be paid for at Mr. Parkers expense. Mr. Snyder again explained what needs to be done and presented. Mr. Parker stated “It sounds like I need a professional to do this.” Mr. Tweedle stated “Yes. A professional will know what needs to be done and present. And it would all be at your expense. The town won’t do any work or pay for it.” Mr. Parker stated he understood and was grateful for the commissioner’s time and explanations. Commissioner Jones told Mr. Parker he could contact the building department for a list of contractors registered with the town. Mr. Parker and Sonny then left the meeting.

Claims:	3308	SAN DIST SD = B & INT – EXEM	\$631,762.50
	6201	SEWAGE OPERATING	\$471,410.85
	6204	SEWAGE IMPOV	\$784,319.82
	6205	WASTE WATER CONSTRUCTION	\$256,923.20
	6206	SEWAGE CASH RESERVE	\$362,742.77
	6601	SANITARY OPERATION	\$201,900.90
		Total	\$2,709,060.04

Commissioner Jones motioned to approve the docket. Commissioner DeGuilio-Fox seconded. Upon a roll call, there were four (4) affirmatives and no (0) negatives. The motion passes.

Next Meeting: The next study session will take place August 6, 2024. The next regularly scheduled Public Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 20, 2024, immediately following a study session at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no other business to come before the Board of Sanitation Commissioners, Commissioner Cieslak moved to adjourn. Upon a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59

The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Highland reconvened in study session immediately after the Public Meeting.

Silent Roll Call: Commissioners Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Greg Cieslak, Dave Jones and Richard Garcia. Also present were Mark Knesek, Public Works Director, Derek Snyder of NIES Engineering, Inc, Robert Tweedle, Attorney and Alex Robertson, Councilman.

Ed Dabrowski stated that a phone call was transferred to him and the person on the phone presented himself as a contractor for the town and wanted a projector and need it for this meeting. He was misled and apologized for allowing the power point without checking with someone.

Mr. Snyder spoke about the docket.

Mr. Knesek stated there was a force main break today.

Mr. Tweedle updated the commissioner on HDS.

Discussion took place regarding the Vac truck.

Discussion took place regarding 9410 Erie.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully Submitted, Denise Beck, Recording Secretary