

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY September 17, 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, September 17, 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, John Bach-absent, Greg Cieslak, Dave Jones and Richard Garcia. Also present were Mark Knesek, Public Works Director, Derek Snyder of NIES Engineering, Inc, Robert Tweedle and Alex Robertson, Council man.

Derek Snyder updated the commission on the sewer project.

Mark Knesek updated the commission on the sewer project and some information on how Griffith is doing also. A discussion followed.

Robert Tweedle updated the commission regarding the process in obtaining HSD complete first annual report pursuant to the First Amendment to the Sewer Collection and Treatment Agreement. He also provided updates pertaining to filing a petition to appeal storm water assessments and furnishing of data to the County Financial Accounting Department for the next round of storm water billings. A discussion took place.

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, Councilman

The minutes from the August 20, 2024 public meeting are approved.

Special Order: None

Communications: None

General Order and Unfinished Business:

1. Commissioner Cieslak made a motion to accept the Pay Request No. 7 Sanitary Sewer Overflow Remedial Project Phase 1- Division A in the amount of \$1,218,775.90. Commissioner DeGuilio-Fox seconded. Upon roll-call vote, there were four (4) affirmative and no (0) negatives. The motion passes.

New Business:

Business from the floor: Resident Isam Haddadin of 2929 & 2953 45th St. was present to discuss the storm water fees and improvements he had made to his property years ago. After Mr. Haddadin explained the situation, he was told that the time he was making the improvement was the time to seek any reimbursement from the town. There will be no reimbursement given at this time. It cannot be done years later. Also, if he had questions about the property classification code he would need to go to the County. The way the Town determines the storm water fee is the property classification codes we receive from the County. The Town of Highland has no control over the property code. Mr.

Reports: None

Comments from the Commissioners: None

Claims:	6201	SEWAGE OPERATING	\$375,066.41
	6204	SEWAGE IMPOV	\$ 44,853.80
	6205	WASTE WATER CONSTRUCTION	\$1,217,373.57
	6206	SEWAGE CASH RESERVE	\$362,742.77
	<u>6601</u>	<u>SANITARY OPERATION</u>	<u>\$200,954.99</u>
		Total	\$2,200,991.54

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 October 1, 2024 in the parking lot off Parrish and North to look at the progression of the Sanitary project. The next regularly scheduled Public Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 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 7:58.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully Submitted, Denise Beck, Recording Secretary