

BOARD OF SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022, 4:00 P.M. 100 E. MICHIGAN BOULEVARD

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by President Tim Smith. Commissioners present of the meeting were Tim Smith, Holt L. Edinger, Tim Werner and Chris Yagelski.

Staff present for the meeting were:

Milorad Milatovic, General Manager

Scott Kistler, Financial Manager

Rachel McCline, Personnel Assistant

James B. Meyer, Legal Counsel

Also present for the meeting were:

Carter Elenz, Town of Long Beach Resident

Annie Malone

Susan Dziak, Town of Long Beach Resident

Michelle Stevenson, Town of Long Beach Resident

Tom Stevenson, Town of Long Beach Resident

Bob Roule, Town of Long Beach Resident

Tim Arendt, Town of Long Beach Resident

Jim Maurer, Haas & Associates

Karl Cender, Cender-Dalton

Eric Cender, Cender-Dalton

Robert Boyce

Don Przybylinski, City of Michigan City Councilman

Minutes

Mr. Edinger made a motion to approve the June 2, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes – seconded by Mr. Yagelski. There being no question or comment on the matter, the motion carried 4 – 0 in favor.

Public Comment

Bob Roule, 2901 Lake Shore Drive, asked if the Board had a chance to review the Bid presented by Woodruff & Sons, Inc. for the proposed Lake Shore Drive Sewer Project. Mr. Smith replied yes. Mr. Roule noted that over 50% of the property owners in the Town of Long Beach are not residents of Indiana. Mr. Roule added that those residents are unable to vote for the Town of Long Beach Council Members. Mr. Roule advised that the bylaws of the Town of Long Beach do not allow the removal of any officers no matter what malefices of practice. Mr. Roule recommended that the scope of the project be revisited, providing full representation for the residents of Long Beach.

Carter Elenz, 2721 Lakeshore Drive, expressed that there is no evidence that septic tanks on Lake Shore Drive are causing pollution in Lake Michigan. Mr. Elenz advised that the

September 2020 Public Hearing indicated that only lakeside homeowners with failed septic tanks would need to tie into the proposed sanitary sewer.

Susan Dziak, 2537 Lake Shore Drive, advised that there is no indication of environmental pollution to Lake Michigan due to the septic tanks on Lake Shore Drive. Ms. Dziak added that the Lake Michigan water levels are low and are no threat to the existing seawalls. Ms. Dziak expressed that it is discriminating to single out Lake Shore Drive residents to tie into the proposed sanitary sewer. Ms. Dziak noted that it would be more feasible to make the necessary repairs to the residencies with failed septic systems.

Tim Arendt, 1703 Lake Shore Drive, expressed that the Town of Long Beach is not utilizing the entire design that Haas & Associates, LLC presented. Mr. Arendt explained that the Town of Long Beach Council left him with the impression that the Sanitary District of Michigan City would be overseeing the project moving forward. Mr. Arendt noted that he would like to see this proposed project made more equitable for the entire Town of Long Beach. Mr. Arendt recommended that the Board table all resolutions pertaining to the proposed Town of Long Beach Sewer Project.

Tom Stevenson, 2515 Lake Shore Drive, also recommended that the Board table all resolutions pertaining to the proposed Town of Long Beach Sewer Project. Mr. Stevenson expressed that the Town of Long Beach Council was not transparent about the proposed project.

Jim Maurer, Engineer for Haas & Associates, LLC presented a map explaining the sewer flow and capacities of the proposed project.

Don Przybylinski, City of Michigan City Council asked if there is a cost estimate to sewer the entire Town of Long Beach. Mr. Maurer stated that installing sanitary sewer for the entire Town of Long Beach has not been considered.

Attorney Meyer explained that the Indiana Finance Authority has advised that the amount of the Bond and the Capital Charge will be significantly reduced.

Karl Cender, Cender-Dalton advised that the original rate was in the amount of \$248.00 without the 2,000,000.00 Grant. Mr. Cender explained that the rate was announced at the May 2022 Public Hearing. Mr. Cender added that Cender-Dalton is proposing to close the loan for \$10,173,000.00, cutting the rate down to \$177.45. Mr. Cender noted that after the initial 20 years, the Capital Charge should decrease. Mr. Cender also noted that the interest rate on the loan would be 2%.

Mr. Cender advised that the Grant indicates that everyone on Lake Shore Drive will be required to connect to the proposed sanitary sewer within the first five (5) years after closing of the loan.

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Attorney Meyer asked what the deadline was for accessing the SRF Loan and the \$2,000,000.00 benefit. Mr. Cender stated that the Indiana Finance Company's deadline to close the loan is the end of July 2022.

Mr. Werner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1454-22 approving the Rates for the Town of Long Beach – seconded by Mr. Edinger. There being no further question or comment on the matter, the motion carried 4 – 0 in favor.

Mr. Edinger made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1456-22 approving the Bond and BAN Resolution – seconded by Mr. Werner. There being no further question or comment on the matter, the motion carried 4 – 0 in favor.

Mr. Yagelski made a motion to adjourn the meeting – seconded by Mr. Werner. There being no question or comment on the matter, the motion carried 4 – 0 in favor.

Next Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting – **Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – 1100 E. Eighth Street at 4:00 P.M.**



Holt L. Edinger, Secretary