

**Minutes**  
**Board Meeting of September 22, 2009**

THE BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS met in the auditorium, first floor of City Hall in Muncie, Indiana.

Board members present were: Tom Bennington, Steven D. Murphy, and Teresa L. Ford.

Department managers and staff present were: Peter Drumm, Legal Counsel; Barbara Smith, District Administrator; Steve Ballman, Sewer Maintenance; Tammy Branson, Sanitation.

Also present were: Ron Groves, AdGrafix and Tommy Loser, Indiana Films; Dave Batio, J & W Construction; Paul Funkhouser, York Construction; Roger Carver, Carver Construction; Joe McCormick, RCM Excavating; Jason Bynum, Rhino; Terry Frost, Northern Equipment; Jeff Brooks, Best Equipment.

Citizens present: Conrad Urban, 811 South Silverwood Road, Muncie, IN 47302; Susie Kemp, 1501 North Stockport Drive, Muncie, IN 47304; John Newby, 15691 West 100 North, Anderson, IN 46012.

Mr. Bennington called the meeting to order. Mr. Bennington asked everyone to turn off cell phones and pagers or put them on vibrate. Mr. Bennington said if anyone needed to speak to the Board to come forward to the podium and speak into the microphone. Mr. Bennington noted for the record the attendance of Sanitary Board members, Vice-President Steven Murphy, Secretary Teresa Ford, himself, Attorney Peter Drumm, and District Administrator Barbara Smith.

Mr. Bennington announced the first item of business as consideration of minutes from the September 8th Board meeting. Ms. Ford moved to approve the minutes as submitted for September 8, 2009. Mr. Murphy seconded. Mr. Bennington asked if there was any discussion. There was none. The motion was approved (3-0).

Mr. Bennington announced consideration of the Register of Claims. Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Register of Claims in the amount of \$417,689.02. Ms. Ford seconded. Mr. Bennington asked if there was any discussion from the Board or the audience. There was none. The motion was approved (3-0).

Under new business, Mr. Bennington announced the opening of bids for Project 5-2009 SA, 20th Street and Grant Street Sanitary Sewer. Barbara Smith, District Administrator, said she would open and announce the bids, as John Anderson of the Engineering Department was unable to be at that evening's meeting. Mr. Bennington asked Ms. Smith to open the bids and give them to Mr. Drumm who would check for legal completeness,

following which, the bids would be taken under advisement. Ms. Smith opened and announced the bids in alphabetical order as follows: Carver Construction, Gaston, Indiana bid \$84,500.00; Culy Construction, Winchester, Indiana bid \$115,721.00; Harvey Construction, Noblesville, Indiana bid \$79,932.00; J. G. Case Construction, Muncie, Indiana bid \$121,000.00; J & W Construction, Muncie, Indiana bid \$145,000.00; RCM Excavating, Gaston, Indiana bid \$80,495.00; Rhino Construction, Anderson, Indiana bid \$76,774.00; 3-D Construction, Muncie, Indiana bid \$128,930.00; Watson Excavating, Redkey, Indiana bid \$78,220.00; Yarberry Landscape, Anderson, Indiana bid \$148,200.00; York Construction, Muncie, Indiana bid \$89,697.46. Ms. Smith asked Mr. Drumm to review the bids and the Board take the bids under advisement. Mr. Murphy moved to take the bids under advisement. Ms. Ford seconded. Mr. Bennington asked if there was any discussion and if anyone from the public wished to speak concerning the bids. There were no comments. The motion was approved (3-0).

Mr. Bennington announced the next item of business as the bid opening for Street Sweepers. Steve Ballman, Superintendent of Sewer Maintenance, opened and announced the bids as follows: Northern Equipment Company bid \$148,500.00 and Best Equipment bid \$214,995.00. Mr. Ballman asked the Board to take the bids under advisement for Peter Drumm to review and for the bid to be awarded at the next Board meeting. Mr. Murphy moved to take the bids under advisement. Ms. Ford seconded. Mr. Bennington asked if there was any discussion and if anyone from the public wished to speak. There were no comments. The motion was approved (3-0).

Mr. Bennington announced the next item of business as public comments. Conrad Urban, 811 South Silverwood Road, said he had not heard any discussion or seen anything in the paper concerning alley trucks. Mr. Urban asked if that search was still ongoing or if it was a dead issue. Mr. Bennington said the search for alley trucks is not a dead issue; that the search is ongoing. Mr. Bennington said Bobby Smith was currently at a conference and looks for alley trucks each time he attends such events. Mr. Urban asked if anything proactive was being done in addition to just waiting for conferences and if anyone was sending out for information from manufacturers. Mr. Bennington said all of the vendors go to the conferences along with their equipment for display and attending those conferences was the most efficient way to finally get to where the District would want to be. Mr. Urban said he suggested contacting someone to fabricate or build something special for alley pickup since the District was not able to find something ready-made. Mr. Bennington said in his opinion that would not be an effective option because the trash pickup truck is a fairly technical piece of equipment.

Mr. Urban asked what sewer work was being conducted on White River Boulevard between Jackson and Main Streets. Steve Ballman said Sewer Maintenance was in that area working on manholes preparing for the cleaning and tele viewing of the White River Interceptor through the flood levy. Mr. Ballman said this work was required for the new certification of the levy. Mr. Bennington asked how long the project would take. Mr.

Ballman said the project is estimated to take approximately 90 days. Mr. Ballman said it is a monumental project that needs to be done. Mr. Ballman said the only area that is planned for closing will be the Washington Street Bridge. Mr. Ballman said the Jackson Street Bridge and the other major bridges would remain open.

John Newby, 15691 West 100 North, Anderson, IN 46012, referenced an article written by Larry Riley, which discussed possible problems with the Plant on I 69 and 332. Mr. Newby said he was concerned as a resident downstream from that area. Mr. Newby asked who has jurisdiction and if it is being properly monitored for discharge, contamination, and so forth. Mr. Bennington said his understanding was that the bank owns that property. Mr. Bennington said he has had been approached by and had some discussion with the Town of Yorktown and Delaware County Regional Wastewater District about that Plant. Mr. Bennington said Muncie Sanitary District is not interested in taking it over, that it is well outside the District. Mr. Bennington said if the Plant was not being monitored it would be an issue for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Susie Kemp, 1501 North Stockport Road, Muncie, said she had a problem with trying to determine how much she owed for her sewage bill. Ms. Kemp said every time she called the Sanitary department they could never tell her what the balance owed was because the previous owner split the lot and the sewage bill kept going to a neighbor that did not live there. Ms. Kemp said it just cost her \$400.00 to pay a \$68.00 water bill. Ms. Kemp said she was wondering if a process could be made so that the Sewage department could tell her what her sewage bill is when she calls. Mr. Bennington asked if Ms. Kemp's property was on a water meter or a well. Ms. Kemp said she has a well. Ms. Kemp said she gets her bill and when she calls she is told she owes \$200.00 and she ends up going to the Treasurer's office and now her bill had gone to an attorney and it was a very expensive venture. Ms. Kemp said if she just knew what she owed, she would pay it on time. Mr. Bennington asked if her bill comes from the Muncie Sanitary District since part of Stockport Road had been annexed by Yorktown. Ms. Kemp said it does. Ms. Kemp said something is wrong with the process. Mr. Bennington told Ms. Kemp to give all of her information to Barbara Smith, District Administrator, and Ms. Smith would solve her problem. Ms. Kemp said when she did go to pay her utility bill at the attorney's office; she found that it was not handicapped accessible. Ms. Kemp said there was no elevator in that building and she had to go up quite a steep set of stairs. Ms. Kemp said a handicapped person would have problems getting to the attorney's office. Mr. Bennington thanked Ms. Kemp for her comments.

Mr. Bennington asked if there was any other discussion from the public. There were no comments. Mr. Bennington declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Mr. Bennington announced the next meeting as October 6, 2009, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dana Young, Utility Billing

Approved by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners  
Muncie Sanitary District

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Tom Bennington, President

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Steven D. Murphy, Vice President

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Teresa L. Ford, Secretary