

PUBLIC HEARING
June 30, 2021

THE BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS conducted a public hearing previously scheduled and advertised in the Muncie Star Press.

Board members present; Stephen Brand, Board President; Brian Stephens-Hotopp, Board Vice President, Joseph Evans, Board Secretary; Tonya Brothers-Bridge, Board Member and David Smith, Board Member.

Department managers and staff present; Mark McKinney, Legal Counsel; John Barlow, District Administrator; Deana Cox, Financial/Billing Manager; John Anderson, District Engineer; Jason Ingram, WPCF Superintendent; Phil Reagon, Sanitation Superintendent; Jason Donati, Recycling/Stormwater Educator and Megan Huff, Executive Office Manager.

Public: Rick Yencer, 3100 N Co Road 500 W., Muncie, IN.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing Topic: *Declaratory Resolution Regarding the Solar Energy Project*

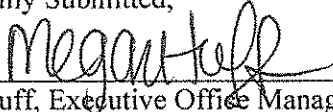
Mr. Brand introduced Mr. Stephens-Hotopp to speak about the Declaratory Resolution. Mr. Stephens-Hotopp said at the previous meeting we passed a Declaratory Resolution describing the intent of MSD to finance up to 4.7 million dollars towards solar infrastructure improvements, sustainability, and energy independence. He said there is a long-term savings anticipated with these improvements, but as with any financing the District does there should be a hearing to provide the public a place to make comments. Mr. Brand said anyone who wish to make a public comment should approach the podium and will be given 3 minutes to state their name, address, and any comments.

Public Comments: Rick Yencer, 3100 N 500 W, Muncie, IN; said he is a former newsman and author. He said he was told about a month ago that the District was undertaking a solar energy project, but there had not been a lot of information put out. Mr. Yencer said the Board owes it to the taxpayers to share who is going to pay for this, how long we are going to pay for this and what the impact is going to be on utility rates and property taxes. He said he has noticed over the last year governments and schools have basically ignored the public that was locked down and they continue to spend money with very little information given about the so-called projects. Mr. Yencer said he still gets blowback about the new Sanitation building. He said about a half century ago he knew of the District and their sewer gate problems as well as the kickbacks of millions on the old northside sewer which makes today's fraud look like a nickel and dime operation. Mr. Yencer said anything that the Board can do to tell the public what is going on, where it is, and the cost would be greatly appreciated. He said he would hope this Declaratory Resolution is made public because he asked a few people this morning and they did not have a clue.

There were no further comments.

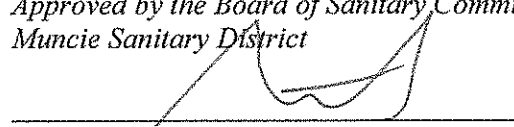
Adjourn: Mr. Stephens-Hotopp moved to adjourn the Public Hearing and open the regularly scheduled Muncie Sanitary District Board Meeting. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Megan Huff, Executive Office Manager

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


Stephen Brand, President
Joseph Evans, Secretary
Tonya Brothers-Bridge, Board Member
Brian Stephens-Hotopp, Vice President
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