

Board Minutes for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners Meeting of January 11, 2023

THE BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS conducted a regularly scheduled meeting.

Board members present; Stephen Brand, President; Adam Leach, Vice President; Michael Wolfe, Secretary; David Smith, Board Member; and Tim Overton, Board Member.

Department managers and staff present; John Barlow, District Administrator; Drew Hall, Legal Counsel; Deana Cox, Financial Manager; Tim Stover, IT Administrator; John Anderson, District Engineer; Jason Donati, Stormwater Educator; Harvey Wright, Sewer Maintenance Superintendent; Thom Noble, Engineering Director; Phil Reagon, Sanitation Superintendent; Melanie Lanich, Health Insurance; Jason Ingram, Plant Superintendent; Rick Conrad, BWQ Director; and Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager.

Public present: None.

Election of Officers: Mr. Brand invited Mayor Dan Ridenour to introduce to two new appointments. Mayor Ridenour stated that there are two new appointments to make a five-member board that is politically balanced, Tim Overton (Republican) and Michael Wolfe (Democrat). He thanked the members for serving and thinks they will be a great addition to the Muncie Sanitary District.

Michael Wolfe introduced himself. He has been a local executive of a local software company in Muncie for about 28 years. His background is predominately in the technological side of things in software and in federal, state, and local government complex projects. He offers skill in project management and budgeting with complex government projects. He stated that he is happy to have been asked to serve and happy to serve on the board.

Tim Overton introduced himself. He stated he has lived in Muncie since 2008 and looks forward to helping the customers receive good services. He stated his appreciation to Mr. Barlow and the board welcoming him. He stated that he will abstain from votes for the meeting.

Mr. Brand entertained a motion to entertain a slate of officers. Mr. Leach made a motion for the election of a slate of officers. He stated President he would recommend Mr. Stephen Brand, for Vice President Mr. Adam Leach, for Secretary Mr. Michael Wolfe. Mr. Smith provide second. Motion passed (3-0). Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Overton abstained.

Consideration of Minutes: Mr. Brand entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Smith moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as submitted for the meeting of December 14, 2022. Mr. Leach seconded the motion. The motion was passed (3-0). Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Overton abstained.

Consideration of Claims: Mr. Brand entertained a motion to consider the register of claims totaling \$7,064,273.90. Mr. Leach stated a claim on page 15 of 19 for a roofing project out at Sewer Maintenance, to replace some sheet metal that was heavily deteriorated. He stated on the same page Engineering has a claim for a 2022 Chevy Silverado, a C6500 dump truck. Mr. Leach stated that this was budgeted for with the addition to construction crew, they have some new people so new equipment is needed. He stated the 20th and Mock project that was a bid we awarded for \$285,893.25. Mr. Leach stated the Vicki Lane stormwater project, another awarded project for \$30,767.40. He stated the Bowen on call stormwater work for \$245,758.50. Mr. Leach thought this was for the Greenway project beginning to be finished. Mr. Leach moved to approve the consideration of claims. Mr. Smith provided second. Motion passed (3-0). Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Overton abstained.

District Administrator Update – John Barlow. Mr. Barlow stated a welcome to Tim Overton and Michael Wolfe. He stated that we are still working on the long-term control plan update to present to IDEM, the latest version has been submitted. Mr. Barlow stated there will be a virtual meeting to discuss. He stated the recycling program is still in the works. Mr. Barlow stated that is for the grant received to move forward with a change from the blue bag system to a blue toter system, working with Phil Reagon and Jason Donati. He stated the hope is to launch in spring. Mr. Barlow stated on Christmas Eve morning the Sanitation facility had a water line rupture. He stated this came about directly relating to the 35 below with windchill temperatures. Mr. Barlow thanked Phil Reagon and his staff being out there to identify and mitigate the water line rupture. He stated that the damage seems to be minimal. Mr. Barlow stated there is another meeting scheduled with the Army Cor of Engineers regarding the cutoff levee. He stated there is a 60% plan submitted and the discussion is to review that and their process. Mr. Barlow stated this is on the east side of Muncie near the east Jackson Street bridge and Phillips pool. Mr. Leach asked for clarification on the long-term control plan and why we have to do it. Mr. Barlow stated that the long-term control plan is like every other CSO (combined sewer overflow) community in the state. He stated that most communities of any size have CSO's and back in the 1990s EPA mandated IDEM to mandate the communities to either eliminate the CSO's or reduce the events per year. Mr. Barlow stated there was plan for full separation in 2011 and after looking at it, it was discovered that it is financially impossible for the City of Muncie and not environmentally responsible to have full separation for White River. He stated that for serval years we have been working to create a plan that has partial separation and minimal event overflows. Mr. Barlow stated that IDEM is understanding of the concept on a financial and environmentally. He stated that IDEM requires a particular format that they can sign off on.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2023-01 Amendment to Salary Resolution for 2023. Mr. Barlow stated that the 2023 Salary Resolution was passed in November of 2022. He stated that one item was left out for working foreman as part of the differential pay. Mr. Barlow stated for some reason it was omitted from the approved ordinance and all this does is puts it back in. He stated the rates did not change, it is for a working foreman of a range \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hour. Mr. Barlow stated he is asking the board to approve its reinstatement to the currently salary resolution. Mr. Brand entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 as submitted. Mr. Leach moved to approve. Mr. Smith provided second. Motion passed (3-0). Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Overton abstained.

Additional Board Topics:

1. Mr. Leach stated he is looking forward to another great year with the Sanitary District. He stated that last year was a great year for the Sanitary District, we did a lot of work around the city, for the city, and with the city. Mr. Leach stated things are continuously improving. He stated we had some hiccups, minor IT problems that are under control and we are looking at new programs. Mr. Leach stated the Sanitation side is becoming a leader in the state, hopefully we will be a leader in country. He stated that he is excited for the improvements out at Engineering with Thom Noble as Director and John Anderson as District Engineer. Mr. Leach stated that all department heads do a good job. He stated he appreciates all that everyone does for us and is happy to have given everyone their 4% raise. Mr. Leach congratulated Miss. Margaret Bales (Maggie) she graduated with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. He stated that anyone who has met Maggie knows that she is very bright and very confident. Mr. Leach stated that he is happy that she continues to work and does an excellent job.

2. Mr. Smith stated congratulations to Maggie. He stated a thank you to all the employees last year and all the great work they did. Mr. Smith is looking forward to another great year.

3. Mr. Brand stated congratulations and thanked everyone for the great work they did in 2022.

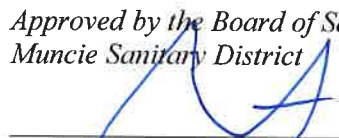
Public Comments: None.

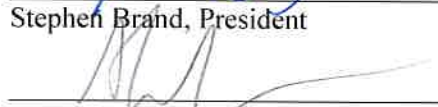
Adjourn: Mr. Brand stated our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in the City Hall Auditorium. Mr. Brand stated she would accept a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting for January 11, 2023. Mr. Leach seconded the motion. The motion was approved (3-0). Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Overton abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager

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


Stephen Brand, President


Adam Leach, Vice President


Tim Overton, Board Member


Michael Wolfe, Secretary


David Smith, Board Member