

**Burns Harbor Sanitary Board**  
Minutes of Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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The Burns Harbor Sanitary Board met in regular session Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at the Burns Harbor Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Jennifer McHargue at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:**

Jennifer McHargue..... Present  
Jim Constantine ..... Present  
Vacant Seat

A quorum was attained.

Also present were Superintendent William Arney, Engineer Jeanette Hicks of Global Engineering and Land Surveying, LLC, Attorney Clay Patton of Patton Law, LLC, and Deputy Clerk Corinne Peffers.

Larry Fabina of Cleveland-Cliffs Burns Harbor was in attendance.

**Reorganization**

Jennifer McHargue is now the Chair of the Sanitary Board in accordance with Indiana Code 36-9-23-4 since she is currently serving as Town Council President. We are still in need of a registered professional engineer to serve as a board member.

**Approval of Minutes**

Constantine made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 16, 2022. McHargue seconded the motion. Jim Constantine — yes. Jennifer McHargue — yes. Motion passed.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Sanitary Report**

The board reviewed the report. Arney said he has nothing additional to add and there were no questions.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

Fabina said everything is running well. He suggested that Cleveland-Cliffs send the board a monthly update, both from the operations side as well as from the environmental side. He will get contacts to take his spot as a participant for future meetings. He plans on attending the next board meeting with more information.

**Engineer Report**

No report.

**Old Business**

***Future Infrastructure***

Arney informed the board that there is a builder that would like to do a direct bore to an existing line for a home being constructed at 352 W North Boo Road. It's a unique situation, an ejector pump may be needed, and Arney will consult with Engineer Hicks.

***Flow Reporting/SCADATA Issues***

Constantine asked about callouts to lift stations and Arney said there were numerous power outages. He also asked about missing flow data reports. Arney said we have good cellular connections, but the way that data transmits through cellular, it stopped communicating with the system that they installed. They switched from Verizon to T-Mobile to see if that worked and that's where they had to get it up and going and they finally got it going. Hopefully it will continue to work. I learned that there are differences in transmission of data versus a regular cell phone. There is a different "bank" that transmits data. It still drops signal here and there but not enough for us to lose data. We are receiving data now.

Constantine said we just went to that system about a year ago because it was supposed to be so state-of-the-art.

Arney said I think what happened, was during that time, everyone went to 5G and it has messed with data ports. They weren't set up for dual banding. It sounds like it's something to do with the 4G to 5G communication that messed things up.

Constantine said if it keeps happening, can we go and physically collect the data. Arney said we can get them if we catch them, but we have to be on spot to do them. It doesn't store them.

Arney explained that we go to the lift stations to get pump readings twice weekly, but flow data is collected electronically. We used to never receive flow data, it was always just pump hours. When we went to the telemetry so we could collect flow data to report to the plant, we installed telemetry at Lift Station #2 and then at #5. We are receiving data again, the problem is, what we had before wasn't perfect, the phone lines went down and the radio lines we lost, so the cellular was supposed to be better. It is, but unfortunately, we have experienced issues. It's up and going and hopefully they have it figured out. We haven't been charged for fixing any of the issues.

### **New Business**

#### ***Global Engineering Professional Services Agreement***

Constantine made a motion to approve the Global Engineering Professional Services Agreement for 2023. McHargue seconded the motion. Jim Constantine — yes. Jennifer McHargue — yes. Motion passed.

#### ***Approval of Claims with two (2) or more signatures***

Constantine made a motion to approve the claims with two (2) or more signatures. McHargue seconded the motion. Jim Constantine — yes. Jennifer McHargue — yes. Motion passed.

#### ***Approval of Purchase Orders***

None.

#### ***Spending Review***

The board reviewed the report and there were no questions.

#### ***Delinquencies***

The board reviewed the report. Constantine asked if we really had five or six water shut-offs. Peffers said that is typical for shut-offs every other month.

#### ***Flow Report***

The board reviewed the report. Scadata issues were discussed earlier in the meeting.

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#### ***Professional Engineer***

Constantine asked if we found out whether we can get a registered professional engineer from the steel mill to fill the third board seat.

Fabina said they haven't found one.

Constantine said it makes no sense. We hire an engineering firm and the state wants us to have one on the board regardless of whether it's a six square mile town, or a big city. It is what it is, I guess.

Fabina said an engineer isn't a problem, but finding a registered professional engineer is.

Constantine asked what's going to determine a legitimate meeting if there's only two of us?

Attorney Patton explained that a quorum is obtained with two of the three board members in attendance. He explained the state statute requirements again to Constantine.

#### ***Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair at Burns Harbor Street Department***

Peffers informed the board that the sanitary sewer lateral at the Street Department Building, 310 Navajo Trail, was damaged in the course of fiber line boring contracted by the Town of Burns Harbor to connect the municipal buildings together. The lateral was not located and marked. Normally someone would have to pay \$100 for a locate fee and \$100 for an inspection fee for a sanitary sewer repair permit, but since this is a Town project, we ask that the total fee of \$200 be waived.

Constantine made a motion to waive the \$200 in fees for the sanitary sewer lateral repair permit at 310 Navajo Trail. McHargue seconded the motion. Jim Constantine — yes. Jennifer McHargue — yes. Motion passed.

### **Announcements**

Arney said that we didn't have a meeting last month, but I registered myself and Adam Friday for the WWETT Conference in Indianapolis February 20 – 23, 2023. The registration for both of us

is \$145 each for the class and the hotel and lodging for four nights is a total of \$828. I'll have a purchase order ready for the next meeting. The board said they should attend the conference.

Constantine asked what happens if there are callouts while they are away at the conference and Arney said the Street Department employees will respond. The dialers will call me and then I will call Street Superintendent Rob Wesley.

Constantine asked Arney if the trailer is complete. Arney said it's done, we were working on some final stuff today. We are trying to find an oblong roller bar that we could cut through the back door so when the camera is out the door it can still roll. We are looking for that and we also have to find a floor heater to keep in there. Other than that, it is done.

Constantine said he would like to see it when the weather is nicer. It's a good purchase.

The next meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. on February 15, 2023.

**Adjourn**

Constantine made a motion to adjourn. McHargue seconded the motion. Jim Constantine — yes. Jennifer McHargue — yes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Corinne Peffers, Secretary

**APPROVED February 14, 2023**

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Jennifer McHargue, Chair

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Corinne Peffers, Secretary