

**Lake in the Hills Sanitary District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2022**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

The regular meeting was called to order by President Hansen at 7:00pm at the Sanitary District offices located at 515 Plum Street. Roll call was answered by President Eric Hansen and Trustee Jessica Reed. Trustee Russ Ruzanski attended the meeting remotely, and therefore, will not be voting on any items. The meeting will proceed as there is a quorum physically present.

Also in attendance were District Manager Tamara Mueller, Assistant District Manager Mike Nelson, District Engineer Peter Kolb of Applied Technologies, District Attorney Ann Williams of Storino, Ramello & Durkin and District Treasurer/Clerk Karen Thompson.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Trustee Reed and seconded by President Hansen to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 16, 2021 as presented. On a roll call vote, President Hansen and Trustee Reed voted aye.

Public Comments:

None.

Consent Agenda:

None.

Specific Agenda:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

District Treasurer presented final written copies of the December 2021 Treasurer's reports and provided a verbal summary of some of the receipts and expenses.

Motion was made by President Hansen, seconded by Trustee Reed, to approve the December 2021 Treasurer's reports. On a roll call vote President Hansen and Trustee Reed voted aye.

Approval of Bills:

District Treasurer presented a list of bills for approval. She highlighted some of the bills that were atypical or higher than usual. She added that Vanguard Energy is a new provider for the District and their bill will replace the IGS Energy and Nicor Gas bills. She further added that the Constellation bills identified as "past due" are for invoices that we previously only partially paid as we were awaiting an explanation and resolution on some billing adjustments that were included on these invoices. These adjustments are all related to the issue where we were inaccurately charged municipal utility tax. We have finally received resolution as well as some additional credits and are ready to pay these invoices.

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Trustee Reed asked if we were charged late fees for these invoices. District Treasurer indicated that we will not be paying any late fees as we have been given credit for any that were assessed. Constellation gave us credit because they acknowledge that the delay in our payments was due to the fact that ComEd and Constellation were taking time to work through the explanation and make additional credit adjustments for payments they previously misapplied.

Motion was made by President Hansen and seconded by Trustee Reed to approve the List of Bills for payment totaling \$239,914.04 of which \$36,596.79 is from the Governmental Fund, \$166,632.62 is from the Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$35,184.63 is from the Construction Fund, and \$1,500.00 is from the Bond and Interest Fund.

The motion passed after a roll call vote; President Hansen and Trustee Reed voted aye.

Manager's Report:

District Manager presented a written copy of the December 2021 Manager's Report and provided a verbal summary.

There was one emergency call out in December and it was not the District's problem.

As referenced in the printed copy of the Manager's report the total suspended solids was higher than usual in December, however, we were still under our permit limit. The higher number is due to the fact that we had some issues with our sand filters and had higher precipitation than anticipated. Everything is now back to normal.

We have decided to postpone the preparation of a remote meeting ordinance until March when Trustee Ruzanski will be back and can participate in any discussion and voting.

The Trustees have received information about switching from PSN to First Billing as the third party payment services company for our residents. As noted, there is potential for savings by switching. If we decide to switch it will be at least a 2-4 month transition process.

Our draft permit was supposed to go out for public comment last week, however, that was delayed because the IEPA is waiting for the District to decide what option we want to take on a cyanide limit that is being placed on our new permit. This limit is being placed because one sample taken out of ten over the past five years came back with a result instead of a non-detect. We have three options with regard to this new limit. First, we can protest this one result as an outlier. Second, we can question the results from Suburban Labs. District Manager already reached out to the lab to see if the result could've been inaccurate. They confirmed that there was no lab or quality control error so that result was accurate. Third, we could leave it as is and test for cyanide weekly. District Manager believes we should go with the first option and she needs to do some additional research on how to do that. The Trustees concurred with that option.

Motion was made by President Hansen and seconded by Trustee Reed to approve the Manager's report. The motion passed after a roll call vote; President Hansen and Trustee Reed voted aye.

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Engineer's Report:

District Engineer Peter Kolb provided a written report and a verbal summary of some of the items that they are currently working on. These items are as follows:

- 1) Barium Discharge Limits – ATI has been making calculations of the levels of barium that are entering the treatment facility. These calculations are based on data they received from the Villages of Lake in the Hills and Huntley. These calculations prove that there is more barium coming into our facility than what our permit limit allows. The Village of Lake in the Hills has turned down their well that produces the highest concentrations of barium and that seems to be helping us. However, in the summer months they will have to turn that well back up. It was agreed that the District would investigate the use of additional aluminum sulfate (alum) to keep these levels under control. District Manager believes that the Villages should pay 100% for the cost to treat this barium because their discharge is the sole reason we are spending funds to meet our permit limit. Additionally, we are not certain we will be able to meet the limit no matter how much alum we use, especially in the summer months. Some additional discussion took place on this topic. District Attorney indicated that they could prepare an intergovernmental agreement if needed. This topic is still a work in progress.
- 2) Treatment Plant Pavement –ATI is working on drawings for reconstruction of the front entrance drive. They anticipate their final plans and specs will be completed by the end of this month. Bidding will be done in March with the project award expected in April 2022.
- 3) Holding Tank Refurbishment Project – There has been no movement on this yet, but District staff has the report with ATI's recommendations for repair and preliminary cost estimates.

Attorney's Report:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to bring before the Board, President Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Reed seconded. The motion passed after a verbal vote. All Board members who were present voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Thompson,
District Clerk

APPROVED this 24th day of February, 2022.



President Hansen