

MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
HAMMOND DEPARTMENT OF  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2024  
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The Board of Directors of the Hammond Department of Stormwater Management, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:04 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

Vice-President Dye called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

Commissioners Present: Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Commissioners Present via Zoom: N/A

Commissioners Absent: Dimopoulos, Rubio

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager  
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager  
Rachel Montes, Business Manager  
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney  
Jeffrey Massey, HSD  
Dan Zander, HSD  
Sharon Szany, HSD  
Bob Szczudlo, HSD  
Jack Smith, Sewer Department  
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD  
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY, LLC  
Natalie Cook, Donohue  
Jonathan Peterson, Munster Town Council

Others Present via Zoom: Councilman Alfonso Salinas III, Hammond City Council

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-President Dye stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the January 9, 2024 Storm Water Board Meeting Minutes.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the January, 2024 Storm Water Board Meeting Minutes.

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Ayes: Dye, Hawkins, Miller  
Nays: None  
Motion **carried** 3-0.

**HAMMOND BASEMENT BACKUP PROTECTION PROGRAM**

The Board received the Hammond Basement Backup Protection Program 2023 Annual Report.

Vice-President asked Attorney Allegretti if this is something they need to approve or if it is just an FYI.

Attorney Allegretti answered that this report is just for informational purposes. No action needs to be taken by the Board.

Commissioner Hawkins added that he thinks it is a darn shame that only nine residents of the City of Hammond actually wanted to help solve their basement backup problems. It is such a good-match program. Looking at most reimbursements, they were \$2000. He asked if that is the maximum amount for program.

Rachel replied that yes, it is. That amount was amended later in the year, so the lower ones--

Commissioner Hawkins said that the lower ones were \$1000 each. He thinks it is such a good deal for the people in the City of Hammond to get this \$2000 for the basement backup devices that range from \$2800-4300. It is a good deal and he thinks perhaps we need to be advertising or pushing it more because it is such a good deal.

Milan stated that during their staff meeting, they had discussed doing more advertising for it.

Vice-President Dye noted that he remembers when they increased the amount that there was also an option for low-income households through funds with Owana where they will cover the whole cost.

Owana explained that she has a meeting tomorrow in the Mayor's office to discuss that portion of the program. She did say that as of now, they are getting the resident names, phone numbers and addresses, but she is wondering if the districts that they are in could also be included.

Rachel said she will let Katie know to include that.

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**Vice-President Dye called for Old Business**

There was not any old business.

**Vice-President Dye called for New Business**

There was not any new business.

**Vice-President Dye called for Reports from Directors**

There were no reports from Directors.

**Vice-President Dye called for Public Expression**

There was not any public expression.

Commissioner Hawkins said that he would like to add something because he does see one person from the public here that the Storm Water Management is fully funded by the City of Hammond and it is for the residents of the City of Hammond which is separate from HSD.

**Vice-President Dye called for a motion to adjourn the meeting**

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

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Sam Dimopoulos, President

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Michael Dye, Vice-President

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Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member

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Owana Miller, Member

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Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rachel Montes, Secretary  
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle