Mr. Fulton called the meeting of the Hobart Sanitary District to order at 3:01 p.m. Members in attendance: Mr. Robert Fulton, Mr. Jim Mandon, Mr. Joe Broadaway and Mr. Phil Gralik, City Engineer. Also in attendance: Mr. Ben Kutscheid, Ratio, Mr. Jared Huss, Lawson-Fisher, Mr. Tim Kingsland, Mr. Phil Schoon, Mr. Ty Lawson, Mr. John Gourlay, Mr. Ryan Richardson, and Ms. Ma Lisa Cox, Recording Secretary. Board Members absent, Mr. Dave Hill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attorney Anthony DeBonis arrived at 3:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Gralik made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting May 13, 2015 and the minutes from the special Board meeting May 27, 2015, seconded by Mr. Broadaway. All aye, motion carried. (5/0)

Mrs. Deborah Longer, Clerk Treasurer, and Mr. Dave Lahey, BF&S, arrived at 3:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Gralik noted to the Board he would like to add under the City Engineer’s report change order #1, #2, and #3 for the Downtown Infrastructure project. Mr. Mandon made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Broadaway. (4/0)

1934 EAST RAND STREET:

Mr. Gourlay stated to the Board in 2012 sanitary staff installed a storm sewer in the easement near his property. He noted that he had his property surveyed by Krull and the property markers were removed when the work was being done. He noted he is asking the Board to have his property re-surveyed to have the property markers replaced. He went on to say he tried to contact Krull and at this time they were unavailable to produce the original contract. Mr. Gourlay stated the markers that were removed were on the east side of his property where he plans on installing a fence. Mr. Lawson confirmed there was a storm sewer installed in that area to assist in drainage along Shelby Street. Mr. Gralik stated he has received a quote from Krull to stake a right-of-way to removed trees on Lincoln in the amount of $450 and that would be approximately the cost to have the east side of Mr. Gourlay’s property re-staked. Mr. Mandon made a motion to authorize Mr. Gralik to hire a surveyor to re-stake the east side of the property at 1934 E Rand Street, seconded by Mr. Broadaway. All aye, motion carried. (4/0)

COUNTY LINE APPLE ORCHARD:

Mr. Ryan Richardson, County Line Apple Orchard, stated to the Board he would like to have an adjustment to the sewer bill for the orchard due to the water that is used for spraying and watering the apple trees. Mr. Richardson presented the Board with an estimated water usage
Mr. Richardson stated when the new barn was construction they had the property of the orchard connected to Indiana American Water. He noted that the water that is used for farming purposes does not go into the sanitary sewers and feels they should not be billed by water usage for farming. Mr. Mandon asked if he had contacted the water company to see if a separate meter can be installed to meter the water that is used for irrigation. Mr. Fulton stated there is a separate charge to have a meter installed. He also noted there are multiple buildings on the property and it needs to be reviewed to determine whether or not a monitoring meter needs to be installed to determine what is truly going into the sewer main. Mrs. Longer stated she will review how other commercial business and agricultural business are billed and will provide Mr. Fulton the information. Mr. Mandon noted to install a flow meter is very costly and can be inaccurate in the low flow season of the orchard and suggested Mr. Richardson contact the water company regarding the possibility of installing a separate meter for irrigation. Mr. Fulton stated he would like Mr. Gralik to review the orchards mechanics and work with the billing department to review the options on how the orchard is billed for the irrigation. He also noted Mr. Gralik will contact Mr. Richardson after his review.

**HSD BILLING SERVER:**

Mr. Gralik made a motion to take the discussion of the Waste Water Billing server off the table, seconded by Mr. Mandon. All aye, motion carried. (4/0)

Mrs. Longer stated to the Board at the May 2015 Board meeting the Board made a motion to purchase a new server for the Waste Water Billing office. She noted the server was purchased and was never installed at the billing office due to the server being incompatible with the current software. The server is now being used at City Hall by the Building Department, Engineering Department and Sanitary District. Mrs. Longer asked the Board for permission to purchase the server for billing and the cost will go to the departments that are using the server that was purchased by the Board last May. Mr. Broadaway made a motion to authorize Mrs. Longer to purchase a server for Waste Water billing in which the cost will be to the Engineering and Building Departments, seconded by Mr. Mandon. All aye, motion carried. (4/0)

**CITY ENGINEER UPDATE:**

Mr. Gralik stated to the Board the bids were received for the Low Pressure project and were reviewed by Lawson Fisher and Attorney DeBonis. He noted it was determined that Grimmer Construction was the lowest bidder in the amount of $444,581.20. At this time Mr. Gralik recommended to the Board to award the Low Pressure project to Grimmer Construction and recommends the Board President execute the contract. Mr. Gralik stated Grimmer will start the project on Cleveland Avenue first. Attorney DeBonis presented Resolution 2015-06 awarding the project to Grimmer Construction. Mr. Mandon made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-06 awarding the Low Pressure project to Grimmer Construction in the amount of $444,581.20, seconded by Mr. Broadaway. All aye, motion carried. (4/0)

Mr. Fulton stated a public meeting with residents needs to be scheduled prior to start of the Low Pressure project.

Mr. Gralik stated to the Board there needs to be an amendment to the Weaver contract for the design of the Union Street Stormwater project. He presented to the Board a handout of the report from May 21 regarding engineering options. He went on to say there were five different
concepts for the project. Mr. Gralik stated he had reviewed all designs and narrowed it to two options. He noted he had a meeting with Mr. Dubach, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Fulton to discuss the two options and it was determined there was a concern of tying into the existing pipe along the bike trail due to it is in bad shape. Mr. Gralik recommended concept number two, which will change the scope of the original plan by dividing Union Street into two storm sewers, one flowing north and one flowing south to the bike trail. He went on to say this plan will remove the pipe along the bike trail and create an open channel swale. The cost estimate for the original design was $519,915 which included phase three for future tie in for High and Shelby Street. He noted the cost for concept number two is $474,000. Mr. Gralik stated in the original contract with Weaver the survey of the bike trail was not included in their original contract for design. He noted the cost for the survey and additional engineering is $12,000 plus the geotechnical option for the soil boring, which will be done on a per boring basis in the amount of $6,000. Mr. Mandon made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract with Weaver for additional surveying in the amount of $12,000 and the geotechnical boring not to exceed $6,000, seconded by Mr. Broadaway. All aye, motion carried (4/0)

Mr. Gralik noted this will delay the bid opening until the first of August and may require a special meeting.

Mr. Gralik presented to the Board three change orders to the Board for the Downtown project. He noted change order #1 was to eliminate the factory ‘T’ and ‘Y’ connections into the pipe and to switch into an insert-a-tee connection, which would be a $23,000 credit. Change order #2 is to remove slag from the project since it is not allowed by City standards. There was a brief discussion regarding the use of slag and City standards. Mr. Gralik noted the Redevelopment Commission denied approval of change order #2 due to the original specifications referencing the City standards. He went on to say since the RDC denied the change order, the cost for the limestone would have to be paid by the District. Mr. Gralik stated there is a contingency of $150,000 in the contract and he will be meeting with Mr. Niec to discuss what option needs to be taken. Mr. Gralik stated change order #3 is for additional items that were asked for by Mrs. Kane for the street scape portion of the project which includes light pole foundations, lighting handholds, galvanized conduit and trees with grates for an additional cost of $49,484. Mr. Mandon made a motion to approve change order #1 and #3, seconded by Mr. Gralik. All aye, motion carried. Mr. Mandon also made a motion to authorize Mr. Gralik to negotiate a dollar amount for crushed concrete to replace the slag, seconded by Mr. Broadaway. All aye, motion carried. (4/0)

Mr. Gralik reported to the Board that a walk thru for the Southside Sewer project was completed. He noted the contractor was given a punch list of items to be completed before the retainage is released to the contractor. He also stated the lift statin is currently being powered by a generator and once NIPSCO connects power to the lift station the contractor will perform a test on the pumps.

**LIFT STATION UPDATES/FLOW REPORT:**

The Board members received via email the monthly report for May 2015; the Main Lift Station recorded 120,013,000 gallons of sewage pumped to the Gary Sanitary District, which was an increase of 23,411,000 gallons from the month of April 2015. The average daily flow for the month was 3.87 mgd. The White Oak Conservancy District flow from May 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015 was 4,237,300 gallons. The average daily flow for the 31 day period
was 139,590 gpd. Precipitation measured at the Main Lift Station totaled 5.11 inches of rain for the month. This was above the 10-year average of 4.54 inches for the month of May. Total for the year through May is 11.46 inches; the 10 year average is 17.11 inches.

**SANITARY DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Mr. Lawson reported to the Board the two emergency repairs at 136 N. Delaware and the 300 block of Wilson have been completed. He went on to say the emergency repairs to the sanitary at E. Home Avenue and 1020 E. 5th Street have been awarded to Boyd Construction as per the review of the City Engineer. Mr. Lawson stated that Indiana American Water did move their water main from the storm sewer located on Wisconsin Street and repairs have been done to the storm sewer. He also reported there is a storm sewer break on the 1100 block of S. Delaware. He noted after review of video it was determined there are several utilities that have bored through the storm sewer and locates have been called in so repairs can be made. Mr. Lawson stated Ellenberger’s will be removing the tree on Frasier Lane as soon as the ground is dry enough.

**HSD SANITARY/STORMWATER COORDINATOR UPDATE:**

Board members received via email the monthly report for May 2015.  
*MS4 Coordinator report on file.*

Mr. Kingsland stated to the Board the bids have been received for the Deep River Access project and have been reviewed by Ratio. He noted the lowest bid received was from Gough Construction in the amount of $348,500 which is above the estimated engineer’s amount of $250,475. Mr. Kutscheid stated he spoke with Gough construction to make sure they were comfortable with their bid, which they are, and to understand how they came to the amount of their bid. He noted the contractor explained the Ajax system, which is the armor for the bank stabilization, only has one sub-contractor that supplied a quote to all the bidders. He noted the reason why Gough was the lowest is due to the fact that they would be able to install the system themselves. Mr. Kutscheid stated he has contacted BF&S in regards to the Ajax system cost but has not yet heard back from them. Mr. Fulton stated the lowest bid is forty-five percent above the engineering estimate. Mr. Gralik noted there is a $100,000 grant that was awarded for the project and the District would be responsible for the additional cost. Attorney DeBonis reminded the Board to keep in mind the District will be asked by the RDC to pay back the bond for the Downtown Sewer project over a two year period and the District will continue paying the SRF loan. Mr. Mandon asked if there were any elements that can be removed from the project to get the cost lowered and still satisfy the condition of the grant. Mr. Kingsland stated the project has already been reduced and there is no room to reduce anymore. He noted he has already spoken to the Costal program and they were agreeable to a partial reduction but the District has committed to a certain amount of footage for the project. Mr. Fulton stated when the grant was originally proposed to the Board it was with the intent of the District paying approximately $135,000 and now with the bids received the estimated cost for the District would be $248,500 and at this time the District cannot finance that amount at this time. Mr. Gralik stated at this time the Board should take the bids under advisement for thirty days until it has been determined why the bids were so high. Mr. Kingsland stated the grant can be held until November and they are still waiting on the 401 permit. He went on to say the Board approved the project and understood the cost of the project and the additional cost for the Ajax system. Mr. Mandon stated it was presented to the Board that it would be a fifty-fifty project and with the issues that were presented this evening shows there are areas in the City that are having stormwater problems that need to be addressed. Mr. Mandon made a
motion to table the award of the Deep River Access bids for thirty days, seconded by Mr. Gralik. All aye, motion carried. (4/0)

Mr. Kingsland presented to the Board an agreement with American Structurepoint to extend their contract for the maintenance of the GIS system for eighteen months in the not to exceed amount of $150,000. Mr. Mandon made a motion to approve the contract extension of the maintenance for the GIS system, seconded by Mr. Broadaway. All aye, motion carried. (4/0)

BF&S UPDATE:

Mr. Lahey presented to the Board pay estimate #8 for the Southside Sewer project in the amount of $445,022.22. Mr. Gralik made a motion to approve pay estimate #8 in the amount of $445,022.22, seconded by Mr. Mandon. All aye, motion carried. (4/0)

LEGAL DEPARTMENT:

FINANCIAL REPORT/INVOICE APPROVAL:

Mr. Gralik presented to the Board pay estimate #1 for the Downtown Infrastructure project in the amount of $187,197.13.

The SRF Bond Claims list was presented to the Board for the month of June 2015. The Bond and Interest invoice submitted for the month total is $19,662.00; Debt Service Reserve invoice submitted for the month total is $3,930.00; SRF Disbursement Request invoices submitted for the month total is $23,592.00. Mr. Gralik made a motion to approve the SRF Bond Claims for the month of February as presented, seconded by Mr. Broadaway. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

The Financial Report was presented for the month of June 2015. The month began with a balance of $8,344,952.19; total revenues of $531,542.44 and total disbursements of $1,676,869.60 to end the month with a balance of $7,199,625.03. Sanitary invoices submitted for the month of June 2015 total $249,326.66; Storm Water invoices submitted for the month of June total $204,482.77. Mr. Gralik made a motion to approve the invoices as presented, seconded by Mr. Mr. Mandon. All aye, motion carried. (4/0)

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further comments or discussion, Mr. Gralik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mandon. All ayes, motion carried. (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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Robert Fulton, President                  Ma Lisa Cox, Recording Secretary