

**Minutes of Public Hearing of Board of Directors
Independence Hill Conservancy District
Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

A Public Hearing of Independence Hill Conservancy District was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at IHCD office at 8015 Cleveland Place, Merrillville, Indiana. The Chairman David M. Uzelac called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Secretary, Lynn E. Sattler, called the roll, and the following directors, staff and advisors were present or absent as noted:

<u>DIRECTORS:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Michael A. Mirin, Area 1 Director	X	
Christina Williamson, Area 2 Director	X	
George Kymakis, Area 3 Director	X	
James W. Beshears, Area 4 Director	X	
David M Uzelac, Area 5 Director	X	
<u>STAFF/ADVISORS:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Lynn E. Sattler, Secretary, Office Manager, Clerk	X	
Aravind S. Muzumdar, Engineer		X
Terrence Bronowski, Accountant	X	
Angela Jones, Attorney	X	
Brian Smolar, Project Manager		X

A Quorum existing, the meeting was held.

2025 Proposed Budget:

Mr. Bronowski provided a summary of the budget prepared for fiscal 2025. The General Fund budget will be \$4,327,550.00. Form 4B budget estimate indicates that budget account and the tax levy of \$1,450,000.00 which is 14.5% less than last year which will keep freeholders/district in good status. The Cumulative Fund budget will be 3.4% over assessed value which we do not know yet. In that case, the budget for this fund is \$2,000,000.00 with a tax draw of approximately \$320,000.00. Everything is identical to what was presented to the Board two weeks ago. This is usually advertised somewhat high because we cannot increase, we can only decrease. He provided the Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates for submissions to the county, etc.

Audience Comments:


There were no comments on the public hearing or the proposed 2025 Budget. Public hearing closed

Motion to Approve:

Motion to accept the proposed 2025 Budget as presented made by George Kymakis. Seconded by Michael Mirin. No questions or discussion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m..

APPROVED this 15th day of oct
By: 
Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary

ADA NOTICE

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**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
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Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Independence Hill Conservancy District was held on Tuesday October 1, 2024, at IHCD office at 8015 Cleveland Place, Merrillville, Indiana. The Chairman David M. Uzelac called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Secretary, Lynn E. Sattler, called the roll, and the following directors, staff and advisors were present or absent as noted:

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Michael A. Mirin, Area 1 Director	X	
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David M Uzelac, Area 5 Director	X	
<u>STAFF/ADVISORS:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Lynn E. Sattler, Secretary, Office Manager, Clerk	X	
Aravind S. Muzumdar, Engineer		X
Terrence Bronowski, Accountant	X	
Angela Jones, Attorney	X	
Brian Smolar, Project Manager		X

A Quorum existing, the meeting was held.

Chairman Report: (Chairman David Uzelac)

- A. US30 Force Main Replacement: There is a current snag with NIPSCO due to locates. It should start very shortly but that is the delay.

Minutes of Meetings:

- A. **September 17, 2024 (Public Hearing):** Motion made by Michael Mirin to approve the minutes and seconded by Christina Williamson. No discussion, all in favor and none opposed, motion carried.
- B. **September 17, 2024 (Regular Meeting):** Motion made by Michael Mirin to approve the minutes and seconded by Christina Williamson. No discussion, all in favor and none opposed, motion carried.

Attorney/Legal Report

- A. Director Area 2 Nomination: Counsel advised that District Area 2 Nomination was drafted and must be published by 10/28. Counsel advised this is a legal notice

required for nominations. This term is for four years. George Kymakis moved to approve the nomination form for publication. This was seconded by James Beshears. No discussion. All in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

Accountant Report:

- A. None other than was reported in the public hearing related to the proposed budget 2025.

Engineer Report:

- A. None

Committee Reports:

- A. Maintenance: Brian Smolar, Project Manager:
 - a. None.
- B. Personnel: Director Mirin Chair, No Report.
 - a. None.

Financial Report:

Claims: Accounts Payable Voucher Register Summary batch dated October 1, 2024. Motion made by George Kymakis to approve vouchers 34321 through 34363 in the amount of \$87,375.82 Seconded by James Beshears. No discussion. All in favor, motion carries.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Audience Comments:

There were no audience comments.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

APPROVED this 15th day of oct

By: _____

Chairman



ATTEST:


Secretary

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**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
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Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Independence Hill Conservancy District was held on Tuesday October 15, 2024, at IHCD office at 8015 Cleveland Place, Merrillville, Indiana. The Chairman David M. Uzelac called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Secretary, Lynn E. Sattler, called the roll, and the following directors, staff and advisors were present or absent as noted:

<u>DIRECTORS:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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David M Uzelac, Area 5 Director	X	
<u>STAFF/ADVISORS:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Lynn E. Sattler, Secretary, Office Manager, Clerk	X	
Aravind S. Muzumdar, Engineer	X	
Terrence Bronowski, Accountant	X	
Angela Jones, Attorney(By phone)	X	
Brian Smolar, Project Manager	X	

A Quorum existing, the meeting was held.

Chairman Report: (Chairman David Uzelac)

- A. US30 Force Main Replacement: Contractor Dyer Construction Company, Inc. has submitted a Change Order to the IHCD that will reduce the cost by \$10,495.90. During construction it was discovered that 130' of 24" casing pipe carrying 10" PVC carrier pipe is close to an existing AT&T concrete duct that was not located earlier. To avoid relocation of AT&T duct the pipe was replaced with 155' of directionally drilled 10" Certalok PVC pipe. Motion made by James Beshears, seconded by Christina Williamson. After discussion, all in favor and none opposed, motion carried.

Minutes of Meetings:

- A. **October 1, 2024 (Public Hearing):** Motion made by Michael Mirin to approve the minutes and seconded by Christina Williamson. No discussion, all in favor and none opposed, motion carried.
- B. **October 1, 2024 (Regular Meeting):** Motion made by Michael Mirin to approve the minutes and seconded by Christina Williamson. No discussion, all in favor and none opposed, motion carried.

Attorney/Legal Report

- A. Redwood Merrillville – Counsel stated that there is an issue with the developer regarding the required maintenance bond. Mr. Uzelac stated that the attorneys will need to let the developer know that they are welcome to come to the next meeting if they still have concerns.

Accountant Report:

Mr. Bronowski stated that after the last meeting he went back to the office and filed the 2025 IHCD budget on Gateway and the next day it was filed with the Lake County Auditor's office. A stamped form was received from the Auditor's office.

- A. Resolution 2024-06 – A Resolution to Delete Inactive Accounts Mr. Bronowski presented a copy of the resolution to the Board. These are dead accounts that have been pursued by the office and there is no way of recouping the amounts. Mr. Bronowski recommended approval. After discussion, the motion made by James Beshears to approve Resolution 2024-06, seconded by George Kymakis, no discussion. all in favor and none opposed, motion carried.

Engineer Report:

- A. Redwood Merrillville Sewer Main Extension: Phase 1 – Dedication Agreement – Attended a teleconference with Redwood on October 10th. They informed that they have concern about the language used in paragraph 2 & 3 of IHCD's standard dedication agreement that provides the owner (developer) responsible for all costs of repair and replacement for the entire subdivision for any reasons. I informed them it is the intent of IHCD that the developer will be responsible for repairs or replacement of sewer mains that does not meet IHCD code. I also advised them to discuss their concerns with the IHCD Attorney.
- B. Overflow Basin Generator: Mr. Smolar will advise on the items that are still pending on the generator.
- C. US 30 Force Main between Hendricks & Marshall Street: Deduct Order No.1(-\$10,495.90) – It was discovered during Construction that 130' of 24" casing pipe carrying 10" PVC carrier pipe is close to an existing AT&T Concrete Duct that was not located earlier by AT&T. IN order to avoid the relocation of AT&T duct the pipe was replaced with 155' of directionally drilled 10" Certalok PVC pipe. We have prepared Change Order No. 1 incorporating the above change (Attachment 1). We recommend the approval of Change Order No. 1.
- D. Franklin Estates, 8257 Grant Street: Sewer Main Extension – No development.

Committee Reports:

- A. Maintenance: Brian Smolar, Project Manager:

- a. US 30 Force Main – Dyer Construction has installed 860' out of the total 2650'. They are around 1/3 of the way done.
 - b. Easement Jetting – Easement jetting was completed on September 30, 2024. This included all the sewer mains located in the backyards.
 - c. IHCD September total combined flow was .8 MGD.
- B. Personnel: Director Mirin Chair, No Report.
- a. None.

Financial Report:

Claims: Accounts Payable Voucher Register Summary batch dated October 15, 2024. Motion made by George Kymakis to approve vouchers 34364 through 34393 in the amount of \$166,322.94 Seconded by James Beshears. No discussion. All in favor, motion carries.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Audience Comments:

There were no audience comments.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

APPROVED this 6th day of Nov
By: David H. Lee
Chairman

ATTEST:
Lynn K. Sattler
Secretary

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