



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Charles Ramashauskas vs. MWRDGC, Claim 17 WC 04490, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$144,190.37, Account 901-30000-601090

Dear Sir:

Charles Ramashauskas is an Electrical Mechanic Foreman at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant. On September 1, 2015, he fell from a man basket four to five feet from the ground and injured his lower back, left shoulder and his left knee. Mr. Ramashauskas was initially seen by the doctor at the industrial medical clinic on September 1, 2015. His initial treatment consisted of physical therapy and medications. He was disabled from work effective November 6, 2015. He eventually underwent a surgery of his left knee on February 1, 2016 and a surgical procedure on his left shoulder on February 15, 2016. Following these procedures he underwent a course of physical therapy. He was able to return to work on May 9, 2016.

On November 18, 2016, Mr. Ramashauskas was disabled from work again while he underwent a third procedure consisting of back surgery at multiple levels. Following this procedure he underwent a course of physical therapy. He was able to return to work on March 13, 2017.

Mr. Ramashauskas was paid a total of \$64,260.04 in lost time benefits for a total of 42.4 weeks. Some of these benefits were for fireman's pay he lost from his second job.

Mr. Ramashauskas filed an Application of Adjustment of Claims with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC) through his counsel. Subject to the approval of the IWCC, this case can now be settled for a total of \$144,190.37, representing 10% loss of left leg, 22.5% loss of person as a whole for his back, and 11.385% person as a whole for the loss of a left arm. This settlement will close out future lost time benefits, as well as any future medical benefits associated with these injuries.

The Director of Human Resources believes this settlement is in the best interest of the District and requests payment of that sum be approved and she be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Requested, Beverly K. Sanders, Director of Human Resources, BKS:RAJ:RG
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for August 8, 2019