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# GRAND HAVEN-SPRING LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY

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The regular meeting of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority will be held at 8:15 A.M. on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 in the Council Chambers in Grand Haven City Hall located at 519 Washington St. Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

## MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday February 15, 2023

8:15 A.M.

**1. Meeting called to order 8:17 a.m.**

**2. Roll Call:**

Chairperson Christine Burns

Vice-Chair Gordon Gallagher

Treasurer Craig Bessinger

Patrick Staskiewicz

Bill Cargo

Ashley Latsch

Steve Namenye

**Not Present:**

Joel Tepastte

**Also Present:**

Ryan Vredevel

Cory VanOeveren

Alando Chappell

Village of Spring Lake

Spring Lake Township

City of Ferrysburg

Ottawa County Road Commission

Grand Haven Township

City of Grand Haven

Member at Large

Village of Spring Lake

WWTP Superintendent

WWTP Environmental Compliance Supervisor

Grand Haven Township

**3. Approval of the minutes of the November 16, 2022 Sewer Authority Board meeting**

- Motion: Gallagher
- Second: Staskiewicz
- All in favor, motion carries

**4. Public Comment**

- No public comment

## **5. Financial Report**

- Expenditures are trending very good up to this point in the fiscal year
- Revenues are less than we had projected due to not collecting for 2018 Headworks debt (being paid by grant money)
- Moved additional money into some investments
  - o Projected \$8,000 in gains this year, up to \$20,000 projected for next year

## **6. Superintendent's Report**

- Land applied biosolids in January, completely emptied our storage
- Payments were not being subtracted for Spring Lake township on force main debt
  - o OCRC reimbursed Sewer Authority for the overpayment
- NutriGro ownership has changed. All documents and transfer of ownership was reviewed by Matt VanHoef, SA legal counsel. We have no concerns with new owner providing service.
- East End Party in the Park will take place again this year. Thursday July 13th
  - o Fundraising will continue – Selling bricks for bench/seating area
  - o Matching grant from Grand Haven Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council for \$5,000

## **7. General Business.**

### **A. Budget Presentation for FY 2023-2024**

- Motion to approve the budget as amended (changing \$9,000 for jetting thickener overflows lines to maintenance): Cargo
- Support: Bessinger
- All in favor: Motion carries

### **B. Inflation Reduction Act – Future Biosolids**

- Tax credits available for possible upgrade to anaerobic digester
  - o Up to \_50\_ % refund possible – subtract 15% if using public bonds for a total of 35% which would likely apply to the Sewer Authority's situation
- Cargo: Why would we go out individually to have a digester when the regional facility will have digestion?
  - o Having a digester on site would reduce the total amount of biosolids that would need to be hauled off by up to 50%.
  - o Cargo: Would like to see a cost benefit analysis to see if the savings & benefits would outweigh costs.
  - o Pat S. – In addition to the need to get solids concentration up, there is also a benefit in terms of energy savings because of being able to utilize the digester as an energy producer.
- Size and location would be a concern. Very large structure.
- Gallagher: Would be in favor of a feasibility study

- Cargo: Motion to allow plant staff to coordinate with a consulting firm to evaluate the feasibility of this project. Also involve City of Grand Haven to discuss such a structure at the WWTP, located within the City and its neighborhood.
- Support – Gallagher
- Discussion : Burns: We need to include the timeline and availability of resources into feasibility study to be sure we can meet the eligibility deadlines of the tax credit.

- All in favor: Motion carries

**C. Anoxic Tank Baffle Replacement**

Plant staff has received updated pricing on possible project cost which exceeds previous Board approval amount of \$180,000. Newly projected cost is \$350,000. Updated pricing was impacted by significant increases for project material and added work to the scope. Plant staff is recommending the increase to budget expense line for this capital project.

- Motion to increase budget from \$180,000 to \$350,000: Gallagher
- Support: Bessinger
- All in favor: Motion Carries

**D. Sewer Authority Board Organization**

The Sewer Authority Board has historically appointed officers at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year.

Current officers are:

Chair – Christine Burns

Vice-Chair – Gordon Gallagher

Treasurer – Craig Bessinger

- Motion Gallagher to elect Ashley Latsch into vice-chair position, Burns remain Chair, and Bessinger remain Treasurer
- Support: Cargo
- All in favor: Motion carries

**8. Board Member Comments.**

**9. Announcement of next Sewer Authority Meeting: May 17, 2023**

**10. Adjournment. 9:00 a.m.**

**Sewer Authority Members:**

Christine Burns, Chairperson  
Ashley Latsch  
Craig Bessinger, Treasurer  
Steve Namenye  
Gordon Gallagher, Vice-Chairperson  
Patrick Staskiewicz  
Bill Cargo  
Joel Tepastte

**Alternate Members:**

Derek Gajdos  
Matt Schindlbeck  
  
John Nash  
Joe Wallace  
Alando Chappell

**Consultants:**

Matt VanHoef

**Others:**

Grand Haven Tribune  
Catherine McNally  
Maria Boersma

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ALTERNATE SO THAT HE/SHE MAY