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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 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 in the Council Chambers in Grand Haven City Hall located at: 519 Washington St. Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

## AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday February 16, 2022

8:30 A.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Chairperson Christine Burns

2. **Roll Call:**

Chairperson Christine Burns  
Vice-Chair Patrick McGinnis  
Treasurer Craig Bessinger  
Patrick Staskiewicz  
Bill Cargo  
Gordon Gallagher

Village of Spring Lake  
City of Grand Haven  
City of Ferrysburg  
Ottawa County Road Commission  
Grand Haven Township  
Spring Lake Township

**Absent:**

Joel Tepastte  
Roger Van Opynen  
Steve Namenye

Village of Spring Lake  
City of Grand Haven  
Member at Large

**Also Present:**

Ryan Vredevelde  
Bradley Rose  
Alando Chappell

WWTP Superintendent  
WWTP Operations/Maintenance Supervisor  
Grand Haven Township

3. Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Cargo to approve the meeting minutes of November 17, 2021. Motion carries

**4. No public comment**

**5. Financial Report**

Superintendent Vredevelde reports on the balances we are currently showing for our debt cash funds. Our 2018 headworks and 2013 debt balances are holding or not increasing because we are using our cash on hand to draw down those funds and make the debt payments. We are showing minimal gains each month for the portion of plant modification fund money we are investing. We have been making payments to contractors for our cash projects. And the provided budget report for current fiscal year is showing that we are trending necessary and that we have not experienced any surprise expenses.

**6. Superintendent's Report**

Flows continue to stay down to around 3 million gallons a day. This is expected during this time as year as we typically see our flows lower during the winter months. Solids concentration to storage has been 4.66%. We generated 6650,000 gallons of biosolids and ended January with around 34% of capacity being utilized in sludge storage.

Bradley Rose is introduced as our new Operations-Maintenance Supervisor. An update is given for a couple of projects in process, they are currently on hold and are waiting for material to become available and/or the weather to flip to spring. Vredevelde updates the board on negotiations plant staff, along with legal counsel is having with a local industry – ASP Plating Co.

Gallagher motions, Cargo seconds to have the Sewer Authority Chairperson to be included with the ACO review. Motion carries

**7. Biosolids Feasibility Report**

Superintendent Vredevelde provides an update to the board about the results of the report. Conversation takes place about how timeline of improvements and how other indicators, such as PFAs and permit limit requirements may have on the plant. Board member Cargo raises concern about how the need for storage is not addressed very much in the report. Vredevelde explains how that is still an option, however certain improvements that are possibilities or are being considered may make the need for more storage a non-issue.

**8. Pump Award**

Superintendent Vredevelde formally announces the Premier Utility Management Performance (PUMP) Award that the WWTP was awarded for 2022.

**9. Grand Haven Pump Station**

Vredevelde discusses the intent to address the forcemain moving forward. As road construction projects pop up along the stretches of the force main, we will coordinate with the contractor to allow for an Engineer to evaluate the condition of the pipe. WWTP staff will also work with Grand Haven City DPW staff and necessary consultants

for the maintenance/improvements needed for areas of concern; force main cleanouts and pressure relief valve locations.

## **10. General Business.**

### **A. Budget Presentation for FY 2022-2023**

Vredeveld presents the budget for the upcoming fiscal year of 22-23. Board member Cargo raises concern about employee wages in that their cost of living increase on July 1 should be on par with the rate of inflation. Cargo does not like the idea that wages for plant staff may be diminished because pay adjustments are not keeping up with inflation. Discussion from other board members support the statement from Cargo, but also acknowledges that other factors need to be considered as well, such as health care costs, pension, contract negotiations as mentioned by McGinnis. It is noted that operators of the WWTP are not management and that their wages-benefits are subject to contract negotiations between the City of Grand Haven and the SEIU union group they are members of.

Motion by Cargo, seconded by Gallagher to accept the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Motion carries

Motion by Cargo, seconded by Gallagher to instruct that Superintendent needs to develop a compensation package for non-union staff because of inflation. Motion carries

### **B. Sewer Authority Board Organization**

Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Cargo to leave current officers in their respective positions. Note that recent practice is for Board members to hold these positions to two years at a time.

Chairperson will remain Burns, Vice-chair to remain McGinnis and Treasurer to remain Bessinger.

## **11. Board Member Comments.**

No board member comments.

## **12. Announcement of next Sewer Authority Meeting: May 18, 2022**

## **13. Adjournment.**

Meeting is adjourned at 9:32 AM

**Sewer Authority Members:**

Christine Burns, Chairperson  
Patrick McGinnis, Vice-Chair  
Craig Bessinger, Treasurer  
Steve Namenye  
Gordon Gallagher  
Patrick Staskiewicz  
Bill Cargo  
Joel Tepastte  
Roger Van Opynen

**Alternate Members:**

Derek Gajdos  
Matt Schindlbeck  
  
John Nash  
Joe Wallace  
Alando Chappell

**Consultants:**

Matt VanHoef

**Others:**

Grand Haven Tribune  
Catherine McNally  
Kelly Beattie

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