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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, May 18, 2022 in the Council Chambers in Grand Haven City Hall located at: 519 Washington St. Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

## MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday May 18, 2022

8:30 A.M.

1. Meeting called to order at 8:30 AM by Chairperson Christine Burns.

2. **Roll Call:**

Chairperson Christine Burns	Village of Spring Lake
Vice-Chair Patrick McGinnis	City of Grand Haven
Treasurer Craig Bessinger	City of Ferrysburg
Patrick Staskiewicz	Ottawa County Road Commission
Bill Cargo	Grand Haven Township
Gordon Gallagher	Spring Lake Township
Steve Namenyne	Member at Large

**Absent:**

Joel Tepastte	Village of Spring Lake
Roger Van Opuyen	City of Grand Haven

**Also Present:**

Ryan Vredeveld	WWTP Superintendent
Cory VanOeveren	WWTP Environmental Compliance Supervisor
Alando Chappell	Grand Haven Township

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

Motion by McGinnis, seconded by Namenyne to approve the meeting minutes of February 16, 2022. Motion carries.

4. No public comment.

5. **Financial Report**

Superintendent Vredeveld reports on the balances we are currently showing for our debt cash funds as well as our plant modification and operating funds. Also included in meeting packet was a revenue and expenditure report to show how we have been progressing with our budget.

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

Land applied about 1 million gallons, and will be hauling again this month  
Continued work on our solids handling improvements and we are quite happy with our current solids percentages  
Signed a new 2-year contract with our land application trucking company  
Sludge storage roof will be started again soon and finishing before end of FY  
Effluent pump project is almost complete  
Control building roof project has been started  
PFAS data table, all results are under benchmark standards  
Grand Valley State still performing covid study  
Doris Van Dam award – member McGinnis expressed his intent on providing this story to local newspaper for a possible story.

## **7. Spring Lake pump station – 12" force main**

What do we want to do with this force main?  
Pat S. will talk with P&N about the current status/long-term plan

## **8. Biological Phosphorus Removal – Anoxic Tank Baffle Improvement**

Memo from Prein & Newhof Engineers providing recommendation for replacement material to be used in improvement project  
Currently a geo-membrane curtain (rubber), recommended to go with Fiberglass instead.  
Project is slated to come up in next year budget.  
No motion necessary because it was already approved as part of the budget.

## **9. General Business.**

### **A. Budget Amendments**

At this time, the Sewer Authority board may approve a motion to accept the updated FY 2021-2022 budget revenues and expenses presented.

Superintendent explains that we are drawing down cash reserves to cover “missing revenues”  
Expenses not as high as anticipated due to TJ leaving (wages & benefits), and adjustments to depreciation are main adjustments being made  
Motion by Cargo to approve as present and seconded by McGinnis.  
All in support - Motion carries.

### **B. Debt Rates**

Memo from Ottawa County Road Commission providing their recommendations for debt rates for our 2013 and 2018 bonds.

Pat Staskiewicz provides a review for fellow board members of projected adjustments for upcoming years concerning debt accounts.

Motion by Cargo and seconded by McGinnis

All in support - Motion carries

**C. Grand Haven force main pump station @ Adams St.**

The board may consider to approve a motion that will allow the Superintendent of the WWTP to work with an engineering firm that is chosen by City of Grand Haven City Manager or his/her designee. The force main is a Sewer Authority asset, which is 100% supported by only City of Grand Haven funds.

Address the current clean-outs and replace parts as needed

Pressure relief valves may need to be completely replaced due to previous neglect

Motion by Bessinger to approve and seconded by Gallagher

All in support – Motion Carries

**10. Board Member Comments.**

McGinnis – Last meeting with the Authority. Appreciates the way the Sewer Board has operated over the years.

Burns – Village is working on an art project on the side of the spring lake pump station.

Ryan – July 14<sup>th</sup> 5 P.M. party at East end park

**11. Announcement of next Sewer Authority Meeting: August 17, 2022**

**12. Adjournment. 9:32 a.m.**

**Sewer Authority Members:**

Christine Burns, Chairperson

Patrick McGinnis, Vice-Chair

Craig Bessinger, Treasurer

Steve Namenyé

Gordon Gallagher

Patrick Staskiewicz

Bill Cargo

Joel Tepastte

Roger Van Opynen

**Consultants:**

Matt VanHoef

**Alternate Members:**

Derek Gajdos

Matt Schindlbeck

John Nash

Joe Wallace

Alando Chappell

**Others:**

Grand Haven Tribune

Catherine McNally

Kelly Beattie

GENERAL MEMBERS: IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR ALTERNATE SO THAT HE/SHE MAY