

*“For Cleaner Lakes and Rivers”*

**GRAND HAVEN-SPRING LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY**

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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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, August 18, 2021 in the Council Chambers in Grand Haven City Hall located at 519 Washington Street, Grand Haven Michigan.

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday August 18, 2021**

**8:30 A.M.**

**1. Meeting called to order. 8:30 a.m.**

**2. Roll Call:** Gallagher, McGinnis, Cargo, Tepastte, Bessinger, Van Opynen, Staskiewicz, Namenye, Burns.

Tepastte – Absent

Cargo – Absent, Alando Chappell filling in

**3. Approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2021 Sewer Authority Board meeting.**

Motion – mcginnis

Support - Gallagher

All approve, motion carries

**4. Public Comment**

No public comment

**5. Financial Report.**

\$636,000 available in operations account

New rates in place for this fiscal year

June bill was higher than normal – All sludge hauling billing came at once

Motion – mcginnis

Support – Namenye

All approve – motion carries

**6. Superintendent’s Report**

Ammonia limits are in effect but we have been well below limits

We were able to utilize extra space for sludge in order to avoid hauling to Muskegon

New NPDES goes into effect on September 1<sup>st</sup>

Very few changes – increase in frequency for BCC testing and acute toxicity

Previously approved bypass pump replacement

Bid accepted from Xylem

Continued our biosolids improvement plan

Working with Prein and Newhof to research our next step towards future improvements. Deep dive beyond the scope of Donahue’s previous study

Sludge storage restoration – Currently advertising looking for companies to bid project

**7. Crockery Township update – Pat Staskiewicz**

Contracts are very close to completion

Construction will be beginning today

On track to have Crockery system online by the end of this year (proposed end date – November 15<sup>th</sup>, substantially complete - December 1<sup>st</sup> – full completion)

**8. Grand River Park Parking Lot Discussion – City of Grand Haven**

McGinnis – The extra land available at/around the treatment plant is a long way out from being necessary for expansion. With the temporary extra availability, the City of Grand Haven would like to utilize the north end of East End park in order to expand the current parking lot at the plant. This lot would increase available parking for the east end community and businesses. Needs to be put in writing that the property belongs to the Sewer Authority and when expansion is needed that property will be used to suit the plant expansion needs.

Discussion will continue as more details and information is gathered. Need to take a strategic look at the land.

Initial input of the board is accepting of looking further into possibility of parking addition.

Pat S. – Additional options are out there for further odor control ability, we should examine these options and see if it is in the best interest to pursue

**9. General Business.**

**A. Annual evaluation of the WWTP Superintendent**

The Sewer Authority Executive Committee met with the WWTP Superintendent to evaluate this past years' performance. The committee agreed that Ryan's performance has been satisfactory and have recommended wage increases for Ryan as directed in City of Grand Haven's compensation step scale

Motion – Gallagher

Support – VanOpynen

All in favor – Motion carries

**10. Board Member Comments.**

Namenye – Financial audit questionnaire, does everyone need to respond

If you have comments, yes please respond

McGinnis – Portable trash pump is available for all communities to utilize in case of emergency situation

Burns – Tanglefoot park is undergoing complete overhaul

Would like to make SLPS more appealing to the eye

Plant staff can make the decision as to painting, etc.

**11. Announcement of next Sewer Authority Meeting: November 17, 2021**

**12. Adjournment. 9:19 a.m.**

Motion – Namenye

Support – Pat S.

All approved

**Sewer Authority Members:**

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

**Alternate Members:**

Matt Schindlbeck  
Derek Gajdos  
  
John Nash  
  
Joe Wallace  
Alando Chappell

**Consultants:**

Matt VanHoef

**Others:**

Grand Haven Tribune  
Bob Monetza  
Linda L. Browand

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