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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 19, 2020 in the Council Chambers in Grand Haven City Hall located at 519 Washington Street, Grand Haven Michigan.

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday February 19, 2020
8:30 A.M.

1. Meeting called to order.
8:30 am

2. Roll Call: Gallagher, McGinnis, Cargo, Tepastte, Bessinger, Van Opynen, Staskiewicz, Harvey, Burns
Marv Hinga – Alternate for Burns
Cargo - Absent
Tepastte – Absent
Also present – Kevin Kieft

3. Approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2019 Sewer Authority Regular Board meeting.
Gallagher – motion
Harvey – 2nd
Motion carries

4. Public Comment.
None

Harvey   How is the half year report looking
Ryan: Trending good so far, tracking in line with budgeted amounts

Sludge storage was completely emptied – shouldn’t need to haul to Muskegon

Let board members know when headworks is up and running so they can pass info along to their communities
7. General Business.

A. Budget presentation for 2020/2021

Gallagher – Concerns over high water table effecting flows next year
Ryan: We have the capacity to handle the increases if they do go up

Highlights;

- Replacement of an effluent pump $30,000
- Replacement of BIO-P mixers $40,000
- Gravity Thickener electrical equipment/fixture improvement $30,000
- Increase to the Plant Modification Fund $200,000

Bessinger – Increase to Plant modification fund does what to the sewer rates
Ryan: Goes from 8.5 cents/1000 gal up another 5.7 cents/1000 gal
McGinnis – We have fallen behind, we should increase plant modification to decrease future debt reliability
Pat Stats – Should we look at eliminating plant modification fund and instead fund depreciation?
Marv – Discussion on debt rate adjustments according to flows will be discussed next meeting

Harvey – motion to accept budget as presented
Roger – 2nd
All support – motion carries

B. Contingency Money

Recommendation from plant staff to use excess bond money towards the replacement of a blower. Supplement with plant modification funds if needed.

Gallagher – Motion
Harvey- 2nd
All support – motion carries

C. Administrative Consent Order with EGLE

ACO Draft – 2/13/2020 from EGLE

Gallagher – Motion to approve draft
Roger – 2nd
Bessinger – Strike the word “appropriate” from section 1.5
Ryan Vredeveeld signature authorized from board approval
All support – motion carries
D. **Crockery Township**
   Crockery is exploring the option of sending their sanitary sewer to the Sewer Authority
   Gallagher and Pat Stats – Just getting the idea on the table, is it dead or something we should continue to look into
   McGinnis – City isn’t opposed to looking into it but is concerned with does this affect us negatively down the road
   Marv – Averages relatively low flows, around 1 million gallons / month
   Discussion will continue/ county will continue exploring the option

E. **Vulnerability Assessment**
   If assessment is done, EGLE may be more understanding if something does go wrong down the line.
   Gallagher – We shouldn’t wait until next meeting, we should have the options in place sooner than later
   All support looking into cost of vulnerability assessment
   Ryan and Pat S. to find pricing and send out to board
   Motion – Bessinger
   Roger – support
   All support – motion carries

F. **Appointment of Sewer Authority Board Officers.**
   The Sewer Authority Board has historically appointed officers at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year. Current officers are:
   Chairperson – Pat McGinnis
   Vice-chair – Christine Burns
   Treasurer – Steve Harvey
   **Motion to keep the same – Bessinger**
   **Support – Gallagher**
   **All support – motion carries**

8. Board Member Comments.

9. Announcement of next Sewer Authority Meeting: May 20, 2020

10. Adjournment. 9:58 am

Sewer Authority Members: Alternate Members:
Craig Bessinger
Patrick McGinnis, Chairperson
Steve Harvey, Treasurer
Gordon Gallagher
Christine Burns, Vice Chairperson
Patrick Staskiewicz
Bill Cargo
Joel Tepastte
Roger Van Opynen

Matt Schindlbeck
John Nash
Joe Wallace
Mark VerBerkmoes

Consultants:

Others:

Matt VanHoef

Muskegon Chronicle
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