

GRAND HAVEN-SPRING LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority Board was held on February 21, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the City of Grand Haven Council Chambers at 519 Washington, Grand Haven, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bessinger at 8:00 a.m.

Present:

Gordon Gallagher	Spring Lake Township
Craig Bessinger, Chairperson	City of Ferrysburg
Chris Burns	Village of Spring Lake
Pat Staskiewicz	Ottawa County Road Commission
Roger Van Opynen	City of Grand Haven
Bill Cargo	Grand Haven Township
Pat McGinnis, Vice Chair	City of Grand Haven
Joel Tepastte	Village of Spring Lake
Steve Harvey, Treasurer	Member-At-Large

Also Present:

Dave Krohn	Superintendent
Steve Bruneau	Operations Supervisor
Ryan Vredeveld	Environmental Compliance Supervisor
John Nash	Spring Lake Township
Kevin Keift	Prein & Newhof
Derek Gajdos	Grand Haven DPW Director

SLFM and Headworks discussion

Dave speaks about the impact that the construction of the force main and headworks project would cause on both sides of the river.

Kevin Keift provided information on the type of impact it could have on traffic, business, etc.

Consensus is that the North Bank Communities, plant personnel, P&N, and the City of Grand Haven need to meet at a later time to discuss impact and the resolutions to come out.

Craig suggests to continue conversation of the SLFM in a meeting once a month.

Next meeting for this group is 8:00 AM March 14, 2018 at the Grand Haven Council Chambers.

Motion by Steve Harvey, second by Chris Burns, to accept minutes from November 18, 2017 Sewer Authority Meeting. Motion carries.

Financial Report

Motion by Gordon Gallagher, second by Joel Tepastte, to accept the Financial Report. Motion carries.

Superintendent's Report

Acknowledgement of Steve Bruneau's years of service and his retirement coming in April.

Gordon asks how we should handle the DEQ situation for looming enforcement.

Dave to touch base with Attorney Matt VanHoef on the current situation. Provide that information to board members.

Dave speaks about the slug load we had that has disabled our biological treatment of phosphorus. The course of action we had taken and that because we have lost Bio-P we have had to purchase more chemical for treatment.

Dave also speaks about the challenges the plant has been experiencing with broken equipment.

Update on amount of sludge in storage, about 1 million gallons

Cash fund Capital Improvement Project #5 – Activated Sludge System Efficiency Study

Dave spoke about Donahue and their recent experience doing the same type of process enhancements at other facilities.

Motion by Bill Cargo to move forward if Pat Staskiewicz is to affirm that Donahue study is comparable in cost to other facilities, second by Pat McGinnis Motion carries.

Study to establish long term strategy for sludge removal

Motion by Pat McGinnis to approve the study as long as we get other bids and qualifications, get cheaper, second by Bill Cargo. Motion carries.

Proposed 2018 Bond Issue to upgrade several Sewer Authority facilities.

Motion by Bill Cargo to approve county to move forward with the Grand Haven-Spring Lake approval of the construction of the Authority facilities that are detailed in Exhibits A1, A2, and B and authorize the Ottawa County Road Commission to finance the project thru the sale of Act 342 bonds, second by Chris Burns, motion carries.

Budget presentation for 2018/19

Craig speaks to the force main fund, keep contributions the same until transition to paying down the bond.

Motion by Chris Burns to approve budget, second by Steve Harvey, motion carries.

Eastpointe RV Parking lot lease

Contract to be year to year.

Motion by Bill Cargo to pursue a lease agreement, second by Gordon Gallagher, motion carries.

Solar Power Proposal

Motion by Steve Harvey to not move forward, kill it, second by Bill Cargo, discussion by Gordon Gallagher to delay decision until the very last minute, roll call vote 5 yes 4 no, motion passes to terminate solar project.

Executive committee recommendation on Superintendents evaluation

Board was satisfied with the work done by Dave. Change to memo that his pay is retroactive to his one year anniversary.

Motion by Gordon Gallagher to approve, second by Bill Cargo, motion carries.

Appointment of Sewer Authority Board Officers

Motion by Bill Cargo to stay with current officers, Chris Burns seconds, Gordon conversation to shake up the executive board. Bill amends motion to select Pat M. Chairman, Chris B. Vice-Chairman, Steve H. Treasurer, motion carries.

Board member comments

Pat S. speaks about going to a seminar to learn about solids handling, will have information that could serve valuable when deciding on future solids handling project. Steve H. speaks about thanking Pat S. and his team and also Dave and his team. Pat M. speaks about PFAS testing. Wants plant to test our effluent to put citizens at ease. Gordon shares his appreciation for Pat S., also suggests putting in place a policy for bids when over \$10,000. He also shares his appreciation for Dave and how he has been able to handle everything that has happened over the past year.

Next meeting May 16, 2018

Meeting adjournment 9:23