



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR  
**GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
 HELD ON **DECEMBER 21, 2020** AT 10:00AM – Via ZOOM Video Conferencing

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1. The meeting was called to discuss the following, as authorized under Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6:
  - The initiation of litigation, pending litigation, or written notice of threatened litigation.
2. The following persons were in attendance at the Executive Session:

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**PRESENT**

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**ABSENT**

	via Conf. Call	via Zoom Video
Maurice G. Mabon, President	√	
Charles G. Peller, Jr., Vice President	√	
Ola V. Morris, Secretary		√
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member		√
Tramel Raggs, Member		√
Daniel F. Vicari, Executive Director		√
Tony Walker, Attorney		√
Jerome Foster, Acting Finance Manager		√

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3. The following matters were discussed and information received by the Board during its advertised Executive Session, and NO OFFICIAL ACTION was taken.
    - Collective Bargaining
    - The initiation of litigation, pending litigation, or written notice of threatened litigation
    - The purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract, or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties
    - Discuss job performance evaluation or individual employees, excluding salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during the budget process

**GARY SANITARY DISTRICT  
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**Maurice G. Mabon, President**

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**Ola V. Morris, Secretary**

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REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **DECEMBER 21, 2020**

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, December 21, 2020  
**TIME:** 11:00AM  
**LOCATION:** Video / Tele Conferencing

**TYPE:** Regular Meeting  
**NOTICE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE:** YES  
**QUORUM:** YES

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT via**

<b>Video Conferencing</b>	<b>Tele-Conferencing</b>
Ola V. Morris Charles W. Jackson, Jr. Tramel Raggs	Maurice G. Mabon Charles G. Peller, Jr.

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**ABSENT MEMBERS**

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**OTHERS PRESENT via**

<b>Video Conferencing</b>	<b>Tele-Conferencing</b>
Tony Walker Daniel F. Vicari Jerome Foster	

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**OTHERS ABSENT**

**Attendee Titling:**

*Maurice G. Mabon, President*  
*Charles G. Peller, Jr., Vice-President*  
*Ola V. Morris, Secretary/Treasurer*  
*Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member*  
*Tramel Raggs, Jr., Member*

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*Tony Walker, Attorney*  
*Daniel F. Vicari, Executive Director*  
*Jerome Foster, Finance Manager*

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6677681093>  
**Meeting ID: 667 768 1093**

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**Call to Order:** 11:05 AM by Commissioner Mabon

As this meeting was conducted via Video/Tele-Conferencing, no action was taken for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Mabon began the Meeting with Roll Call. He then certified that prior to the December 21, 2020 Board Meeting, there was an Executive Session held. Commissioner Mabon asked if any Board Member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he then proceeded with the meeting.



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**1. MINUTES**

As per the Minutes of the December 7, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving the minutes.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the Executive Session Items and the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2020 with any/all noted corrections; was given by Commissioner Morris. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Peller and passed without dissent.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2a. A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: November 9, 2020 through November 22, 2020, in the amount of \$234,379.02.**

Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval of the GSD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as Agenda Item 2a.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2a. Commissioner Raggs gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: November 9, 2020 through November 22, 2020 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2b. A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD20-17, Amending the 2020 General Operating Budget and Approving Various Budget Transfers within the GSD WWTP General Operating Fund (670).**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster stated monies are required to be moved to pay various GSD expenses – i.e.: insurances; and the moving of funds does not increase the budget in any way.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2b. Commissioner Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Resolution No. SD20-17, Amending the 2020 General Operating Budget and Approving Various Budget Transfers within the GSD WWTP General Operating Fund (670) was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2c. A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD20-18, Approving the Repayment of a Loan made to the City of Gary from GSD's Capital Improvement Fund (420) and GSD's Equipment Replacement Fund (435).**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VICARI REQUESTED THE MOTION BE AMENDED AS THE MOTION IN ITS CURRENT STATE DOES NOT MENTION RE-PAYMENT EXTENSION TERMS.



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**CORRECTED/NEW MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE GSD RESOLUTION NO.: SD20-18, DECLARING EMERGENCY EXTENSION TO THE CITY OF GARY FOR ITS SCHEDULED LOAN PAYMENT FROM THE REPAYMENT TERM FROM 12/31/2020 TO REPAYMENT BEING MADE 06/30/2021.**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster stated the City of Gary presently owes Gary Sanitary District \$4,257,126.61; and at present, they are unable to repay the agreed upon loan payment plan.

Executive Director Vicari recommended that Finance Manager Jerome Foster offer an AMENDED MOTION – declaring an emergency extension of six (6) months (to 06/30/2021) for the City of Gary’s \$600,000 agreed upon (via Consent Decree plan) loan payment.

Finance Manager Jerome Foster amended the motion and recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2c.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board’s pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2c. Commissioner Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD20-18, Declaring emergency extension to the City of Gary for its scheduled loan payment term from 12/31/2020 to schedule loan payment being due 06/30/2021 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2d. A Motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction Co. for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1433 West 15th Avenue, in an amount not-to-exceed \$37,500.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated this was a competitively bid project for the Point Repair of approximately 77 linear feet of 15-inch sewer. Seventeen contractors were solicited for quotes; with GSD receiving four (4) responses. As the area referenced has become a vehicular and pedestrian hazard, GSD has already appointed Gariup Construction as the bidder to make said repairs. Of the four (4) bids received, Alex Metz Sewers’ bid was the highest at \$57,100; and Gariup Construction’s bid was the lowest at \$37,500.00.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2d given the emergency nature of the repair.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board’s pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2d. Commissioner Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction Co. for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1433 West 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



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**2e. A Motion to Approve Task Order No. 26 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Engineering Services for the 27th & Chase Street Force Main Replacement Project.**

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the 27<sup>th</sup> & Chase Street Lift Station is our largest lift station – serving all of South Gary, Indiana (Glen Park, all of Merrillville, all of Hobart and part of Lake Station) – designed to pump 80 Million Gallons per Day. Per the age of the Force Main, made from pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe, we are looking to replace it – which will better provide for the reduction of combined sewer overflows and better service to the service area itself. The ACOEs Section 219 grant has become an opportunity to fund this Project with 75% of available funding; which will account for approximately \$2 - \$4 Million. Engineering Services are needed now to start the bid document preparation processing so the project can (if approved) go out for bid (by the end of the 2021 Federal Fiscal Year – September 2021).

Chris Murphy of American Structurepoint, Inc. gave further overview information: To produce a set of bids documents for the project the engineering costs are to be approximately \$250,000. Mr. Murphy reiterated the need to start on the bid documents to be in a position to submit the job for bid prior to the of the 2021 Federal Fiscal Year.

Executive Director Vicari recommends approval of GSD Agenda Item 2e.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board’s pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2e. Commissioner Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve Task Order No. 27 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Engineering Services for the 27<sup>th</sup> & Chase Street Force Main Replacement Project was seconded by Commissioner Raggs and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2f. A Motion to Approve Amendment No. 3 to Task Order No. 36 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Construction Phase and Emergency Survey Services for the 27th & Calhoun Street Lift Station and Force Main Improvements Project.**

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated Confirmation Survey Services have been requested by Hard Rock Casino and Amendment No. 3 to Task Order No. 36 of the MSA will allow for said services to be conducted. American Structurepoint, Inc. has confirmed the services/work to be correct. All costs are 100% reimbursable to GSD by Hard Rock Casino.

Executive Director Vicari recommends approval of GSD Agenda Item 2f.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board’s pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2f. Commissioner Raggs gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve Amendment No. 3 to Task Order No. 36 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American



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Structurepoint, Inc., for Construction Phase and Emergency Survey Services for the 27<sup>th</sup> & Calhoun Street Lift Station and Force Main Improvements Project was seconded by Commissioner Peller and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

### 3. CLAIMS

#### 3a. **GSD Claims Numbers: 3965 thru 4213, in the amount of \$1,866,534.44**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of the GSD Claims.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3a. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 3965 thru 4213 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

### 4. INFORMATION UPDATES

#### 4a. **Plant Superintendent**

As Rhonda Anderson, Plant Superintendent, is on vacation, a written report was submitted to the Board regarding Plant/Maintenance Updates.

#### 4b. **Construction Activity Updates**

Eric Tonk provided the Board with Construction Activity updates:

Overview:

- Lake Street Improvements Project
  - The last remaining item, railings/gates for the bike path has been completed. Once final walk-thru is done, the project can be deemed complete.
- Aeration System Project
  - All blowers have been installed on pads. There are issues with the two (2) temporary blowers (i.e.: running hot). Currently working with contractor to resolve.
- Boiler Replacement Project
  - All the punchlist items are completed. Ready to conduct final walk-thru.
- Horace Mann Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project
  - All Punch-List items have been completed. Project can be closed out.
- New Administration Building Roof Replacement
  - Approximately 85% complete.
- 29<sup>th</sup> & Calhoun Street Lift Station
  - All new structures have been set to the proper elevation. Passed hydrostatic testing.
- 13<sup>th</sup> & Avenue Sewer Replacement Project
  - Pre Construction held recently (Grimmer Construction). Project set to start soon.
- Grit Improvements Project
  - Currently in the Pre Construction phase – Request for Information



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- South Aeration Gallery Roofing Project
  - New concrete slabs to be received this week. Once received, work can begin.

**5. DISCUSSION**

Executive Director Vicari informed the Board of Ms. Cindy Fort's (Consultant, American Structurepoint, Inc.) retirement at the end of Year 2020.

**6. REQUEST TO SPEAK**

There was no one present requesting to speak.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49AM

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

01/20/2021

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**Maurice G. Mabon, President**

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**Ola V. Morris, Secretary**

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