



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR  
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON **AUGUST 1, 2022** AT 10:00AM

1. The meeting was called to discuss the following, as authorized under Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6:

- Collective Bargaining
- Implementation of security systems
- Discuss job performance evaluation or individual employees, excluding salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during the budget process

2. The following persons were in attendance at the Executive Session:

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**PRESENT**

Daniel F. Vicari, President  
Maurice G. Mabon, Vice President  
Ola V. Morris, Secretary  
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member  
Darnail Lyles, Member

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**ABSENT**

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**OTHER INVITED ATTENDEES**

Charles G. Peller, Jr., Executive Director  
Tony Walker, Attorney  
Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney  
Nick Snow, Attorney  
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

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
- Implementation of security systems
- 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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**Daniel F. Vicari, President**

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*Ola V. Morris*

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**Ola V. Morris, Secretary**



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REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **AUGUST 1, 2022**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

<b>DATE:</b> <u>Monday, August 1, 2022</u>	<b>TYPE:</b> <u>Regular Meeting</u>
<b>TIME:</b> <u>11:00AM</u>	<b>NOTICE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE:</b> <u>YES</u>
<b>LOCATION:</b> <u>In-Person, Boardroom</u>	<b>QUORUM:</b> <u>YES</u>

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Daniel F. Vicari, President  
Maurice G. Mabon, Vice President  
Ola V. Morris, Secretary  
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member  
Darnail Lyles, Member

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Charles G. Peller, Jr., Executive Director  
Tony Walker, Attorney  
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

**OTHERS ABSENT**

**I. Call to Order: 11:26AM** by Chairman Vicari

Chairman Vicari began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then certified that prior to the start of the August 1, 2022 Board Meeting, there was an Executive Session held and there was nothing discussed in Executive Session that was not indicated on the Posted Notice of the Executive Session; and being in compliance with the Indiana Statues, there were no final votes held during the Executive Session. Chairman Vicari 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 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of the July 18, 2022 Meeting, Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving the minutes.

A motion to accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of the July 18, 2022 Meeting, with any/all noted corrections; was given by Commissioner Morris. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed without dissent.

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

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 A Motion to Approve Task Order No. 4 to the Master Services Agreement between Shrewsberry & Associates, LLC and Gary Sanitary District for GIS Map Updates, in an amount not-to-exceed \$59,200.00.**

Overview: Kwabena Adu-Sarkodie, Director of Water Resources Engineering for Shrewsberry & Associates, stated the work associated with Task Order No. 4 will be: facilitating transfer of administrative rights to designated GSD employees, uploading the updated GIS model that was prepared in Phase I to the ArcGIS platform, further updating the GIS model with additional asset information, and train GSD staff on the use of the GIS model.

Executive Director Charles Peller recommended approval Task Order No. 4.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.1. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve Task Order No. 4 to the Master Services Agreement between Shrewsberry & Associates, LLC and Gary Sanitary District for GIS Map Updates was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 5729 Melton Road, in an amount not-to-exceed \$79,900.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the existing main sewer has developed cracks, lost its structural integrity and has collapsed causing a large sink hole. Quotes were solicited from 17 contractors; with three (3) responding. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Mike Metz was asked for a statement regarding the issue of complying with the 66-2/3% ratio with respect to hiring local residents and minorities for the jobs awarded. Mr. Metz stated he is a small, family-owned establishment with only five (5) employees. He stated he continually visits with the local employment office and union halls in an effort to hire local and Gary residents for the jobs to



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no avail. He stated he has one (1) full-time Gary resident in his employ who has worked for Alex Metz Sewers for 30 years.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 5729 Melton Road was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

**2.3 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2225 Madison Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$81,100.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the sewer has developed cracks, lost its structural integrity and has collapsed causing a large sink hole. Quotes were solicited from 10 contractors; with two (2) responding. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2225 Madison Street was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

**2.4 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 739 Carolina Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$104,100.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the sewer has developed cracks, lost its structural integrity and has collapsed causing a cave-in, water and sand infiltration and several depressions in the alley between Carolina and Georgia Streets. Quotes were solicited from 11 contractors; with three (3) responding. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 739 Carolina Street was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

**2.5 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 721 Ralston Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$44,800.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated quotes were solicited from 12 contractors; with three (3) responding. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.



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Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 721 Ralston Street was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

**2.6 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction Company for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 371 Harrison Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$63,500.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the sewer has developed cracks, lost its structural integrity and has collapsed causing a large sink hole. This collapsed sewer is causing impedance of sewer flow and is encroaching onto U.S. Hwy 12 causing vehicular hazards. Quotes were solicited from 10 contractors; with two (2) responding. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.6. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction Company for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 371 Harrison Street was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

**3. CLAIMS**

**3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 1991 thru 2149, in the amount of \$1,644,983.80**

Overview: Executive Director Peller recommended approval and ratification of the GSD Claims.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3.1. Commissioner Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 1991 thru 2149 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

**4. INFORMATION UPDATES**

**4.1 Plant Superintendent Updates**

Rhonda Anderson, Plant Superintendent, provided an overview of Plant Activities:

• **Major Projects**

- Aeration Project
- Grit Project

• **Operations**

- The June Discharge Monitoring Reports were submitted to the EPA Central Data Exchange by the July 28<sup>th</sup> due date.
- GSD hosted the July 28<sup>th</sup> NWIOA meeting.

• **Maintenance**

- GSD staff cleaned contact chambers #5 and #2.



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○ The North Drainage Pump in East RAS was repaired by GSD staff and is back in service.

● **Safety**

○ Near Misses are Warnings

**4.2 Construction Activity Updates**

Eric Tonk, Engineer, provided an overview of current Construction Activities:

- Aeration System Improvements Project
  - Howden has replaced the motors for Blower #1.
  - Repair of flow meters in Bio-reactors #1 and #2.
  - Vibration report for Blower #4.
- Grit Improvements Project
  - Completion of pipe installation for the East Grit System. Completion of electrical wiring for the East Grit System and Dumpster Panel. Infill of beam pockets in new roof.
- 27<sup>th</sup> & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project
  - Submittal process with ACOE
  - Location of utilities inside of the pump station property. Proving submittals to ACOE for review. Delivery of pipe has been delayed to the end of October, an extension may be required.
- Relocation of 54-Inch sewer for NICTD Double Track
  - Installation of 54-Inch near 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South Shore Railroad Tracks. Connecting existing sewer to new sewers.
- Relocation of 36-Inch sewer for NICTD Double Track
  - Testing of Sanitary Sewers and Manholes
  - Installation of Storm Sewers

**4.3 Community Engagement Activities**

Todd McCain provided an overview of current activities:

**4.4 American Structurepoint, LLC**

No report given.

**4.5 CDM Smith, Inc.**

No report given.

**5. DISCUSSION**

**6. REQUEST TO SPEAK**

There were no requests to speak.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

08/15/2022

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