



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Note: No Executive Session was held prior to the start of the September 7, 2022 GSD Board Meeting.



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REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, September 7, 2022
TIME: 11:00AM
LOCATION: In-Person, Boardroom

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel F. Vicari, President
Maurice G. Mabon, Vice President
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

Ola V. Morris, Secretary
Darnail Lyles, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 11:15AM by Chairman Vicari

Chairman Vicari began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the September 7, 2022 Board Meeting, there was NO Executive Session held.

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1. MINUTES

As per the Regular Meeting Minutes of the August 15, 2022 Meeting, Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving the minutes.

A motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of the August 15, 2022 Meeting, with any/all noted corrections; was given by Commissioner Mabon. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed without dissent.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: July 18, 2022 through July 31, 2022, in the amount of \$221,950.04.

Overview: Executive Director Peller recommended approval of the GSD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as GSD Agenda Item 2.1.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.1. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: July 18, 2022 through July 31, 2022 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.2 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 544 Harrison Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$184,100.00.

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the existing main sewer has lost its structural integrity because of a partial collapse, causing a cave-in at the surface in the alley between Harrison Street and Tyler Street – where water and sand infiltration is now an issue. The repair work will consist of the removing and replacing of existing 18-inch diameter pipe w/ 18-inch diameter PVC SDR 35 ± 156 linear feet starting from Manhole No. 1617; going south to Manhole No. 1616 and removing and replacing of existing 18-inch diameter pipe w/ 18-inch diameter PVC SDR 35 ± 172 linear feet starting from Manhole No. 1616; going south to Manhole No. 1615.

Quotes were solicited from 12 contractors; with three (3) responses:

- Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., at \$184,100
- Crown Point-based LGS Plumbing, Inc., at \$217,000
- Gary-based Gariup Construction, NO BID
 - o Gariup Construction stated they did not bid as they are too busy to take on other jobs at this time.

Executive Director Peller recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.2.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex



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Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 544 Harrison Street was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.3 A Motion to Approve the Destruction of Nonpermanent GSD Records consisting of 107 Boxes in compliance with Special Districts and General Retention Schedules (State of Indiana Form 44905).

Overview: Records Supervisor Tanya Cousins the records consist of General Files and Basic Accounting Expenditure records that meet with the State of Indiana guidelines for destruction.

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 the Destruction of Nonpermanent 107 Boxes of GSD Records was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 2271 thru 2615, in the amount of \$1,298,640.46

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster stated the Claims List amount should be noted as \$1,298,640.46.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3.1. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 2271 thru 2615 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Plant Superintendent Updates

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

- The Semi-Annual Consent Decree Progress Report covering the monitoring period January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022
- GSD Administration made Leadership Training available to all GSD managers who want to participate and will start on September 12th and every 2 weeks thereafter, until January 9, 2023.
- Major Projects
 - Aeration Project - Still waiting on punch list items to be completed.
 - Grit Project - Still waiting on a resolution to the failed grit pump.
- Operations
 - Solids Issue has improved significantly.
 - Operations adjustments
- Filter settings adjustments
- Aerator operations



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Tank maintenance

Divers

- Maintenance

Secondary Clarifier #10 was drained, cleaned, and repaired and it is back in service.

Contact Chamber #1, #4, and #5 were cleaned by GSD maintenance staff and are back in service.

Belt Press #4, top and bottom belts were replaced.

The short conveyor for the belt filter presses was repaired and is back in service.

Two service water fire hydrants, one by the sphere and the other by the gravity building, were replaced and are available for use.

- Safety

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4.2 **Construction Activity Updates**

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

- Aeration System Improvements Project
 - Replacement of bearings once specialty grease arrives.
- Grit Improvements Project
 - Completion of pipe installation for the East Grit System. Completion of electrical wiring for the East Grit System and Dumpster Panel. Replacement of East and West Grit Pumps after volute failure.
- 27th & 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 7th Avenue and South Shore Railroad Tracks. Connecting existing sewer to new sewers.
- Relocation of 36-Inch sewer for NICTD Double Track
 - Installation of Oakum Grout to repair leaking joints.

4.3 **Community Engagement Activities**

Todd McCain provided an overview of current activities:

- Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. is in compliance
- Working on Project Blue Collar – possible kickoff start in January 2023
- Will attend a Summit in Indianapolis concerning aviation careers for today's youth in October.
- The GSD Rap, Part 2 video was shown - - Kudos was given to Tanya Cousins for her role in preparing the video.



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4.4 American Structurepoint, LLC

Chris Murphy gave an update on the status of various projects:

1. **27th & Chase Street Force Main Project:**

Project is ready to be bid by ACOE.

ACOE has received extra time to bid project. Project will be bid in October. This will allow for Year 2022 Funds to still be available with October bidding.

4.5 CDM Smith, Inc.

Matthew Bednarski gave an update on the status of various projects:

1. **HMI Replacement Project**

Bids have been received and are currently being reviewed. A recommendation will be ready for the Board for the next Board Meeting.

2. **Long-Term Control Plan**

A written update will be present to the Board soon.

5. DISCUSSION

1. Commissioner Mabon has asked what the District's plans are for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
2. Kara Burns informed the Board that GSD currently has 22 vacant positions. Interviews are setup for next week for Operators.
3. Kara Burns informed the Board of the upcoming Leadership Training Kickoff for Department Heads.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There were no requests to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

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