



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 17, 2022

Note: No Executive Session was held prior to the start of the October 17, 2022 GSD Board Meeting.



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2022

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, October 17, 2022
TIME: 11:00AM
LOCATION: In-Person, Boardroom

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT MEMBERS

Daniel F. Vicari, President

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles G. Peller, Jr., Executive Director
Deidre Monroe, Attorney

OTHERS ABSENT

Tony Walker, Attorney
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

I. Call to Order: 11:12AM by Chairman Mabon

Chairman Mabon began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the October 17, 2022 Board Meeting, there was NO Executive Session held. He then proceeded with the meeting.

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1. MINUTES

As per the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of the October 3, 2022 Meeting, Chairman Mabon 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 October 3, 2022 Meeting, with any/all noted corrections; was given by Commissioner Morris. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed without dissent.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 **A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: September 12, 2022 through September 25, 2022, in the amount of \$219,069.64**

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

Chairman Mabon 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 GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: September 12, 2022 through September 25, 2022 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (4)-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 125 West Ridge Road, in an amount not-to-exceed \$54,100.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the existing main sewer has lost its structural integrity and collapsed, causing a cave-in, infiltration and impediment of sewage flow. Quotes were solicited from 12 contractors; with three (3) responses:

-Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers:	\$54,100
-Crown Point-based LGS Plumbing:	\$62,750
-Gary-based Gariup Construction:	\$107,990

It is recommended that Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers be awarded the bid as their bid was the lowest responsive, responsible bid.

Chairman Mabon 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 Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 125 West Ridge Road was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



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- 2.3 A Motion to Approve Rescinding an Award of Bid (issued 10/3/22) to Gariup Construction Co., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 551 Vermont Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$43,700.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated an Award of Bid was granted Gariup Construction Co. at the 10/3/22 Board Meeting. On 10/4/22 Gariup notified GSD of a clerical error in their submitted quote: their bid amount was intended to be \$143,700 not \$43,700 as approved. Gariup stated they could not do the repair for \$43,700. Gariup was notified of our intent to rescind the award of bid.

Chairman Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve Rescinding an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction Co., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 551 Vermont Street was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

- 2.4 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 551 Vermont Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$60,710.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the existing main sewer has partially collapsed and is causing vehicle damage, loss of structural integrity and a large sinkhole is developing. Repair is necessary to prevent sanitary sewer overflow. The work will comprise of removing and replacement of pipe starting at Manhole 1637, going north towards Manhole 1636 and same from 1617, going south towards Manhole 1638. Manhole 1637 will be removed and replaced with four (4) foot diameter precast concrete manhole complete with approved rung ladder, casting and cover.

Quotes were solicited from 17 contractors; with three (3) contractors responding. Originally the job was awarded to Gariup Construction Co. They have since notified us of a clerical error in their bid amount (See Item 2.3). It is being recommended that the job be awarded to LGS Plumbing, Inc., who is now the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Chairman Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 551 Vermont Street was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

- 2.5 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 778 Taney Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$54,120.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the existing main sewer has partially collapsed and is causing vehicle damage, loss of structural integrity and a large sinkhole is developing. Repair is necessary to prevent sanitary sewer overflow. The work will comprise of removing and replacement of existing 12-inch diameter pipe w/ 12-inch diameter PVC SDR 35x±51 linear feet starting 25 feet from Manhole No. 2654 going south towards Manhole No. 2655.



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Quotes were solicited from 17 contractors; with three (3) contractors responding:

-Crown Point-based LGS Plumbing, Inc.:	\$54,120
-Highland-based Grimmer Construction:	\$81,400
-Gary-based Gariup Construction:	\$94,180

It is recommended that the award of bid be granted to LGS Plumbing, Inc., who was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Chairman Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Morris gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 778 Taney Street was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 2829 thru 2959, in the amount of \$1,604,674.36

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

Chairman Mabon 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 2829 thru 2959 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Plant Superintendent Updates

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

4.2 Construction Activity Updates

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

- Aeration System Improvements Project
 - Replacement of bearings with specialty grease is on-going
 - Replacement of bearings and testing vibrations of pumps
- Grit Improvements Project
 - Current work: 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. If new volutes and motors arrive on schedule, the West Pump installation will begin on 10/17/22.
 - Planned work: Replacement of impeller shafts and installation of baked motors. Demo existing pipe. Finalize HVAC installation. Field Testing as required.



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- 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project
 - Current work: Grimmer is finishing up the boring pit and Midwest Mole will be on-site to bore the casing piping – approx. 10 feet per day.
 - Planned work: Continue the installation of casing pipe.

4.3 Community Engagement Activities

Todd McCain provided an overview of current activities:

- Working on Project Blue Collar – a specific school within City of Gary –(Public or Charter) approx. 20 students to participate in the Pre-Apprentice Carpenters Trade Program
- Tri-Electronics – Not in compliance with hiring practices

4.4 Human Resources

Kara Burns provided the Board with an update:

-Breast Cancer Awareness Week will be October 17 – October 21

4.5 American Structurepoint, LLC

Chris Murphy provided an update on the status of projects:

1. **27th & Chase Street Force Main Project:**
Phase 2 (Bidding) has been delayed by ACOE to December, 2022 due to staffing issues
Design completion is expected by March 2023 (from 22nd to 19th)

4.6 CDM Smith, Inc.

Matthew Bednarski, of CDM Smith, Inc. provided an update on the status of project:

1. **Grit Project:**
Have been unsuccessful in responding to comments on the matter relative to the pipe support.
2. **15th & Clay Lift Station:**
Scheduling at 10% design meeting for next week.

5. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

-Chairman Mabon stated as we enter the 4th quarter of 2023, we don't wish to have to amend the budget.

-Commissioner Jackson stated a procedure should be implemented for the Board on giving notice to canceling Executive Sessions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55AM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

11/07/2022

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