



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **JUNE 21, 2023**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, June 21, 2023
TIME: 2:00PM
LOCATION: GSD, Boardroom

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT MEMBERS

OTHERS PRESENT

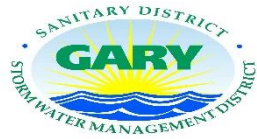
Charles G. Peller, Jr., Executive Director
Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney – *Harris Law Firm*
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 2:09PM 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 June 21, 2023 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 Indiana Statutes, there were no final votes held during the Executive Session. Chairman Vicari asked if any Board member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

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II. STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Vicari asked Todd McCain, Community Engagement Director to make an introduction of our Summer Intern and Summer Youth Employment Program Employees.

Students are:

Armani Anderson	Dwayne Friday	DaVocci Robinson
JaKayla Beard	Terell Ivy	Jamari Shepard
Evan Bournes	Moniece Johnson	Dominic Sutton
Beyounce Buckingham	Donovan Jones	Shanell Taylor
Kassidy Coleman	Myon Lobdell	Destiny Watts
Rolando Cuba	Xavier Pearson	Destinee Winger

III. BIRTHDAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Todd McCain acknowledged a Happy Birthday greeting to Commissioner Darnail Lyles

1. MINUTES

As per the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of the June 5, 2023, 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 June 5, 2023 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 GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: May 8,2023 through May 21, 2023, in the amount of \$261,864.95.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster 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 Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD’s Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: May 8, 2023 through May 21, 2023 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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



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2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD23-09, Amending the Garbage Collection Fees for the Collection of Trash, Garbage and Refuse within the City of Gary, Indiana.

Note: Per Attorney Harris, the Motion has been corrected to read: APPROVING THE FIRST READING (NOT FINAL ADOPTION) OF GSD RESOLUTION NO.: SD23-09 with respect to Amending the Garbage Collection Fees for the Collection of Trash, Garbage and Refuse within the City of Gary, Indiana.

Overview: Per Executive Director Peller, as of January 1, 2023 the District has received a 3% cost increase in the collection and disposal of solid waste from our provider (Republic Services) and it is being proposed to pass the cost increase onto its customers. Current cost is \$25.65 per month. After Resolution approval and adoption of an Ordinance by the City of Gary's Common Council, the new rate will be \$26.42 per month for Single-family residential units and multi-family units not to exceed four (4) units.

Question: Commissioner Mabon asked if the new pricing would be retroactive to January, 2023 and if there were American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds available to cover the 3% cost increase.

Response: Chairman Vicari responded that the new pricing would be retroactive of January, 2023. No response was given on the availability of ARPA Funds.

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 the first reading of GSD Resolution No.: SD23-09 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved. The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.3 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD23-10, Amending Section 14.2.1 of the Gary Sanitary District Personnel Policy.

Overview: No overview given. A Motion to Defer Approval/Consideration of GSD Agenda Item 2.3 was called for by Chairman Vicari.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to DEFERING GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve deferral. The motion to DEFER GSD Resolution No.: SD23-10 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved. The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



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3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 1755 through 1846, in the amount of \$289,109.32

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster 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 1755 – 1846 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

Note: Numbering Correction: 1765 through 1856, in the amount of \$289,109.32

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Plant Superintendent Updates

Rhonda Anderson, Plant Superintendent, provided the Board with an update:

Major Projects

- Aeration Project
- Grit Project
- HMI Project

Operations

- Plant performance

Maintenance

- Filter Cell #1 Air Valve
- Sprinkler system
- Primary Tank #10
- Long and short conveyor in Dewatering Building
- North Drainage pump West RAS Building
- Gravity Building flow meters

4.2 Construction Activity Updates

Eric Tonk, Engineer, provided the Board with Construction Activity Updates:

PROJECT: Aeration System Improvements Project

Current Work: Replacement of 4 flow meters that have recently failed and are under warranty.

Planned Work: Install new flow meters once they arrive.

PROJECT: GRIT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Current Work: Completion of Punch List Items. New Grit Pump Volutes have been delivered. Once Impellers and Motors are delivered, they will be installed.

Planned Work: Installation of new grit pumps to be installed the week of July 4. Inventory of spare parts and delivery of As-Built Drawings and O&M Manuals.



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PROJECT: 27TH and Chase Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project

Current Work: Project Walk Through.

Planned Work: Development of Punch List Items.

PROJECT: 27TH and Chase Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project

Current Work: Measurements of bottom channels for installation of bar screens.

Planned Work: Submittal Process with Owner and Engineer. Clean bottom channels for measurements.

PROJECT: Lake Street Pump Station Forcemain Relocation

Current Work: A Pre-Construction Meeting was held on April 27, 2023 to discuss scheduling and coordination of this project with other projects soon to begin on Lake Street. Residents will be notified next week.

Planned Work: Submittals will be provided to the Engineering for review and approval.

PROJECT: Lake Street Drainage Improvements and Road Reconstruction

Current Work: Installation of storm water chambers has begun near 3rd Ave going towards Birch Ave.

Planned Work: Installation of storm water chambers, and road way reconstruction.

4.3 Community Engagement Updates

Todd McCain, Community Engagement Director, provided the Board with updates:

- Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. (400 Grant Street/Alley Rehabilitation Project)
60% of Non-Gary Workers
40% of Gary Workers

- Grimmer Construction (Lake Street Reconstruction/Pipe Installation)
40% of Non-Gary Workers
60% of Gary Workers

4.4 Human Resources Updates

Kara Burns, Human Resource Manager, provided the Board with updates:

- Open Positions:
As of June 21, 2023, GSD has 13 vacant positions
- Two (2) Collection Technicians have been hired, both have CDLa License
- Wellness/Bio-Metric Screenings will be held on July 26 (Boardroom)

4.5 American Structurepoint, Inc.

John Tucker, American Structurepoint, Inc., (ASI) provided the Board with updates:

- 27th & Chase Street



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Punchlist has been created

- Lake Street Force Main

Work will be done between 3rd Avenue & Birch Street - - cost is \$355,000.

Work to start mid-July, with possible completion to be around August 1.

4.6 CDM Smith, Inc.

Matthew Bednarski, CDM Smith's Client Service Leader, was absent – no updates provided

5. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There were no requests to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

07/05/2023

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