



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, September 18, 2023  
**TIME:** 11:00AM  
**LOCATION:** GSD, Boardroom

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

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Daniel F. Vicari, President  
 Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member  
 Darnail Lyles, Member

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**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Maurice G. Mabon, Vice President  
 Ola V. Morris, Secretary

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

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**OTHERS ABSENT**

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- I. Call to Order: 11:31AM** 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 18, 2023 Board Meeting, there was 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 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 proceeded with the meeting.

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**1. MINUTES**

As per the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023, Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving the minutes.

A motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023, with any/all noted corrections; was given by Commissioner Jackson. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Lyles 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: August 14, 2023 through August 27, 2023, in the amount of \$256,287.64.**

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 Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: August 14, 2023 through August 27, 2023 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD23-12, Amending the Garbage Collection Fees for the Collection of Trash, Garbage and Refuse within the City of Gary, Indiana.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the city garbage collection service shall serve each single-family residential unit and each multi-family unit containing no more than four (4) family living units on a single parcel of land. The fee is amended for a single-family residential unit and for multi-family units not to exceed four (4) units to a charge of \$25.65 in Year 2023 and \$27.98 in Year 2024 per month per unit served. The fee shall not be reduced for head of such household that is over the age of 65 years or is disabled. If approved, the proposed new blended rate will start fresh in 2024. At present, GSD pays the yearly \$200,000 deficiency as rates were increased by 3% by the trash collection contractor. Upon adoption by the Board, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect except that the Garbage Collection Fee of \$27.98 shall only be effective upon adoption of an Ordinance by the Gary Common Council approving same, to be effective 1/1/2024.

Attorney Harris stated the increases are strictly contractual as per the contract between Gary Sanitary District and Republic Services; which reflects a 3% increase for services in year 2023 and a 3% increase for services in year 2024.

It was the recommendation of Executive Director Peller and Attorney Harris to approve Agenda Item 2.2.



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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 GSD Resolution No.: SD23-12, Amending the Garbage Collection Fees for the Collection of Trash, Garbage and Refuse within the City of Gary, Indiana was seconded by Commissioner Lyles.

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

**2.3 A Motion to Approve Change Order No. 1 to Wunderlich-Malec Environmental for the HMI Replacement Project (GSD Project No.: SD22-01), for the New Network Switch and Accessories and Integration of New Grid System, in an increase amount not-to-exceed \$13,050.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated Change Order No. 1 relates to adding new rack mounted network switches to the new network cabinet, adding SCADA mapping routine within each existing PLC Program to standardize the layout for mapping I/O points, reprogramming existing grit system. Project time extension is approximate four (4) months; with new substantial completion date to be 12/22/2023 and final completion date to be 1/19/2024. GSD's Instrumentation & Controls Specialist, Plant Superintendent and Instrumentation Technician will travel to Minnesota to view a live system.

Chairman Vicari 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 Change Order No. 1 to Wunderlich-Malec Environmental for the HMI Replacement Project was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

**3. CLAIMS**

**3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 2622 through 2779, in the amount of \$1,032,123.55**

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 Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 2622 - 2779 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

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**4. INFORMATION UPDATES**

**4.1 Plant Superintendent Updates**

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

**Major Projects**

- Grit Project
- HMI Project

**Operations**

- In compliance with affluent limits

**Maintenance**

- The maintenance department continues to work on repairs on Primary Tank #10 and north intermediate tanks.
- East pump repaired by Thieneman's

**4.2 Construction Activity Updates**

Eric Tonk, GSD Resident Engineer, provided Construction Activity Updates:

PROJECT: AERATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Current Work: Termination of Project

Planned Work: Finalized documentation of Termination of Project

PROJECT: GRIT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Current Work: Completion of Punch List Items. Installation of new Grit Pumps.

Planned Work: Completion of Punch List items.

PROJECT: 27TH AND CHASE PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN REPLACE, PH 2 PROJECT

Current Work: Piping has been delivered, awaiting joints and key locks which should be delivered after Labor Day weekend.

Planned Work: Installation of piping near 25<sup>th</sup> & Chase. Work will continue down street heading north down Chase Street

PROJECT: LAKE STREET PUMP STATION FORCEMAIN RELOCATION

Current Work: Punch list was created and includes curb restoration and trace wire relocation to inside of manholes.

Planned Work: Close out of Project.

PROJECT: LAKE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Current Work: Installation of storm water chambers has begun near 3rd Avenue going towards Birch Avenue. Utility relocations delays are causing the Contractor to jump to another section of the project between Birch Avenue and Hemlock Avenue. Asphalt and concrete base of Lake street will be removed, however, access to homes will be maintained.

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



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**PROJECT:** 27<sup>TH</sup> & CHASE PUMP STATION BAR SCREEN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

**Current Work:** Measurements of bottom channels for installation of bar screens. Discussions on Air Handling Units to take field measurements at the bottom channels.

**Planned Work:** Schedule a meeting to discuss what is will take to get measurements.

**4.3 Community Engagement Updates**

Todd McCain, Community Engagement Director, provided Community Engagement updates:

- Per the Board's request, a 1-Year summary for Alex Metz Sewer's Employment Compliance was submitted

**4.4 Human Resources Updates**

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

- Open Positions:

As of September 14, 2023, GSD has 13 vacant positions, the online postings now show salaries

- Employee Appreciation Cookout on September 21<sup>st</sup>

**4.5 American Structurepoint, Inc.**

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

- Force Main at 27<sup>th</sup> & Chase Street, Phase 2 work scheduled to start on September 25<sup>th</sup>

**4.6 CDM Smith, Inc.**

Matthew Bednarski, CDM Smith's Client Service Leader, provided the Board with updates:

- Response submitted to Indiana Finance Authority pertaining to funding for the 27<sup>th</sup> and Chase HVAC & 15<sup>th</sup> and Clay Grit Projects.

**5. DISCUSSION**

No discussion items

**6. REQUEST TO SPEAK**

No Requests to Speak

**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:**

10/02/2023

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*Daniel F. Vicari*

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**Daniel F. Vicari, President**

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**Minutes Approved by Vote of:**  
**Three (3)-Ayes**  
**Two (2)-Abstention (Morris/Mabon)**