

GRSD SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
August 23rd, 2023

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Chikaming Township Hall by Chairman David Bunte. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Michelle Heit, Zach Carson, and John Humphrey. Absent: Juan Ganum

Also Present:

Josh Teeter, Superintendent, Amanda Brunke, Recording Secretary, and Mark Prein from Prein and Newhof,

AGENDA

Motion by John Humphrey supported by Michelle Heit to approve the August 23rd, 2023 agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Zach Carson supported by Michelle Heit to approve the minutes from the July 18th, 2023 regular Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

PAYABLES

Motion by John Humphrey supported by Zach Carson to approve the July, 2023 Payables of the General Fund in the amount of \$406,177.79 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Manager's Report

Josh Teeter informed the Board of the following:

- A) Waiting for the delivery of Pump #3.
- B) Wet weather caused some operational issues in the system. The staff did great on handling the events on 7/29/23 and 8/15/23.
- C) There was a sewer system overflow during the rain events. One occurred near Lift Station #62 in Weesaw and the other was on Snow Road in Lake Township. All procedures and testing were followed.
- D) The main seal on the digester circulation motor failed. Repair parts are on order and the transfer pump is being utilized at this time.
- E) The grit removal system at the plant has been having issues. The upper bearings in the gear drive failed. Repairs are underway at this time.
- F) The Authority is still looking for fields to land apply the biosolids.
- G) Excess flows during wet weather proved to be more than the plant could handle. The high flows caused the plant to violate the Dissolved Oxygen permit requirements.
- H) The EGLE Industrial Pretreatment Inspection was on 7/20/23. The inspections went well.

D) An onsite meeting was held with Kotz Sangster to discuss potential legal counsel options.

Engineer's Report Mark Prein from Prein and Newhof informed the Board of the following:

A) Updates on Metering Review, July 29th Wet Weather Event, Chemical Bulk Storage Tank Replacement, Primary Clarifier No.3 and Lift Station #10 Force Main.

FINANCIAL

The Treasury Report for the General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, Operations and Maintenance Reports, Flow Readings, Manager's Report, and Engineer's Report.

Motion by Michelle Heit supported by John Humphrey to accept the Treasury Report and the Monthly Reports to be placed on file. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A) Discussed entities presenting future projects to the board before local level approval.

The board decided to look into examples of other plants to assist in preparing a potential policy for future use.

B.) Mark Prein from Prein and Newhof presented a presentation on the July 29th, 2023 wet weather event.

C.) Discussed approval of the Lift Station #10 Force Main Project Change Order No.3.

Motion by John Humphrey supported by Zach Carson to approve the Lift Station #10 Force Main Project Change Order No. 3. All ayes. Motion carried.

D.) Discussed approval of the Lift Station #10 Force Main Project Payment Application No.3.

Motion by John Humphrey supported by Michelle Heit to approve the Lift Station #10 Force Main Project Payment Application No.3, in the amount of \$31,887.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Discussed approval of giving the GRSD Superintendent permission to proceed with looking into options for a north end flow equalization basin.

The board asked that Josh bring to a cost estimation to the next scheduled board meeting for the investigation of the City of Bridgman Lagoons.

B.) Discussed approval of appointing Kotz Sangster as the Authorities legal counsel.

Motion by Michelle Heit supported John Humphrey to appoint Kotz Sangster as the Authorities legal counsel. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A) Randy Lutter from the Prairie Club presented information regarding private water sampling and reached out to the board for solutions to the E.Coli levels in their private community.
- B) Willis Lyford elaborated on the same issues that the Prairie Club community is facing.
- C) Layton Olson presented information on a resolution on cooperation in water quality and monitoring and notification in South West Michigan.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

- A) None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michelle Heit supported by Zach Carson to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:03a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested To:

Chairman – David Bunte

Secretary – Juan Ganum

Recording Secretary – Amanda Brunke