Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

3:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Chairperson Harma called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. Commissioners present were Lysanne Harma, Jimmy Stoneburner, Rob Baker and Wes Kahler. Also present were Executive Director John Crumb, Executive Assistant Anne Richmond, Engineer Paul Schram, Attorney Rob Thall, and Charleston Township Supervisor Jerry VanderRoest. Access to the meeting was available via Zoom. Cooper Township Supervisor Jeff Sorensen participated via Zoom.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA: Stoneburner made the motion to set the Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Kahler. **Roll Call Vote:** Harma-aye; Stoneburner-aye; Baker-aye; Kahler-aye; Motion carried.

HEAR THOSE PRESENT (Non-Agenda Items): Nothing presented.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Baker to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call Vote: Harma-aye; Stoneburner-aye; Baker-aye; Kahler-aye; Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Memo to GLSWA Employees-MERS Contributions Motion Crumb reviewed a memo to GLSWA employees pertaining to MERS Contributions. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Stoneburner to approve the memo pertaining to MERS Contributions. Roll Call Vote: Harma-aye; Stoneburner-aye; Baker-aye; Kahler-aye; Motion carried.

Prairieville Twp. Boat Wash at Township Launch on Gull Lake Motion
The Prairieville Township Park boat wash on Gull Lake flows directly to the lift
station via a 6" line. When it rains, water enters the sewer system from the parking lot
via the pipe from the boat wash since it is at a lower elevation. This results in extra
cost for the treatment of clean water entering the sewer system. In addition, heavy
rainfalls can damage the pumps and floats at the lift station due to the high velocity of

water entering the sewer system. Engineer Schram proposed the use of a restrictor to control the flow of water from a rain event into the sewer system. Harma made a motion to authorize Crumb to finalize the plan to mitigate the inflow and infiltration of rainwater into the sewer system through the boat wash while maintaining the required flow for the boat wash. Motion was seconded by Baker. Roll Call Vote: Harma-aye; Stoneburner-aye; Baker-aye; Kahler-aye; Motion carried.

Motion Sump Pump/ Clean Water Elimination Program GLSWA is performing inspections to finalize a list of suspected sump pumps connected to the sewer system in violation of township ordinances. In the past, GLSWA has offered to share in the cost to fix a sump pump found illegally connected to the sewer system. Rather than incentivizing sump pump fixes, Crumb recommended adding an additional 2.8 REUs to the sewer bill to account for the cost of the extra flow entering the sewer system from the sump pump. If a customer has a sump pump connected to the sewer system in violation of the ordinance or if access to inspect for an illegal sump pump connection has not been allowed, a letter will be sent October 1 to inform the customer that this additional charge will be added as of December 1 and that legal action will be taken in 1 year if the situation has not been resolved. Commissioner Harma recommended waiving the extra charge of 2.8 REUs if the customer contacts GLSWA on receipt of the bill and resolves the situation. Stoneburner made a motion to approve the addition of 2.8 REUs for sewer accounts remaining on the sump pump list as of December 1, take legal action if the situation has not been resolved within a year, and send a letter to document this on October 1. Motion was seconded by Kahler. Roll Call Vote: Harma-aye; Stoneburner-aye; Baker-aye; Kahler-aye; Motion carried.

GLSWA/Charleston Township Agreement Motion Attorney Thall recommended postponing action on the GLSWA/Charleston Township Agreement until the next Board Meeting as the Charleston Township Attorney has been out of town and not had enough time to review it. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Stoneburner to table review of the GLSWA/Charleston Township Agreement until the October Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote: Harma-aye; Stoneburner-aye; Baker-aye; Kahler-aye; Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: On Going

Crumb reviewed the status of the items on the Master List. Work on Commercial Review will be starting soon. Crumb is investigating new training opportunities. The Water Advisory Committee is on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Stoneburner informed the Board that Prairieville has a new Fire Chief, Judy Pence is on medical leave, and Stoneburner has been successfully working with the Road Commission on signs.

Rob Baker informed the Board that Jackie Light is the new Deputy Clerk and that Sherman Lake residents may bring forth a petition about sewer connection.

Crumb informed the Board of property owner interest in connecting to sewer on Little Long Lake Drive (the property north of Dr. Mastenbrook) which would require sewer construction at a cost of approximately \$91,000. He may recommend the Authority front this money.

Crumb has been contacted by 3 Sherman Lake homeowners in the last week about connecting to sewer.

Crumb reported that he and Paul Schram had a good meeting with the City of Kalamazoo to discuss provisions of the proposed Water Contract.

Harma informed the Board that Phase 2 of City Water to address PFAS is being implemented; there will be a third phase likely in 2021.

ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 P.M.

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020 3:30 P.M.

Submitted for approval

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