# **Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority**

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## MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Chairman Stoneburner called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Commissioners present were Jimmy Stoneburner, Wes Kahler, Lysanne Harma and Gary Moore. None absent. Also present were Executive Director John Crumb, Deputy Director Rich Pierson, Executive Assistant Anne Richmond, Charleston Township Supervisor Jerry VanderRoest and Engineers Alan Smaka and Paul Schram.

**REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:** Kahler made the motion to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Harma. <u>Motion carried; all ayes.</u>

MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 2018 REGULAR MEETING: A motion was made by Harma and seconded by Kahler to accept the regular meeting minutes of May 23, 2018 as presented. Motion carried; all ayes.

HEAR THOSE PRESENT (Non-Agenda Items): None Present

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Verizon Wireless Master Price Agreement for Cooperative Contract Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority entered into a Master Price Agreement with Verizon Wireless. The price is \$50.05 per line and it includes unlimited data, unlimited minutes and use of the phone as a hot spot. This is a 25% savings to what GLSWA was previously paying.

Sherman Lake & 39<sup>th</sup> Estimate to Connect Grinder Pump to Public Sewer Mr. William Statler at 12540 N. Sherman Lake Drive requested a quote to connect to public sewer and Lorene Taylor, a realtor, requested a quote to connect 6217 N. 39<sup>th</sup> Street to sewer. Crumb noted that GLSWA is receiving consistent inquiries on connecting to public sewer, a good indicator for growth in our system.

6138 W Sherman Lake Dr Grinder Pump Red Light GLSWA responded to a customer message letting us know that their Red Light was on and followed up to let the customer know the problem was taken care of and provided further information on the Grinder Pump operation. Crumb noted that changes were

made to our website to improve communication of problems after hours and this is an example that changes to our emergency contact process works.

David Worthington MDEQ Request for SAW Grant Pictures
David Worthington of the MDEQ requested pictures of GLSWA's Asset Management
Planning Program funded with the SAW Grant for use in a presentation. David
commented that GLSWA was his favorite SAW applicant to work with.

7415 N. 37<sup>th</sup> St M/M Botyrius Courtesy Notice on Intent to Install Lateral GLSWA informed Mr. & Mrs. Botyrius of a future sewer connection for the new home at 11697 E DE Ave that will require a contractor to be within the utility easement that abuts their north property line.

10830 S. Interlaken Dr Request to Properly Cap 6" Public Lead GLSWA notified Mr. Bill Vandersalm of the requirement to hire a contractor to excavate the public sewer lead, disconnect the private lateral and properly cap the public lead at 10830 S. Interlaken Drive. In November of 2011, GLSWA allowed the disconnection at the private lateral with the stipulation that rebuilding would commence by May of 2012. GLSWA is allowing 90 days to comply with the policy.

Parker Hannifin City of Kalamazoo Contact for Audit Purposes GLSWA provided the name of the City of Kalamazoo Contact for Industrial Surveillance, Steve Rochow, to David Herwick at Parker Hannifin. David had contacted Crumb regarding audit findings related to discharging industrial wastes.

3508 Oakdale St. Review of Property to Determine Dwelling Units GLSWA was requested to review a property to determine if it is a "dwelling unit". GLSWA's policy is to bill a "dwelling unit" consisting of bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen components. Without these three components, it is more of an Accessory Building than a dwelling unit and GLSWA does not bill the property for sewer, pending the proximity of the parcels and whether the structure is on one parcel. Crumb determined after visiting the property that it was not a dwelling unit but a garage with a sink and toilet. GLSWA will no longer bill the property.

4949 Ridgewood Letter of Concern Relating to Construction After GLSWA notified affected property owners of proposed 2018 Construction plans, Mr. John Lawrence responded with a letter of concern due to strong springs that exist on the property. Crumb, Pierson and Schram plan to meet with Mr. Lawrence to address his concerns at his home on June 20 at 5:00 p.m. The Lawrence's also noted that their address should be 4949 Ridgewood rather than 4949 Ridgewood Drive. GLSWA will update the address in BS&A.

#### **NEW BUSINESS / PROJECTS UPDATE**

9638 WGLD-Ritz Sewer Relocation with Easement Changes The proposed new house plan for the Ritz's is over the existing sewer pipe. In consideration of the existing easement language stating that the use of the property shall "not be unreasonably withheld", Pierson proposes moving the sewer pipe and charging the Ritz's for the construction cost with GLSWA paying for design, easement document creation and recording, and inspection of the construction. A commitment will be required via a contract signed by the Ritz's to incur \$25,000 in sewer main relocation cost along with an intent to change the existing easement and create a new easement. A contract will be drawn up for the Ritz's signature. Pierson requested that the Ritz's be allowed to build a slab garage on the relocated sewer pipe easement. A motion was made by Harma to authorize Wightman to design the sewer relocation with easement changes, put it out for bid, and manage the project at a cost (for GLSWA) not to exceed \$5,000. Motion was seconded by Moore. Motion carried; all ayes. Crumb noted that there may be a cost savings by including this bid with other projects GLSWA is bidding in mid-July.

Galesburg Ford/MTech Approve Purchase of 2019 F-550 + Crane Truck Crumb reviewed quotes that he had received for the truck and maintainer body with crane and recommended that GLSWA purchase a new Crane Truck. Mike Chamberlin at Galesburg Ford was very helpful and assisted GLSWA in reactivating our government purchase code resulting in a significant savings. Harma made the motion to approve the purchase of a 2019 F-550 from Galesburg Ford for \$38,216 and the Maintainer Body with Crane in the amount of \$53,918 for a total of \$92,134. Motion was seconded by Moore. Motion carried; all ayes. The amount originally budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan for the purchase of the Crane Truck with Maintainer Body with Crane was \$81,600. GLSWA has received an offer to purchase our existing Crane Truck for \$8,000 resulting in a potential net increase to budget of \$2,534.

Bill Clancy/Dick Boris Interest in Public Sewer for EGLD Crumb has been communicating with Bill Clancy on the process to connect parcel 3904-06-330-060 located on EGLD near PS23 to sewer. Further conversations with Bill Clancy and Dick Boris indicated that there may be interest in connecting neighboring properties to sewer as well. Crumb and Pierson recommended that Wightman develop a cost proposal for gravity sewer at that location. A motion was made by Kahler to authorize Wightman to develop a cost proposal for gravity sewer at the described location. Motion was seconded by Moore. Motion carried; all ayes.

Charleston-Ross Battle Creek Meeting Update on Meeting Held
A meeting was held with Charleston Township Supervisor Jerry VanderRoest, Ross
Township Supervisor Gary Moore, John Crumb, Rich Pierson and the City of Battle
Creek to discuss current and future sewer in Ross Township and Charleston Township.
Battle Creek currently services parts of Charleston Township without an agreement.

Charleston Township Calculation Assistance Sewer Connection 12034 E Michigan Deputy Director Pierson and Engineer Wheat assisted Charleston Township Supervisor Jerry VanderRoest with the sewer connection calculation for a Mobile Home Park in his district of \$147,000.

Zoetis Crumb, Harma, Pierson Visit with New Introductions A meeting was held on May 24, 2018 to introduce John Crumb and to review the sewer operations at Zoetis.

South County Visit Crumb, Pierson, Stoneburner, Smaka Tour of Facilities Crumb, Pierson, Stoneburner and Smaka toured the service area and facilities of South County Sewer & Water Authority on May 22, 2018. Vicksburg DPW has been doing the Operations & Maintenance since inception in 2000, and has indicated they would prefer to not renew the contract to handle the sewer operations & maintenance any longer. Stoneburner believes that GLSWA could provide better service for South County without negatively impacting GLSWA's operations. Crumb noted that a contract with South County for Operations & Maintenance could partially fund an additional employee for GLSWA. Kahler made the motion to authorize Crumb to develop a draft proposal for an Operations & Maintenance Contract with South County to review with the Board. Motion was seconded by Moore. Motion carried; all ayes.

Charleston Township Pressure Sewer Estimate Review and Project Start Charleston Township Supervisor Jerry VanderRoest indicated that there was not a project start date yet and bids had not gone out. Revisions were made to lower the estimate. Jerry listed 5 items that GLSWA and Charleston continued to work on.

Projects-Miscellaneous 2017-2018 Various Projects and On-Going Work

- o Gilmore Car Museum authorized Excel Engineering to do the on-site evaluation.
- o Pole Barn-Scheduling Update: Estimated Completion 7/25/2018; Change Order approved for 2 Ceiling Fans.
- Riverview-Keyes Drive-Engineer Smaka reported that Cooper Township passed the Resolution of Intent for the project on June 11 and the Public Hearing is scheduled for July 15.
- o Gilmore Farms-Engineer Schram reported that they are currently laying pipe; Crumb agreed with Prein & Newhof to relinquish the requirement for external tar on any manhole that doesn't sit within the water table.
- o Ross Township Road Project coordination-Ongoing Coordination. Labelle Dr. (private drive) condition concern was not sewer related

Work Orders over \$750 Manager Plus Work Order System Crumb reviewed Work Order 188 for LS28 to move the generator bypass plug at a cost of \$2,495.

### OLD BUSINESS: ACTIVE (no change in status unless red)

7911 Foxwood Poor install on 6" riser; GLSWA responsible for repairs; Crumb noted this is the reason GLSWA needs to be present to inspect sewer connections. Cooper Township Asset Mgmt Schedule limited pole camera on known pipe issues Charleston Township AMP Schedule Manhole inspections and camera work July/Aug; Pierson to send letter to James Baker regarding needed contract with Charleston (similar to Galesburg?)

Ritz-WGLD See project update

Absolute Air 10 Day Compliance or C of O revoked

Galesburg Pipe Under M-96 RP to write letter after review by WAI

Engel (Spruce Lane Apts) Pierson and Crumb to set up meeting with Mr. Engel Little Long Lake Sewer Ext McDonald Street Easement Obtain Easement /Extend Sewer Lead (Signature);

Crumb to meet Mr. Arendt to discuss sewer installation end of July

Testing of Grinder Pump Lines Letter for Health Department Prepared

Ordinance-Metered Billing Discussing Challenges & Logistics
Gull Lake Condos Easement To Be Prepared and Submitted

(3) Repairs for 2018 Season Completed 5/14/2018. Costs to be reviewed on WO's.

DEQ-Purge Well Discharge Agreement out for signatures-City of Kalamazoo; Purge

Well Discharge to be shut down due to PFOS

Ordinance Revisions Ordinance revisions for all municipalities (on-going review)

Richland Water Conn Fees Review and Make Recommendation

**OLD BUSINESS: INACTIVE** (see Attachment A). The Board acknowledged receipt of the Old Business / Inactive list.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report / Bills Paid + Payable / Engineering Billing A motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Moore to file the financial reports as presented and approve the standard bills paid through May 31, 2018. **Motion carried; all ayes.** 

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Harma informed the Board that the Kalamazoo County Road Commission has an initiative to share information to foster better coordination of sewer, road, and Consumers Energy replacements.

Crumb congratulated Engineer Schram for passing his PE Exam.

#### ADJOURN.

Chairman Stoneburner adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** 

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018, at 1:00 P.M.

Submitted for approval

Lysanne Harma – Secretary

# Attachment A: Old Business Items-

## OLD BUSINESS ITEMS (Miscellaneous projects / litems carried over) / No change in status unless Red

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1	DEQ Purge Weil discharge	AVAIL COMPANY OF THE PROPERTY
1		:Wells turned back on - still plan to be shut down in 2017; New Agmt to be drafted; Lease pay't-yes
	Out for signatures. Currently with City of Kalamazoo	: Overall revenues for Authority FYE 2018 will likely be reduced 856 (\$100,000 +/-)
2	Rob Thall - Property Acquisition/Easements	: 2-Properties: Consumers / Guil Lake Condos + Consumers at Auth offices
	RP + TW met to review - RP to prepare	: DEC construction permit obtained; CMS paperwork to be initiated - intent to acquire easement.
3	Gull Lake Authority Property Development	: Plerson to meet with Harma + Dykstra to make recommendation to Goard
2 11	Plan for June out-for-bid	on future Pole Barn / Office area expansion needs; rent space again winter 2017-18 if needed
•	Gull Lake Ministries	: RP to do review of their "non-single family" accounts (re-rate large multi-room homes)
. 8	Reminded GLM of the need to consolidate	: Parcels need to be combined under common parcel number or they owe Conn Fees
i	Galesburg - Comstock Interceptor	: Within main agenda
	Pierson to write letter	t Postponed this work - anticipate new Regional Agent in 2018 will resolve this: Pipe Repair needed
i	Charleston Township Sewer	: Pierson is preparing documents and costs analytics to present to GLSWA + Charleston for
	Signed Letter of Intent in hand 3/22/2018	Charleston to have GLSWA operate, maintain and administer the sewer system in Charleston.
	1980-1990 Ensement Releases	: On-going filing / FileBound project, accumulating all easements under 1 file, then having the
	Continue to work on these one-by-one: 2 year window	County "acknowledge" and "release" them to us (as they are in the name of the County currently).
	Village of Richland Contract	: Contract drafted. To be reviewed and forwarded to Village for their January meeting
	Proposed final Contract signed by Purties 3/12/2018	Emailed D. Greve suggesting meeting within on Village Richland sewer/water lesues
	Sherman Lake Easement 'clean-up / verify'	: Pierson to review easements and check for accuracy - file in SIS system
- 3	SAW eligible - Anne, Cherl, Rich + Andrew on-going	SAW extension requested to do this work - Extension denied. Work continues on these
- 1	Kalamazoo Regional W / WW Commission	: GLSWA is party to a lawsuit (now withdrawn) regarding rates and charges
1	Pierson discussed with legal counsel the dichland/Boss water	issu : New water and wastewater agreements are being worked on the the Commission
- 1	Air Release Valve Rebuilding.	: An SSO incident in July 2013 was caused by a falled galvanized nipple on an air release valve
l	Updated:	: We have rebuilt 8 of these • 2 additional to go
- 1	37th Street Grinder lines tapped into D Iron	: Corresion Issue with copper corresion.
T	These will be rebuilt when we work on LSV1 forcemain.	: We have rebuilt 6 of these - 4 additional in Charleston Township to be rebuilt
3	Oth Street Gravity Sewer - Future	: If Allen Edwin completes Phines III 4 IV of Gilmpre Farms, new pipeline to be constructed
R	IP briefed Richland Twop on this potential project	: This will require 7 ensements prior to starting the project
v	Water Connection Fees (Village / Township)	: Short-side / Long-side tap averaging should be in place for water main taps
	P beginning to work on these - thanks Anne.	: As well as new increased Connection Fees for water hook-ups as \$\$ will be needed
-	Commercial Review / Apartment/ Metered	: Pleason is proposing to move from 200 gal/day per unit to 150 gal/day per unit, simultaneously
	reject scheduled for Implementation throughout 2017	while having metered customers have a ready-to-serve charge + a commodity charge.
_	Aiscellaneous Customer Fees	: Sump pump violations : Plerson to pursue with certified mail and Misc Customer fee procedure
Ē	mergency Fuel Acquisition	: Authorized last year but never purchased due to space concerns / seconfiguration
M	S has taken this over: Will need resulthorization	: Crumb to follow up in 2018
N	lanhole ralsing Project	Info: 160+ Inscressible; 83 + in yards, 73+ in road; Work continues:
		90 in yards + 11 in road done: Preparing estimates for 2017 seasonal repairs
4	Repair sites: Completed	L5 24 Air Release, LS 24 gravity drop repair under asphalt (Matt); Burlington wye (Matt)
30	d repair needed SGLD: to be 2017	Possibly be in-situ (triside pipe) repairs: \$6000 each instead of \$8000 - \$10,000 each
Ā	rticles of Incorporation - to be reworked be ratified in March+ published	Requires ratification by each municipal board.