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GRAND HAVEN-SPRING LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY

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The regular meeting of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority will be held at 8:15 A.M. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in the Council Chambers in Grand Haven City Hall located at 519 Washington St. Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday February 18, 2026

8:15 A.M.

1. Meeting called to order at 8:17 a.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present:

Chair Ashley Latsch
Vice-Chair Brady Selner
Treasurer Craig Bessinger
Bill Cargo
Pat Staskiewicz

City of Grand Haven
Village of Spring Lake
City of Ferrysburg
Grand Haven Township
Ottawa County Road Commission

Also Present:

Ryan Vredevelde
Cory VanOeveren
Matt Wade
Karen Sherwood

WWTP Superintendent
WWTP Supervisor
Grand Haven Township
Grand Haven Township

Absent:

Gordon Gallagher
Joel TePastte
Steve Namenye

Spring Lake Township
Village of Spring Lake
Member-at-Large

3. Approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2025 Sewer Authority Board meeting

Motion by Cargo to approve minutes, support by Selner and all in favor motion carries.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Financial Report

Superintendent Vredevelde updates the board on the current financials as well as the current fiscal year revenue & expenditures.

6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Vredevelde updates the board on the operations of the plant. Flows have been increasing, something the plant staff will be monitoring as we get closer to Spring when flows typically increase. Discussion was had about the IPP Audit Violation Notice the plant had received. No official response had been submitted by EGLT but they had communicated that parts of our argument have been submitted to the attorney general for opinion. Staskiewicz comments that maybe local officials be made informed on the impact the Violation Notice may have on the treatment facility and its rate payers. In addition, an update was given on the status of capital improvement projects. Only two bids were received and at a significantly higher amount that was higher than what was budgeted. Staff is considering rejecting bids and reshaping the scope of work to rebid.

7. General Business.

A. Budget Presentation for FY 2026-2027

Superintendent Vredevelde presents the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Vredevelde touches on some high points from the budget. Motion by Cargo to approve the budget as presented, support by Bessinger and all in favor motion carries.

B. Regional Biosolids Pilot Study

An update is given on the status of the regional biosolids drying facility efforts by the Ottawa County wastewater treatment plant members. Solar is being removed from the project due to not being cost effective and air permitting being evaluated for burning biosolids as fuel for supplemental heat. A pilot study is going to be performed on our actual biosolids to evaluate air quality for air permitting regulation. Comment by member Cargo that this cost for a pilot study seems to be miniscule in the big picture and agrees with the need to perform it. Ryan V./Pat S. will provide a brief summary of current status as well as a layout of regional facility (with pictures) so that Authority members may be able to share with their own councils. Motion by Cargo to move forward with the proposed studies not to exceed \$30,000 (GH/SL Sewer Authority Share), support from Staskiewicz, all in favor motion carries.

C. Sewer Authority Board Organization

The Sewer Authority Board has historically appointed officers at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year.

Current Officers are:

Chair – Ashley Latsch

Vice-Chair – Brady Selner

Treasurer – Craig Bessinger

Motion by Cargo to keep current officers in their respective positions. Supported by Staskiewicz and all in favor motion carries.

8. Board Member Comments.

Pat S. to provide information on upcoming project for water study.

9. Announcement of the next Sewer Authority Meeting: May 20, 2026

10. Adjournment at 9:10 a.m.

Sewer Authority Members:

Brady Selner, Vice-Chairperson
City of Grand Haven - Vacant
Ashley Latsch, Chairperson
Craig Bessinger, Treasurer
Steve Namenye
Gordon Gallagher
Patrick Staskiewicz
Bill Cargo
Joel TePastte

Alternate Members:

Wally Delamater

Matt Schindlbeck

Joe Wallace
Matt Wade

Consultants:

Matt VanHoef

Others:

Grand Haven Tribune
Bob Monetza
Maria Boersma

GENERAL MEMBERS: IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR ALTERNATE SO THAT HE/SHE MAY