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# GRAND HAVEN-SPRING LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
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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 19, 2025 in the Council Chambers in Grand Haven City Hall located at 519 Washington St. Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

## AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday February 19, 2025

8:15 A.M.

**1. Meeting called to order 8:15 a.m.**

**2. Roll Call:**

Vice-Chair Ashley Latsch  
Treasurer Craig Bessinger  
Patrick Staskiewicz  
Bill Cargo  
Brady Selner  
Joel TePastte  
Wally Delamater

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

**Also Present:**

Ryan Vredeveld  
Cory VanOeveren  
Matt Wade  
Karen Sherwood  
Emily Greene

WWTP Superintendent  
WWTP Environmental Compliance Supervisor  
Grand Haven Township Alternate  
Grand Haven Township  
City of Grand Haven Finance Director

**Absent:**

Steve Namenye  
Chair Gordon Gallagher

Member at Large  
Spring Lake Township

**3. Approval of the minutes of the November 20, 2024 Sewer Authority Board meeting**

*Motion by Cargo to approve the minutes, support by TePastte and all in favor motion carries*

**4. Public Comment**

*No public comment*

**5. Financial Report**

*Superintendent Vredevelde updates the Board on the financials of the current fiscal year and how we are projecting.*

**6. Superintendent's Report**

*Superintendent Vredevelde updates the board on the operations of the plant. The backup blower was rebuilt, which is our main backup blower to our main turbo blower. A main project was started and finished at the Spring Lake Pump Station which was the replacement of the Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS).*

**7. General Business.**

**A. East End Parking Lot Agreement**

*Motion by Cargo to approve and support by TePastte. Comment from the Board Member Cargo was that we wanted to be sure no fees would be associated with receiving the easement from the City and there are no such fees. All in favor and motion carries.*

**B. Budget Presentation for FY 2025-2026**

*Superintendent Vredevelde discussed the 6 year CIP and the necessary funding needed to cover the projected costs. Upcoming projects include a new backup generator at the main plant, new monitoring/controls in the aeration basin, security system, as well as the install of a fiber loop to improve communication from building to building. Other main points of the budget included 5% cost of living increases to both union and non-union positions. Board Member Delamater commented that it appears that there is an increase to operations/maintenance items and stated it would be nice to see how the man hours of plant staff effectively cover the demands of O/M.*

*Motion by Cargo to approve the budget as present with support by TePastte and 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 – Gordon Gallagher*

*Vice-Chair – Ashley Latsch*

*Treasurer – Craig Bessinger*

*Motion by Cargo to nominate Latsch as Chair, Selner as Vice-Chair and have Bessinger remain as Treasurer. All in favor motions carries.*

**8. Board Member Comments.**

*No comments*

**9. Announcement of next Sewer Authority Meeting: May 21, 2025**

**10. Adjournment. 8:48 a.m**

**Sewer Authority Members:**

Brady Selner  
City of Grand Haven - Vacant  
Ashley Latsch, Vice-Chairperson  
Craig Bessinger, Treasurer  
Steve Namenye  
Gordon Gallagher, Chairperson  
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