

April Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The April 5th meeting of the Gun Lake Area Sewer & Water Authority was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Glenn Leep.

Roll Call: Township officials present: Glenn Leep of Martin, Roger VanVolkinburg of Wayland, Tom Rook of Orangeville, and Alice Jansma of Yankee Springs. GLASWA staff present included Director Larry Knowles and Office Manager Tara Palandri. Shane Vandenberg attended as a member of the public.

Review Authority Minutes: Mr. VanVolkinburg motioned to accept the March meeting minutes with Mr. Rook supporting, motion carried 4-0.

Director's Report:

- Laboratory Technician
 - Infrastructure Alternatives is working on a T&M basis while we look for an operator.
- YST Water
 - Fleis & Vandenbrink asked the DEQ to delay our Reliability Study 2 years since there were no significant changes.
 - The MOR and reports have been sent to the DEQ.
- Grinders
 - Yankee Springs didn't adopt the proposed ordinance. They asked us to hold a public meeting to explain the issue.
 - The board agreed that we will hold a meeting in the future to clear up questions and explain the details.
- Boat Wash
 - Dan Westenburg (Progressive) requested a vote regarding allowing boat washes connected to the sewer system.
 - Expressing the same concerns as last meeting, the board discussed that other sewer authorities have faced these same issues and we should investigate their solutions. The board also wants more guidance from the engineer about how others have resolved these issues. Mr. Rook made a motion to table the decision until additional input is given from the engineer. Ms. Jansma supported the motion, it passed 4-0.
- Yankee Springs State Park
 - Mr. Knowles met with the DNR on March 7th. State Rep. Calley had an assistant attend as well. The DNR heard GLASWA's side and will consider our statements. Meanwhile, they will try to get the Tribe to connect to our lines.
- Bay Pointe Woods
 - The Bay Pointe Woods project contains an extension to the sewer main. They requested that GLASWA take ownership of the main. After discussion, Mr. Rook made a motion to allow the proposed Bay Pointe Woods private system and accept the potential liability to take over the system pursuant to an agreement to be entered into between the parties upon final approval of the Director. Mr. VanVolkinburg supported the motion, it passed 4-0.
- Project
 - Project drawings were given to the DEQ 11/10/17 and there is still no response. This waiting might cause us to miss this construction season and the cost of the project will likely increase significantly. Mr. Knowles asked the board if we should proceed with bidding without DEQ approval to avoid higher construction costs. After discussing their options, the board decided to wait a little longer for the DEQ.

New Business:

- One new sewer permit and no new water permits.
- The handbook addendum and supplemental forms were presented. After review, Mr. VanVolkinburg motioned to approve the addendum and supplemental forms. Ms. Jansma supported, it passed 4-0.

Financial Statements: March payroll totaled \$23,742.94 and operations expenses (checks #14354-14389) along with electronic payments totaled \$122,685.50. Total March expenses came to \$146,428.44. A motion to pay the bills was made by Ms. Jansma and supported by Mr. Rook, motion carried 4-0.

Discussion: None.

Hear Those Present: Shane Vandenberg asked the board to define "water utility". After much discussion, he'll ask YST.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM with motion by Mr. VanVolkinburg, supported by Ms. Jansma.

The next board meeting is scheduled for **May 3, 2018 at 7:00 PM.**