

GERRISH LYON UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
June 13, 2022
Held at Gerrish Township Hall
2997 E Higgins Lake Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-821-9313

This meeting was held in person with members from Fleis & Vandenbrink, Kevin Hyunh on Zoom call.

Regular meeting called to order at 9:01 am. Present: Dave Udy, Eric Carlson, Dave Hall, Jerry McKenna Tom Metcalf, and Jim Barnwell. Absent: Leasa Tulgetske. Also, present: 20+ citizen(s)

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Zoom call attendees: Scott Hall and Gary Bartow from Fleis & Vandenbrink and Kevin Hyunh from Alberta Wilbert Sales

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Eric Carlson, supported by Jerry McKenna: CARRIED that the agenda be approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MAY 25, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Tom Metcalf, supported by JIM Barnwell: CARRIED that the May 25, 2022, meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Old Business:

Final project plan has been submitted to EGLE in process of scoring plan.

Update of Orenco Cold weather STEP system equipment. Insulation is to be installed in the systems.

Public Comment: Question of what level the effluent is leaving the tank. Four to six feet when effluent is leaving the tank. Confirmed that it is designed to leave at six feet below grade. Discussion of failed systems in Alberta area. Tanks have not been designed yet but will be engineered to sustain the weather in this area. Materials less likely to corrode will be chosen. Systems will be reviewed by the Michigan Plumbing & Engineering Board. It has been approved. Manufacturers other than Orenco will be reviewed, and bids will be taken when a decision is made.

New Business:

Motion by Jerry McKenna, Supported by Tom Metcalf: CARRIED to set the GLUA Annual Meeting Date Monday July 11,2022 @ 7:00p.m. at the Gerrish Township Hall.

Motion by Eric Carlson, supported by Jerry McKenna: CARRIED to accept the resignation of Leasa Tulgetske as the Gerrish Township Appointee to the GLUA Board with much appreciation and regret for the time served.

Discussed: GLUA Proposed REU Schedule
Vacant Buildable Properties

Public Comments: Concern of plastic lines cracking and tanks freezing, installation of safety systems on lids to prevent people, mainly children falling into tanks, liability of system failure who pays for it? Suggestion of a blanket insurance policy on the systems, Will anyone outside of the townships be inspecting the systems? GLUA plans to have plumbing inspectors available for this project. Resident stated that we need this for our grandkids, GLUA needs support, they are trying to help us. Request to post meeting agenda a day prior to the meeting on the website. Suggested that GLUA send a first-class letter out to all property owners to ask for their input and a yea or nea on the project. The recall is wrong, GLUA officials are doing their job, invite to a seminar at the McKenna Center on Thursday night. Lines need to be flushed if away from the dwelling for prolonged period. Do we need a septic ordinance since we do not have a sewer? We need to do something. Another stated that we need to do something thank goodness for the GLUA Board having the courage to stand up for this. There's no perfect system. We need to all come together and talk about this. Let's work together. Concerns need to be shared amicably. Let's create a group to discuss this and work together. Recall was only done to give the people a voice, we have a right to vote on this. Maybe we should just start with a sewer ordinance and see what happens.

GLUA Board Comments: Eric Carlson: When ask about a vote I meant whatever the law is. We have Act 188. You have a right to a referendum, It is being used.

Dave Hall: This is a sewer, we do not live in the city, so we cannot have the "real sewer". Central Health Department confirmed that 40% of the homes do not have a permit on file. If we want a septic ordinance let us talk about it. When it is a septic tank, the homeowner is responsible for it. With the STEP system the company is responsible for it. We went to the Canada company because of freezing concerns. We have had thirty open meetings; info is on the website.

Jerry McKenna: Thanked everyone for coming, it is good to have an open dialogue. Tom Metcalf: It was a pretty good meeting. We have a once in a lifetime chance to do what's right for our community, we have to put our hand out. We do not have an engineered system yet, will not have it if we do not get funding. Jim Barnwell: DNR letter speaks of the current impact on fisheries, hopefully this will help the O2 levels. Perhaps should consider road end run-off and fertilizers and get it off to the right authorities.

Dave Udy: After the annual meeting next year's meeting dates will be published. Stating that "this is not a sewer" is fundamentally incorrect. Questions of this being unsuitable should go to the state level engineers at EGLE and the USDA.

Announcements: NONE

Motion by Eric Carlson supported by Jerry McKenna: CARRIED
that the meeting adjourns.

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PROPOSED

Meeting adjourned at 11:17a.m.

Brenda Burkett, Assistant Secretary

Approved