

**GROVE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025
MINUTES**

The Grove Municipal Services Authority met in Special Session on Tuesday May 20, 2025, at 3:00 PM with Chairman Andy Stewart presiding. Members present were Berwin Kock, Justin Wadley, and Andy Stewart. Member Ed Trumbull was absent. Also present was General Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Attorney, Darren Cook; Public Works Director, Deric Douthit; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred, and City Clerk, Laura Davila.

ADDITIONAL STAFF PRESENT:

Jeremy Brown – Public Works Superintendent
Aston York – Water/Wastewater Plant Superintendent
Michelle Walker – Utility Office Manager
Kristi Ford – Human Resources Director
Karyn Pesich – Municipal Clerk

AGENDA ITEMS:

Stewart opened the floor for Discussion with Respect to a Resolution approving and recommending the Grove City Council approve the Grove Municipal Services Authority (GMSA) 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. Cook reported that the goal with this year's budget is to increase wages for all non-union employees and continue to maintain the \$100,000 Life Insurance provided for employees at no cost. Cook added that the proposed budget reflects a 5% COLA pay increase to employees with a merit increase on their anniversary date effective 07-01-2025.

Cook reported that revenues are budgeted conservative with minimal increases from last year. Cook highlighted that liability, property, and worker's compensation insurance would see an increase 15%-35%. OMAG is raising rates for all its municipal customers.

Cook introduced the following proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year budget:

<u>TOTAL REVENUE GMSA GENERAL FUND:</u>	\$11,867,400
<u>GMSA GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</u>	
▪ Governing Board	\$ 2,022,400
▪ Administration	\$ 986,300
▪ Engineering	\$ 5,000
▪ Warehouse Administration	\$ 942,300
▪ Water Treatment	\$ 1,070,100
▪ Water Distribution	\$ 370,700
▪ Sewer Treatment	\$ 729,800
▪ Sewer Collection	\$ 391,400
▪ Natural Gas	\$ 5,156,200
▪ GIS	\$ 17,200
▪ Vehicle Maintenance	<u>\$ 176,000</u>
TOTAL	\$11,867,400

<u>GMSA CAPITAL</u>	\$5,052,000
<u>RURAL WATER #6 RESERVE FUND</u>	\$200,000
<u>RURAL WATER #9 RESERVE FUND</u>	\$100,500
<u>GMSA DEBT SERVICE</u>	\$2,132,000
<u>GMSA SALES TAX FUND</u>	\$9,000,000
<u>OWRB FUND</u>	\$5,250,000
<u>NEW DEVELOPMENT DEBT SERVICE</u>	\$15,000
<u>TRANSMISSION LINE RESERVE</u>	\$1,160,000

Cook added that a Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for the June 3rd City Council meeting. Cook and staff entertained questions, comments, and concerns from the Board. The presentation of the Budget lasted approximately 33 minutes. Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution approving and recommending the Grove City Council approve the Grove Municipal Services Authority (GMSA) 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. Second by Wadley. AYE: Kock, Wadley, Devitt, Stewart. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

At 3:34 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Wadley. AYE: Kock, Wadley, Devitt, Stewart. NAY: None. Motion Carried.