

GLENBARD WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
Executive Oversight Committee
Agenda
June 8, 2026
8:00 a.m.
945 Bemis Road
Glen Ellyn, IL

Members Present:

Anthony Puccio	President, Village of Lombard
Jim Burket	President, Village of Glen Ellyn
Kelli Christiansen	Trustee, Village of Glen Ellyn
Scott Niehaus	Village Manager, Village of Lombard
Carl Goldsmith	Public Works Director, Village of Lombard
John Hubsy	Public Works Director, Village of Glen Ellyn

Others Present:

Matthew Streicher	Executive Director, GWA
Ron Dulceak	Assistant Executive Director, GWA
Daniella Martinez	Environmental Resources Coordinator, GWA
Gayle Lendabarker	Executive Assistant, GWA
Patrick Brankin	Finance Director, Village of Glen Ellyn
Nicole Aranas	Deputy Village Manager, Village of Lombard

1. Call to Order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: President Puccio, President Burket, Trustee Christiansen, Mr. Niehaus, Mr. Franz, Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Hubsy, answered "Present". Trustee Bachner was excused.
4. Public Comment
5. Consent Agenda – The following items are considered to be routine by the Executive Oversight Committee and will be approved with a single vote in the form listed below:

Motion the EOC to approve the following items including Payroll and Vouchers for the months of April and May of 2026 in the amount of \$2,678,664.84 (Trustee Christiansen).

Trustee Christiansen motioned and Mr. Goldsmith seconded the *MOTION that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved. President Puccio, President Burket, Trustee Christiansen, Mr. Niehaus, Mr. Franz, Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Hubsy responded "Aye" during a roll vote. The motion carried.*

- 5.1 Executive Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes:
April 13, 2026 EOC Meeting
- 5.2 Vouchers and Payroll Previously Reviewed:
Months of April and May 2026 – Trustee Christiansen
- 5.3 Retroactive Approval of 3-Year Natural Gas Supply Agreement

After being approved to seek procurement of a new natural gas supply contract at the January 12, 2026, EOC meeting, on May 13, 2026, the Authority locked in a new fixed rate of \$0.3985/therm for three years beginning in April 2027 with Constellation, who is the Authority's current provider. The new rate is a decrease from the previous rate of \$0.46711/therm rate that has been in place since April 2024.

Therefore, it is recommended the EOC retroactively authorize the Authority to formally enter into a 3-year agreement with Constellation for natural gas supply at a rate of \$0.3985/therm. This amount will be reflected in the draft CY2027 budget, and in future years budgets.

- 5.4 Request a motion for authorization to purchase a 2027 Kenworth T880 Semi-Truck from CIT Trucks for \$175,442.88.

The Authority has identified the replacement of Unit 611, a 2004 Volvo with 9,042 miles, as part of its ongoing vehicle replacement plan. This vehicle is used regularly by Authority staff for transporting semi-trailers of "cake", which is part of the solids removal process that is hauled off-site.

The Authority has obtained pricing from CIT Truck, an approved Sourcewell consortium partner, for the purchase of a 2027 Kenworth. The vehicle specifications have been reviewed and approved by the Public Works Equipment Services Superintendent. CIT Trucks provided a quote for another Kenworth, which was more expensive. CIT Trucks also provide quotes for Volvo and Mack trucks, which did not meet the requirements of Public Works. After acquiring the new vehicle, the Authority intends to declare the existing Unit 611, a 2004 Volvo Tandem Semi-Tractor with 9,042 miles as a surplus, allowing the Authority to put the vehicle up for auction. Due to the anticipated value of the Volvo unit, per the purchasing policy, the Glen Ellyn Village Manager can approve the declaration of surplus.

The Authority recommends the Executive Oversight Committee authorize the purchase of one (1) 2027 Kenworth T880 provided by CIT Trucks per Quote #31572 in the amount of \$175,442.88.

- 5.5 Request a motion for authorization to reject all publicly opened bids for services related to the demolition of an Authority owned house at 1S659 Sunnybrook Road

A public bid opening was held on May 20, 2026, for contractual services to demolish the Authority owned home at 1S659 Sunnybrook Road, Glen Ellyn, IL. The Authority received 2 bids, with the low bid being \$107,500. The Authority's approved CY2026 budget only had \$60,000 budgeted for these services, so in addition to not having adequate budget, Authority staff deemed this price to be unreasonably high considering the services being provided. After consultation with the Technical Advisory Committee, it was decided the Authority would seek a motion to reject the submitted bids, attempt to determine why the bids were so high and then rebid for these services at a later date.

The Authority requests the Executive Oversight Committee authorize the rejection of all bids opened on May 20th, 2026, for House Demolition Services.

- 5.6 Request a motion for authorization to purchase a 2026 Ford Explorer from the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative for \$39,545.

The Authority has identified the replacement of Unit 648, a 2015 Ford Explorer with 68,292 miles, as part of its ongoing vehicle replacement plan. This vehicle is used regularly by Authority staff for conference attendance, site visits, village meetings, and training events. The Authority has obtained pricing from National Auto Fleet Group, an approved Sourcewell consortium partner, and Currie Motors, a member of the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative for the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer. The vehicle specifications have been reviewed and approved by the Public Works Equipment Services Superintendent.

The Authority recommends the Executive Oversight Committee motion to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford Explorer provided by Currie Motors through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative per Quote #231 in the amount of \$39,545.

6. Request for a motion for approval of the issuance of Member Debt by the Village of Glen Ellyn for improvements to the Authority's Wastewater Treatment Facilities, including the Final Clarifier Improvements Project, pursuant to and in accordance with the provision of Article VIII(B) of the Joint Agreement

The Authority had intended to fund several projects in its Long-Term Capital Improvement Plan via low interest loans through the state revolving fund (SRF), but in recent years the SRF program has been extremely competitive and has lacked adequate funding, leading the Authority to explore other methods to finance projects. After exhausting several routes of obtaining financing for a previous capital project, the Finance Directors from each Village and their financial advisors recommended method was for the Village of Glen Ellyn

to issue debt for the Authority via bond issuance, with the Authority repaying the Village of Glen Ellyn for said debt.

Each respective Village Board approved an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between the Village's that formed the Authority, which allowed for such issuance to take place, and outlined terms of repayment plans for this current proposed debt. The terms of repayment were made general so they could be applicable to any potential future debt from the issuance of bonds.

The Authority seeks a motion for approval of the issuance of Member Debt by the Village of Glen Ellyn for improvements to the Authority's Wastewater Treatment Facilities, including the Final Clarifier Improvements Project, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII(B) of the Joint Agreement.

President Burket asked what the dollar amount was the Village of Glen Ellyn, going to be issuing bonds for. Mr. Brankin advised that the amount that will be presented to the Village of Glen Ellyn Board for approval is not to exceed amount of \$9.5 Million Dollars. Mr. Brankin explained that by asking for the higher amount, a parameter is being set that the project must work within.

President Burket asked if the bond payment is then split 50/50 between the Villages. Mr. Niehaus advised that the debt repayment is calculated based on flow. Mr. Streicher clarified that GWA will be repaying the Village for the loan, via payment funds allocated within the long-term capital budget plan each year. Mr. Streicher noted that current draft budget for CY2027 has the interest rate conservatively calculated at 5%; however, based on recent conversations with Mr. Brankin, the interest rate is around 4%. President Burket asked what the interest rate was going to be. Mr. Brankin advised around 4.03%; noting the rate is only slightly higher than the previous bond issuance rate of 4.01% in 2024.

Mr. Niehaus explained that the Article in the Joint Agreement was crafted due to the Village of Lombard's bond rating not meeting requirements back in 2024; and the interest savings the Village of Lombard pays 50% of the savings back to the Village of Glen Ellyn out of gratitude and fairness. Mr. Streicher noted that the IGA modification was written to allow for a reverse situation; if the Village of Glen Ellyn were to experience any bonding issues.

Mr. Franz motioned and Mr. Niehaus seconded the MOTION for approval of the issuance of Member Debt the Village of Glen Ellyn for improvements to the Authority's Wastewater Treatment Facilities, including the Final Clarifier Improvements Project, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII(B) of the Joint Agreement. President Puccio, President Burket, Trustee Christiansen, Mr. Niehaus, Mr. Franz, Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Hubsky responded "Aye" during a roll vote. The motion carried.

7. Solar Grant Application/Request for a Motion for Approval to Purchase Solar Panels

As previously communicated to the Executive Oversight Committee, the Authority applied to the Resilient Energy for Wastewater Infrastructure (REWI) Grant Program for a \$1.2M grant to construct a 1-megawatt solar field with battery storage. The REWI Grant Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) State Energy Program (SEP) from supplemental appropriations authorized under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Grant recipients were intended to be announced on May 29, 2026; however, no indication has been given to date.

Due to a July 4th, 2026 deadline to be eligible for the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) rebate of 40% on the total project cost, and the timing of this Executive Oversight Committee meeting, the Authority would like to seek approval to procure the materials needed to secure the ITC rebate, contingent on the Authority being named a grant recipient. If the Authority is not named, any motion approved by the EOC will be rendered invalid.

The Authority requests the EOC motion to authorize the purchase of solar panels from either Canadian Solar or Heliene in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 contingent on the Authority being notified of being a selected grant recipient. The intent is that the funds would be taken out of the Authority's general capital fund, 40-520180. Although these were not specifically budgeted for, due to the grant award and ITC rebate, the Authority can float the funds until those credits are received. The project has an overall 2–3-year return on investment.

Mr. Franz asked if GWA is not a recipient of the grant, would the project still move forward. Mr. Streicher advised that the project would not move forward unless another grant program was offered or a decision is made to roll the project into the future large plant upgrade project to increase GWA's scoring.

Mr. Goldsmith asked if simply making a materials purchase satisfies the grant, even if materials will not be delivered after the July 4th deadline. Mr. Streicher advised that GWA would not have to make any purchases but simply have a purchase order issued. Mr. Goldsmith asked if the items purchased are returnable and would GWA be charged restocking fees if the grant is not awarded. Mr. Streicher clarified that the purchase order would only be issued upon confirmation that GWA was awarded the grant and not before. Mr. Streicher advised he hopes to hear within the next few days if GWA is awarded the grant, then a PO will be generated. Mr. Streicher stated that GWA is not the only wastewater treatment facility waiting for word as well.

Mr. Hubsky asked if without the grant funding the ROI for the project is 10 to 15 years. Mr. Streicher noted that it is closer to 10 years, as the grant funding is 50% of the project costs.

Mr. Niehaus noted that the Village of Lombard, when doing environmental projects such as this, typically has a goal of eight years or less for the ROI.

Mr. Hubsby asked Mr. Streicher to confirm that if GWA were to add solar to the major facility project in the future, the scoring to receive SRF funding would be more favorable. Mr. Streicher confirmed that one of the scoring criteria for SRF funding is if there is a renewable component is included in a project, and by adding this project to that, GWA's scoring could potentially go higher.

Mr. Goldsmith motioned and Trustee Christiansen seconded the *MOTION to authorize the purchase of solar panels from either Canadian Solar or Heliene in the amount not to exceed \$300,000, contingent on the Authority being notified of being a selected grant recipient.* The intent is that the funds would be taken out of the Authority's general capital fund, 40-520180. Although these were not specifically budgeted for, due to the grant award and ITC rebate, the Authority can float the funds until those credits are received. The project has an overall 2–3-year return on investment. ***President Puccio, President Burket, Trustee Christiansen, Mr. Niehaus, Mr. Franz, Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Hubsby responded "Aye" during a roll vote. The motion carried.***

8.0 Discussion

8.1 Capital Project Updates

8.2 Use of the Combined Sewer Overflow Facility for Fire Department Training Facility

The Village of Glen Ellyn and the Village of Lombard have been working collaboratively to explore the development of a joint fire service training facility to serve the needs of both communities. The proposed training tower would be constructed on property owned by the Village of Lombard and currently operated by the Glenbard Wastewater Authority (GWA) at its Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Facility, also known as the Excess Flow Treatment Facility, located at 21W151 Hill Avenue in Lombard, Illinois.

To facilitate the project, a draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) has been prepared and has undergone preliminary review by representatives of all three entities. It should be noted, however, that the document remains in draft form and is subject to further revision. Manager Niehaus and Manager Franz believe it is important to present the proposed/enclosed agreement to the Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) at this stage to solicit initial feedback and guidance prior to advancing a final agreement for formal consideration. Following incorporation of any feedback received, the agreement would be reviewed again by the Glenbard Wastewater Authority and subsequently presented for consideration and approval of both the Village of Lombard Board and the Village of Glen Ellyn Board.

Staff welcomes discussion and feedback regarding both the proposed project and the draft agreement. Staff will continue working collaboratively with all parties over the coming weeks with the goal of refining and finalizing the agreement and advancing this important public safety initiative.

President Burket noted that he and President Puccio were scheduled for a conference call with Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi's office and was prepared to give talking points only to be told by the Congressman, that the project had been moved on to the next phase and the call was over, before they had any chance to make any type of presentation.

8.3 Pending EOC Action Items

- 8.3.1 CY2025 Audit
- 8.3.2 Audit Services Renewal
- 8.3.3 SCADA Server Replacements & Installation/Implementation
- 8.3.4 Community Solar Agreement
- 8.3.5 House Demolition

9.0 Other Business

9.1 Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

9.2 Other items

Mr. Streicher took a moment to express his gratitude to Mr. Niehaus for his management guidance and support of himself over the past 10 years, as well as GWA and wished him well on his retirement.

Mr. Niehaus noted that having already known Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Franz prior to becoming the Village Manager at the Village of Lombard, it was a welcoming experience joining the organization.

President Puccio, took the time to introduce Nicole Aranas, the current Deputy Village Manager, who will replace Mr. Niehaus upon his retirement.

10.0 Next EOC Meeting –Next regularly scheduled EOC Meeting on **Monday, July 13, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.**

President Puccio called for a Motion to Adjourn, Mr. Niehaus motioned and Mr. Franz seconded the MOTION to adjourn the June 8, 2026. President Puccio, called for a verbal all in favor and all responded "Aye".

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Submitted by:



Gayle A. Lendabarker
GWA Executive Assistant