

**Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District**  
**3384 Hazlett Road | Springfield, Illinois | 62707-2522 | 217.546.3981**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. | Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Members: Chair Mike Irwin, Vice Chair Eric Oschwald, Trustee Mark Lewis (excused), Trustee Bill Moss, Trustee Mark DiMarzio, Trustee Jim Mayes, Trustee Wayne Benanti, Operations Manager Aaron Smith, Engineer Max Middendorf, Business Manager Cherril Graff, Treasurer Stacy Stremsterfer (excused) and Secretary Jessica Ryg

*Guests: Todd Folder, Jordan Sestak and Clint Sestak*

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Irwin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. 2026 – 2027 Operating, Debt Service and Capital Expenditure Budget Discussion**

Chair Irwin welcomed staff and members of the public in attendance. He provided a brief overview of the purpose of this meeting, noting that the primary focus would be review and discussion of the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Budget Review:** Chair Irwin turned the floor over to Trustee Oschwald and Trustee DiMarzio who lead a detailed review of the draft budget. The CGTPWD Board discussed the budget document line by line, examining each revenue and expenditure category and noting any possible significant increases, decreases or new line items compared to the prior year.

During the discussion, Trustees asked questions regarding operating expenses, personnel costs, capital projects and anticipated project funding through state/federal options. They also considered how these proposed allocations align with the District's strategic loop/project priorities, including maintaining services, supporting planned initiatives and preserving adequate reserves.

Several clarifying questions were asked and answered about specific line items, including contractual services (attorney fees, engineering costs, etc.), technology upgrades and building maintenance. The budget incorporated conservative revenue projections and accounted for known cost increases such as employee health insurance, utilities (propane) and mandated wage adjustments from the union contract.

At the conclusion of the line-by-line review, the CGTPWD Board stopped at a specific point in the budget due to the next meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. It was the consensus that the drafted budget accurately reflected the District's priorities at that time. They will reconvene at a later date to further discuss the rest of the budget.

**IV. Other Committee Items:** none.

**V. Guests:** no questions.

**V. Adjournment:** Trustee Mayes made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried.