

JUNE 1, 2020 MARKS END OF AN ERA FOR GHBLP DIESEL PLANT



1896

Grand Haven's electric utility was created on September 29, 1896 when citizens voted to approve a \$10,000 bond for the first municipal electrical generator.

1929

Construction begins on BLP's Diesel Generator Plant with two 1150-hp DeLaVergne Engines

1934

3rd DeLaVergne Diesel Engine Installed

1937

4th Engine added - a 2250-hp Nordberg Engine

1941

BLP adds 5th Engine, a 3850-hp Nordberg due to continued load growth

1947

6th Engine Installed - similar in size to the 3850-hp Nordberg

1950

With the addition of a nine-cylinder Nordberg Engine, BLP becomes the largest municipal diesel plant in U.S.

1954

\$ 1.5 million 3 year expansion - DeLaVergne Engine #5 is replaced with a ten-cylinder Nordberg

2014

Diesel Plant Engines #5, #6, #7 mothballed and Engine #2 Retired. Catalytic Converter added to #1 Engine to meet environmental requirements.

2015

Removal and cleanup of two 400,000-gallon above ground diesel storage tanks.

1896-2020

June 1, 2020 marks the end of an era at the Grand Haven Board of Light & Power's Diesel Plant located on South Harbor Drive. The plant is being retired because it is no longer economical or efficient to run in today's energy market. This location has generated electricity since 1896. The Board of Directors will be evaluating the future of the Diesel Plant site.

2020

Engine #1 to be retired on June 01, 2020, ending 124 years of electrical generation at 518 South Harbor Drive in Grand Haven MI.