

Allen Water District

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"Addressing the water needs of the Community"

December 19, 2019 Special Board Meeting Minutes

There was a special Allen Water District (AWD) board meeting held on **Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Training Center of the Allen County Sanitary Engineering Department office located at 3230 North Cole Street, Lima, Ohio.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Additions, Changes, or Corrections to Agenda
4. New Business – Resolution 19-035: Allen Water District Accepts Application from the Board of County Commissioners, Allen County, Ohio, for the Inclusion of Certain Territory within Allen County into the Water Service Territory of the Allen Water District
5. Board Comments
6. Public Forum
7. Executive Session
8. Adjournment

A quorum being present, Dr. Biery brought the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Dr. Biery

Mr. Lucas

Mr. Miller

Mr. Kayatin

Mr. Kessen

Mr. Gosnell

Mr. Hartley

Member At Large

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American Twp Representative

County Representative

Perry Twp Representative

Shawnee Twp Representative

Bath Twp Representative

STAFF

Rex Huffman – District Attorney

Kim Stiles – Clerk of the Board

Mary Mathews – Office Assistant

PUBLIC

Eleanor Wollenhaupt

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. **ADDITIONS; CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA** – None

4. **NEW BUSINESS** – Assignment Assumption Agreement with Allen County Commissioners

On December 19, 2019 Allen County Commissioners voted 2-0 to pass a resolution for application to the Allen Water District for inclusion of certain territory within Allen County. The passed resolution details the make-up of the board and states that the County Commissioners shall appoint four Board members and Allen Water District shall appoint four Board members with one from each of the four original townships. A ninth At-Large member shall be appointed by the entire Board of Trustees. Mr. Huffman explained that all existing Board of Trustee terms must fully expire before any new appointments can be made and the 9th board member seat could perhaps provide a slot for a future municipal entity to have board representation. For example, Lafayette or Harrod may request board representation in the future.

Mr. Huffman also noted a change to the Assignment Assumption Agreement, concerning possible outcomes at the end of the original five year term. He explained that the changes were minimal in nature and served to clarify terms and conditions. Ms. Stiles asked if the Board of Commissioners would be passing another resolution soon to approve the signing of the Assignment and Assumption Agreement to which Mr. Huffman replied that they most likely would. Finally, he noted that he expects to file the petition before the end of the year and explained that this could be undone if customers file a petition within the ninety day window.

Mr. Miller asked about the best timeline for the District to change their by-laws to accommodate the changing numbers of Board of Trustee members. Mr. Huffman replied that it was better to file the petition now and schedule the hearing for some time after the ninety days has passed. He felt that waiting would only delay the overall process but noted that changes wouldn't be implemented until after the ninety days have passed.

Mr. Gosnell asked for clarification on exactly which territory is included in the merger. Mr. Huffman explained that the agreement includes all the townships in Allen County which were not previously being served by the District. Mr. Kayatin noted that a small area outside of Beaverdam isn't included in the current agreement because it is currently being served by the city of Beaverdam. Mr. Huffman noted that once this agreement is implemented it will make the process of obtaining public water much simpler for residents of Allen County who live outside the City of Lima.

MOTION MADE BY MR. GOSNELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-035 FOR ALLEN WATER DISTRICT TO ACCEPT APPLICATION FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY WITHIN ALLEN COUNTY INTO THE WATER SERVICE TERRITORY OF THE ALLEN WATER DISTRICT. Second by Mr. Hartley. Roll Call: Dr. Biery – yes, Mr. Lucas – yes, Mr. Kayatin – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Gosnell – yes, Mr. Hartley – yes, Mr. Kessen- yes.

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Mr. Hartley thanked members of the Board of Trustees, along with Mr. Huffman and Ms. Stiles for their hard work on the Assignment Assumption Agreement.

6. **PUBLIC FORUM:** Eleanor Wollenhaupt of 3152 Hopewell Street, Lima, Ohio 45801, asked the Board of Trustees about current or potential projects affecting the area around her home, specifically construction work on Hopewell Street, near Bluelick Road and West Street. She was concerned about potential flooding and/or plumbing problems on her property. Ms. Stiles replied that the District did not currently have construction plans for her area. Mr. Kayatin suggested that Ms. Wollenhaupt contact Mr. Gearing at the Allen County Engineers office for further assistance.
7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion for adjournment made by Mr. Miller at 2:16 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Kayatin. Motion carried 7-0.

ATTESTED:

Ken Lucas

Chairman

1/8/20

Date

[Signature]

Secretary

1-8-20

Date