

THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
Monroe Township Water and Sewer District
January 8, 2018

Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the District was held pursuant to call, upon proper notice to the public, at the Monroe Township Offices. Board members present were William Rodenberg (2020), James Fleisher (2018), Greg Siefring (2020) [Excused at 6:20 P.M. for other obligations], Scott Vagedes (2020) and David Dexter (2018).

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by William Rodenberg followed by the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** James Fleisher moved to approve the December 11th Meeting Minutes with a second by Greg Siefring, motion approved by all Board members with the exception of Scott Vagedes; abstaining as he was not a member during the December meeting.
3. **Comments from Members of the General Public (All guest are requested to sign the Register):** Searl Daughtery, property owner for 555 Kitrina, reported on damaged that appears to have been related to efforts by the District's contractor. The report indicates that the contractor damaged or broke an existing building sewer line. As a result of this damage, sewage backed-up into two units. Mr. Daughtery indicates that he spoke to someone associated with the contractor. However, the contractor has not stepped up to address the damage. He presented two estimate associated with the damage for consideration. The Board will inquire about the issue and discuss with the District's engineer. Mr. Whitby discussed the backflow and pressure regulation requirements contained in the District's Utility Fact Sheet. The Fact Sheet can be found on the District's "Official" website; www.mtwsd.com. Mr. Whitby indicated that there might be more than one Fact Sheet on the site; David Dexter will check the site. Mrs. Bailey's future son-in-law discussed her "minimum" billing concern. While the concern was acknowledged, there is little that the Board can do. The "minimum" billing applies to all residents within the Country Estates East Project. Some general discussion on utility costs, such as the difference in rates between Tipp City and District services. The District obtains water and sewer from the Tipp City system at a base rate plus 25%. However, the actual cost is less than a calculated amount; as the District pays a "bulk" rate as compared to the property owner's metered rate. General Discussion on the use of existing wells for irrigation or other purposes. Mr. Sean Toby, a resident of Floral Acres

inquired about the availability of “public” utilities from the District in that area. Members of the Board will meet with him to explore and discuss the potential for such utilities.

4. Report of Officers and/or Committees (if any). N/A

5. Treasurer’s Report: Greg Siefring provided a draft resolution for approval to authorize Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) fund payments to listed firms: Kinnison Excavating, Inc. – \$213,425.32; Albers & Albers - \$370.00; Sands Decker CPS - \$11,393.00 for a total of \$225,188.32

5.1 Resolution 2018-001: Motion made by David Dexter to approve the resolution and authorize OWDA payments, seconded by James Flesher, motion approved by all Board members.

5.2 Resolution 2018-002: Motion made by David Dexter to approve invoices and authorize payments for expenses associated to the Country Estates East Project: Tipp City Water usage - \$416.63, Tipp City Sewer usage - \$88.25 and Frontier Communications for telephone services - \$58.82 for a total of \$563.70, seconded by James Flesher, motion approved by all Board members.

5.3 Resolution 2018-003: Motion made by David Dexter to authorize obtaining a \$25,000.00 line of credit from Monroe Federal Savings and Loan Association to cover operational costs during the initial phase of the District’s start-up of services, seconded by James Flesher, motion approved by all Board members.

6. Unfinished Business: N/A

7. New Business: Mr. Rodenberg requested that Board act on two additional resolutions.

7.1 Resolution 2018-004: Motion made by William Rodenberg to accept the “Maintenance & Operations” contract between the DISTRICT and the Miami County Board of Commissioners to provided services for the Country Estates East Project, seconded by James Flesher, motion approved by all Board members.

7.2 Resolution 2018-005: Motion made by William Rodenberg to approve Addendum No. 1 to the May 26, 2015 agreement to transfer the Miami County Sanitary Sewer Department’s lift station and associated pressure sewer to the District. This Addendum simply acknowledges the agreement and confirms that the District now has control over the existing sewer system, integrated in to the Country Estates East Project. The motion was seconded by James Flesher, motion approved by all Board members.

- 7.3 Based on comments by Searl Daughtery, David Dexter will follow-up with the District's engineering consultant to determine accountability and responsibility before the Board considers how best to address the concern.
- 8. Comments from Board Members:** This was Scott Vagedes first Board meeting; appointed by the Monroe Township Trustees to replace Dale Voisard.
- 9. Adjournment:** David Dexter moved for adjournment with a second by James Flesher, motion carried at 7:43 PM.

Attested:

David Dexter,
Secretary