

THE MONROE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
Monroe Township Water and Sewer District
January 14, 2019

President Scott Vagedes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance also included Greg Siefring, Dave Eilerman and Rob Voisard.

Guest signing the register was Robert Spry.

Minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Vagedes asked for one correction on page 3, 2nd paragraph, the amount anticipated to send to Miami County Engineer for maintenance is \$4800 not \$48,00. Mr. Siefring moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-1. Mr. Eilerman abstained due to his absence at that meeting.

Comments from Public: Mr. Spry asked if the Board was officially a 4-member Board now. Mr. Vagedes said Mr. Fleisher resigned from the Board in December and the Township Trustees were pursuing a replacement. There were no further comments.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Siefring had a number of bills to be paid dating back about 6 weeks. Included were Miami County operations and for Marilyn (November and December). So the amount is a bit higher than usual. He asked for approval of Resolution 2019-1. Mr. Eilerman moved to approve the Resolution. Mr. Vagedes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Siefring passed the Resolution for signing and the approved Resolutions from the last meeting for the approval of the 2018 Budget and the 2019 Budget.

Old Business: Mr. Vagedes said that Doug Evans at Miami County supplied a list of non-connected residences. One property is not connected to Water or Sanitary Sewer. That is the Posey property at 805 Todd Court. The billing does not show it outstanding. There are 15 connected to Sanitary Sewer only, no Water. 66 are connected to Water and Sanitary. Mr. Siefring asked about the apartments. Mr. Vagedes said they were already connected to Sanitary prior to the Project. Mr. Vagedes thought they would be included in the number of Water/Sanitary Sewer connections. Mr. Siefring asked how many residences are out there. He thought when it was first started to determine the rates; there were 64 new Sanitaries and 75 new Water customers + 46 in the apartments. Mr. Siefring was not seeing a correlation in the report with those numbers. He asked Mr. Vagedes to go back to Mr. Evans and check the numbers. Mr. Vagedes said Mr. Evans said it was possible that someone could have hooked into the Sanitary without a permit but not very likely. There does appear to be 83 Sanitary connections per Mr. Voisard. The addresses are on the report. Mr. Vagedes said he would check the list compared to the District map.

Mr. Voisard saw a discrepancy in that one residence showed a zero usage and he knows there is a family of 4 living there. Mr. Vagedes said they are hooked up to the Sewer but not the Water.

He assumes there is a meter on the well for the Sewer. Mr. Vagedes said there were several addresses that need to be checked. Mr. Siefring said at some point the delinquencies will be put on their tax assessments. Mr. Vagedes said that can be done with this Board passing a Resolution to do so. There is a 15 month time frame that they can hook up to the Sanitary Sewer. That is regulated by the Miami County Health District. Mr. Vagedes added they are not ever required to hook to the Water. Mr. Eilerman asked if the Board is the enforcer or the County. Mr. Vagedes said the County Health Department enforces that. The owners are paying for the construction of the lines but not for the use unless they are hooked up.

New Business: Mr. Vagedes had 2 news articles regarding Tipp City raising their Water Rates as of March 1. He called the City to get a copy of the Resolution to see the effective date and the amount of the increase. There is a 4% increase each year in 2019, 2020, and 2021 and 5% in 2022 and 2023. The increases will begin in March each year. At the next meeting it appears there will have to be a rate increase. Mr. Siefring said he can prepare a Resolution for the next meeting. Mr. Vagedes asked the best method to inform the residents. Mr. Siefring thought the website. Mr. Vagedes also thought the billing was another source. He said he would get with Doug Evans at the County.

Mr. Siefring said he thought the Board should also revisit the assessment shortage. It is going to catch up with us eventually. He said he could run the figures. Mr. Vagedes said he would also get with the County to get the verbiage on the billings. Mr. Siefring said the increase is out of their hands.

Mr. Eilerman asked about an increase by the County in a Sewer increase. Mr. Vagedes said he would speak to Mr. Huelskamp about that. Mr. Vagedes said he was disappointed that the Board was already looking at increases.

Final Comments:

Mr. Siefring asked if there was any further word on the Floral Acres project. Mr. Vagedes said he had no further word from the Herraras. Mr. Eilerman said he drove back thru that subdivision. He asked where the line was to run. Mr. Vagedes showed him on an overhead drawing. The new line goes from Rosedale to County Rd. 25A. Supposedly there was engineering done to see if it could be run further down Rosedale. The existing line services Springmeade.

Mr. Siefring added just for FYI, there is a warehouse out for bid to the south of Abbott.

There being no further business, Mr. Voisard moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Eilerman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

President

Acting Secretary