

## **THE MONROE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Monroe Township Water and Sewer District  
February 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Rodenberg at 6pm. Members also in attendance included Treasurer Greg Siefring, Jim Flesher, Scott Vagedes, and Monroe Twp. Trustee Ron Thuma. President Rodenberg lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marilyn Fennell was introduced as the new Administrator of the MTWSD. Mr. Rodenberg announced that Secretary David Dexter had resigned from the Board.

Mr. Vagedes moved to approve the January 8, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Siefring seconded the motion and the minutes were approved 4-0.

Mr. Rodenberg asked for **Public Comments**: Bob Spraley asked for spelling of Mrs. Fennell's name. There was a question regarding the need for back-flow preventers. The Board said the EPA and the City of Tipp City influenced those regulations. After some discussion Mr. Thuma recommended the Utility Fact Sheet be reviewed. Mr. Vagedes said he would double-check with the City of Tipp City on the requirement. Mr. Holsinger had questions on irrigating with his well and if a backflow preventer was needed. He has not hooked up to the water at this time. There was discussion as to the minimum water bill being charged plus he is paying the sewer rate.

There were other questions regarding the water pressure in the lines and if a pressure reduction valve was needed. Those should be installed inside and can be addressed to the plumber. The meters are read monthly. Mr. Vagedes said he would follow up on the backflow preventers also with Miami County.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Siefring had 2 Resolutions

Resolution 2018-06: Payments on the OWDA loan Mr. Flesher moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Vagedes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Resolution 2018-07: Payments on the Water/Sewer Lines expenses. Mr. Flesher moved to approve the resolution, Mr. Vagedes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rodenberg announced a Line of Credit had been received from Monroe Federal for \$25,000. 70-80% of the residences have connected. Monroe Federal is a great financial institution for this District to work with.

**New Business:** Mr. Rodenberg said there was a matter for the Board to discuss. In the installation of water lines to an apartment building on Katrina some existing sewer lines were broken. Damage occurred to the interiors of those units. There was an offer by Kinnison Excavating to the owner for \$3,500 but the owner said the damage was more and the matter

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had been filed in Miami County Small Claims Court. Mr. Rodenberg said the District is not responsible for the damages and the insurance companies should address the matter. Mr. Daugherty (building owner) said there is \$6,000 at stake and he felt the District should be accountable. Mr. Rodenberg moved to discuss the matter and offer to work with Kinnison. Mr. Siefring seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Daugherty explained how the matter was handled at the time of the break and what he had to do to take care of repairs, sewer water sucked up, deodorizer used, carpet and flooring replacement. He felt that Kinnison should have been more aware of where the sewer lines were located. Mr. Siefring said the contractor is bonded and insured and required to look at the plans and show the utilities. A call is made to OUPS and lines are marked and these lines were evidently not in the plans. Mr. Siefring said his opinion was to settle this matter at the lowest level. Mr. Daugherty said after the cleanup and replacement of carpet, he felt his claim was more in the \$7300 range but he had filed in Small Claims Court and the limit there is \$6,000. He has a court date in late February. Mr. Vagedes asked if Mr. Daugherty had an insurance carrier. Mr. Daugherty said he did and his deductible is \$2,500.

Mr. Rodenberg said the Board would table this for 10 days and a Special Meeting would be held February 21 at 4pm.

There were no other matters to discuss. They will put the Backflow information on the billing.

Meeting was adjourned by a motion by Mr. Siefring and seconded by Mr. Flesher at 8:50pm.

Attested:

Marilyn Fennell, Acting Secretary