

THE MONROE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
Monroe Township Water/Sewer District
March 10, 2021

President Scott Vagedes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Other members in attendance included Rob Voisard, Dave Eilerman and Dan Drexler. Administrator Marilyn Fennell was present. Absent were Jared Eales and Monroe Twp. Trustee Greg Seifring. There were no guests present.

Minutes from February 10, 2021 were reviewed and Mr. Drexler **moved to approve the minutes from February 10, 2021 as presented.** Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-1. Due to his absence, Mr. Vagedes abstained.

Comments from Public: There were no guests present.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Voisard had prepared Resolution 2021-03 to pay monthly expenses. The monthly expenses included billings from Tipp City- \$5,359.33, 2-DP&L bills for \$16.02 each, Frontier- \$77.10, Mrs. Fennell- \$71.25, and the Miami County Sanitary- \$4,000 for a total of \$9,539.72. Mr. Voisard did not have the total due to the County is still working on the credit owed to the Water/Sewer District. Mr. Eilerman **moved to approve Resolution 2021-03 to pay February expenses.** Mr. Drexler seconded the motion. Mr. Vagedes commented that he would like to see the total volume of water and sanitary listed in the County's invoice to compare them to the total usage that Tipp City bills. Mr. Vagedes called for the vote, motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Voisard commented the County tax assessment received was \$65,073 which should be received in a few days. Mr. Vagedes thought we pay \$76,000+/- . Mr. Eilerman thought there had been an adjustment for one property.

Another item, was the Hinkle System required by the State and Paul Rennick, MTWSD's accountant and CPA, will be taking care of it and sending a bill to the Board per Mr. Voisard.

Old Business: Mr. Vagedes said he and Mr. Voisard will be getting together and will create a purchase order form that can be used by the Board.

The Sanitary Sewer receipts from Miami County- There has still been no word from Doug Evans at Miami County. We purchase water from the City (bulk amount based on the meter), the County reads the individual meters. There is no way to check on how much is used and compared to what is billed by the County. Mr. Voisard said we get a monthly bill from the City for Water and Sewer usage based on one master meter.

Mr. Vagedes wanted to discuss the I & I information (Inflow and Infiltration). What the County reads in the individual water meters and what the City reads in the master meter should be equal to the water that we bill and should be equal to the sanitary sewer amount that gets

discharged. He said those are not equal to the information received. There is an old sanitary lift station that was removed on Kitrina. There are ½ dozen homes and the condos and apartments that drain by a 1960-ish clay tile that was installed. In his opinion, that tile is probably cracked, with leakage so that there is a lot of infiltration. There might be some bad inflow. We have been billed the I & I between the City and the County, it included an item as long as it does not exceed the 50% of the dry weather average flow, (June, July & August) and add 50% . As long as the sewer meter does not exceed that number, there is no charge. The Water bill is averaging 375,000 gallons, the sewer in February read 729,000, May-852,000, December- 889,000 gallons. So the amount on the sewer usage is well above the water. He spoke with the City, when the contract was negotiated, the I & I charge of 50 cents per 1000 gallons over is the cost was not included in the agreement. We will no longer be charged for excessive inflow and infiltration. His problem is there is still a problem with the system. The County should be responsible for repairing the line. That is a question for Doug Evans.

Mr. Eilerman asked how do they measure the sewer, is there a master meter? Mr. Vagedes said it is probably an ultrasound flow meter in the line. It is a 2-year old meter so it should be okay. Mr. Eilerman asked if there is any way to prove it is a problem on Kitrina. Mr. Vagedes said a flow-meter could be put in. Mr. Eilerman said if a sewer tile breaks down, it seems that the flow should decrease. Mr. Vagedes said the design of the PVC sewer is less compared to a clay tile. It may crack due to time and tree roots, etc. There is a lot of supposition on the reason for this. Mr. Drexler asked if a swimming pool discharge could cause it. Mr. Vagedes said that was possible, and that water must go down a sanitary sewer. The Board feels it should be less. A meter installed at that the end of Kitrina could answer some questions.

Mr. Eilerman said this is another reason that Miami County should take the responsibility of this system. As a volunteer board, they didn't think they should be concerned with these maintenance problems.

Mr. Voisard added up the numbers for January billing, Dec 14-Jan. 15, the County has 341,000 and the City had 357,000. We are only collecting on 341,000 but being charged for 357,000.

Mr. Vagedes said there was a dirty water complaint at 635 Kitrina on March 5. It appears to be one of the apartments or condos. The County was sent out and there was no reply. It could have been an internal water heater problem. The location is fed by one service.

New Business: The Board discussed future meeting dates due to summer-event schedules. Mr. Vagedes stated he will not be in attendance in April. The next meeting will remain as scheduled. Mr. Vagedes said he will try to get some answers to the questions the Board had and set up a meeting the County.

Board Comments: There were no further comments. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM**. There were no further comments from the Board. Mr. Eilerman **moved to adjourn the meeting** and Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

President

Secretary