

THE MONROE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
Monroe Township Water and Sewer District
March 11, 2020

Scott Vagedes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance also included Dave Eilerman, and Rob Voisard. Administrator Marilyn Fennell was present. Mr. Eales had a previous engagement.

Minutes from February 11, 2020 were reviewed and Mr. Eilerman **moved to approve the minutes from February 11, 2020 as presented.** Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Comments from Public: Searl Daugherty, owner of 3 apartment buildings asked about the Sewer adjustment that was discussed late last year for properties during the summer months. He said that he spoke to Doug Evans at Miami County and Mr. Daugherty was advised to come back to this Board and request a reduction for his properties as it is not usually afforded to commercial properties of which his apartments are included. There are 3 units with 4 apartments to each building. Mr. Vagedes said after speaking to Mr. Evans, it was his opinion that it was a “no” but it was something that the Board could review. Typically rentals do not use water/sewer for washing cars, watering grass, etc. Mr. Vagedes said the Board will put this matter on the April agenda. Mr. Vagedes said he understands that the rate for sewer for the summer months takes the sewer rate for November-April, total that and that amount is then averaged for the next 6 months.

The billings were reviewed by the Board and Mr. Daugherty. Usage was discussed and If the Board is going to continue the summer discount, then Mr. Daugherty thought he should receive the discount for his rentals. The County does consider rental apartments as commercial but he added that if he was to go for a loan, a 2-4 unit building is considered residential.

Mr. Vagedes reminded him again that the full water usage is billed year round. Mr. Daugherty said he just wished to be treated the same as the other residents in the subdivision. Mr. Daugherty said he would prefer no sewer credit for any property.

Mr. Vagedes gave the example that the City of Tipp City did not afford a summer sewer credit until he thought the County started the practice. It would be difficult to back that out now. A deduct meter could be installed, Mr. Voisard added. Mr. Vagedes said they would take these comments under consideration and make a decision at the next meeting. Mr. Daugherty said he would bring his billings to assist with the discussion.

Treasurer’s Report: Mr. Voisard reported he had Resolution 2020-04 prepared to pay monthly expenses of \$9,406.87. This was the usual monthly expenses. Income was \$9,853.00. Mr. Vagedes **moved to approve Resolution 2020-04.** Mr. Eilerman seconded the motion. Mr. Vagedes called for the vote, motion passed 3-0.

Old Business: 1) 805 Todd Court- per Mr. Vagedes Miami County has sent notification that this property needs to make connection to the sewer. They have been given 9 months to complete this order for connection.

2) The Public Records Request for 6780 Curtwood- Mr. Vagedes and Mrs. Fennell gathered information and it was picked up by Mr. Cooper on Friday March 6. A cover letter was forwarded to the attorney for Mr. Cooper.

3) Several documents were distributed to the Board members including the By-Laws, a copy of the monthly billing breakdown, and the Water/Sewer usage regulations.

New Business: 1) Inquiry from Scottsdale plat- A resident is having problems with his septic and needs to address it soon. Mr. Vagedes told him there are no plans to extend water/sewer. Mr. Vagedes explained that the process is lengthy and there would be no immediate source of water/sewer to do so.

2) Mr. Voisard said Mr. Rennick, the accountant, has been paying for the Quik Books subscription for the District. He said it was around \$400. Mr. Voisard said he found a cheaper version that would work. Mr. Rennick said the one-user version would work and that some version is needed to keep track of financial transactions. The checks are written thru Monroe Federal Savings and Loan. Mr. Voisard will have a further discussion with Mr. Rennick so that things that can be set up. He will report back at the next meeting.

3) Mr. Voisard brought attention to the Board that Miami County Zoning has received a request to rezone 15 acres at the end of Kitrina for Ken Myers. The parcel # is G12-039650 currently zoned A3. The new zoning would be R-2/R-3 for duplexes, multiple apartments. The Board took a look at the maps. There would need to be an extension of the water/sewer lines but the owner would be paying for the extension, streets, etc. Tap-in fees would then be charged. Mr. Eilerman asked if our system would be able to handle additional lines. Mr. Vagedes said that it could. The property owner would not be assessed for the original construction but extensions would be paid by this owner. Mr. Vagedes said he would touch base with Monroe Township President English on the matter.

Board Comments: Mr. Vagedes said he looked at the future meeting dates for 2020 and Veterans Day, November 11 is one that needs to be adjusted. The May 13 meeting was moved to Tuesday, May 12 due to a conflict of commitments. Mr. Vagedes said he will be gone the entire week of November 9. A decision will be made later on September and November.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM**. There were no further comments from the Board. Mr. Voisard moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Vagedes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

President

Secretary