

## THE MONROE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Monroe Township Water and Sewer District  
May 14, 2018

Due to lack of quorum, there was no April 20 meeting. Those signing the register were Mason Whitby, Rolf Reich, Gary Rudisill, Amy Puthoff, Bob Spry, Phil & Bobby Berry, G. Kuns, Tim Zimmerman, Mark Comer, Tim Greenwalt, Gary Boggs, Brian Seibert, Don & Dianna Ochs, Dave McCray, Glenn Parker and Rodney Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Rodenberg at 6:02pm. Members in attendance also included Treasurer Greg Siefring, Scott Vagedes, newly appointed Rob Voisard, and Monroe Twp. Trustee Ron Thuma.

Mr. Rodenberg opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed Mr. Voisard to the Board. Mr. Rodenberg then announced after 6 ½ years, he was resigning from the Board and this would be his last meeting. Mr. Vagedes has volunteered to be the Chairman.

Mr. Siefring moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018, Mr. Vagedes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Mr. Rodenberg asked for Citizen Comments from those in attendance. Many of the questions pertained to the backfilling, grading and reseeding of the water/sewer lines. Mr. Rodenberg explained that the Contract only called for 10' of grading and seeding. The residents felt they were not properly informed of that matter. Mr. Rodenberg said that a few residents have made arrangements with a landscaper, with the costs to be shared to repair the lawns. Mr. Siefring reiterated the work the residents were speaking of was not included in the contract.

There were also questions regarding the requirement for back-flow preventers. Mr. Vagedes explained that the County Health and the City of Tipp City has the requirement so that there is no cross-contamination to the domestic water lines. Some residents have remedied the situation for watering their lawns with a hose connection to the well, not connected to the house.

Another question was in regards to the \$30.00 a month charge on the water portion, even though they were not connected to the Water. Mr. Rodenberg explained that there were the capital expenses and the \$30 goes to the monthly/daily testings, etc. Everyone in this system district is charged.

Ms. Amy Puthoff stated she is one of the condo renters and stated the well has been abandoned. She asked when they could tap in and Mr. Rodenberg said they could now. There was discussion on whether a 4-condo unit is considered a commercial operation. Mr. Vagedes said he believed that Ohio Building Code considers such a unit as commercial.

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There were several more complaints on the work done as being poor, trash in the yards, grading, seeding, etc. not done properly, seed and straw blew away and not redone. Someone asked who was watching the contractor. There had also been an electrical outage due to an electric line hit.

Mr. Jim Greenwalt, 990 Todd Ct. had a concern that his clean outs were below grade, as did 6625 and 6649 Curtwood. The Board agreed a walk-thru is needed with the Contractor.

Another question was regarding the need for the services. Mr. Rodenberg said the sewer was mandated for all properties and the water was optional. Many properties had e-coli in their water and some septic tanks were not in good condition.

(6:42pm- Mr. Flesher arrived)

Someone asked about the streets and curbs. Monroe Twp. Trustee Ron Thuma answered that some of the curb has been repaired. Curtwood and Burnside curbing needs to be removed. Todd, Dean, and Kitrina to be sawcut and replaced. The Township will do what is necessary. The cost is \$35 a foot and the Township is paying for that. Soon Miami County will be letting bids for blacktop repair. The Township always try to be a part of that bid to do the entire streets. The streets will be ground, leveled, 2 courses and blacktop, approximately \$185,000. He could not give an exact date on the curbs. All should be done by end of July. Mr. Thuma said the contractor the last few years has been Jurgensen. Mr. Thuma gave his phone #, 937-542-9380 if anyone has concerns. The person doing the curb work is Chad Reese from Troy and he will bring in additional workers if needed.

A citizen said the sewer line put in left a huge hole in front and alongside the back of house. He was not satisfied with the quality of the work. Mr. Rodenberg said there was dissatisfaction with the Contract Manager. Mr. Siefring said the Board has the ability to call them back and review the work done.

At 970 Todd Ct., the monitoring system is 4' above the ground. Mr. Rodenberg said that is the main meter for the whole system and not much can be done with that. He added that proper restoration evidently was not included and public monies cannot be used. The restoration of the mainline is the Contractor's responsibility.

Tim Zimmerman of 995 Todd Ct. stated that near the fire hydrant has a spigot 2.5' off the ground that is covered with a green box. Mr. Rodenberg said he would have a look at it.

A citizen said he agreed that the sewer problem did need to be addressed. Mr. Rodenberg restated that ½ the septic tanks were not working, some of the wells had e-coli in them. The shelf-life of a septic is generally 30 years. The EPA was just about ready to step in on 6 properties. The project was needed.

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Another citizen stated that his sod was gouged, top soil was leveled, seed was sprinkled but straw was not put down and it all blew away. Another gentleman at 6960 Curtwood said the soil and seed was used but still needs attention.

The Board will take a look at the citizens' concerns.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The meeting continued with Mr. Siefring asking for approval for Resolutions 10, 11, 12, and 13. They were for Operating Costs, County Engineer Maintenance Fees, and Legal Costs (Legal-\$100 last month, \$250,000 Capital Costs, Operating Costs this month, \$6,500 and Capital Expenses of \$700) Mr. Vagedes moved to approve Resolutions 10-13. Mr. Flesher seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Rodenberg lead a discussion regarding setting Summer Watering Rates from June 1-Sept 1 with a 5,000 gallon cut-off for Sewer usage. Mr. Rodenberg moved to approve Resolution 2018-14. Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

There was an additional question from a citizen regarding if one never hooks up to water, what to charge for Sewer. Mr. Rodenberg said he still needed to check on that. He said 2 sewers are not hooked up and 50% of the properties have hooked up to the water. One property has a probate problem.

Mr. Thuma thanked Mr. Rodenberg for his work the last 6 ½ years on this project on behalf of Monroe Twp. and personally.

Mr. Rodenberg added that the Tipp City City Manager contacted him regarding a development at County Rd. 25-A, south of State Route 571. Currently the property is not being annexed into the City. Mr. Rodenberg stated this Board was not looking to add this into this Board's purview. The other Board members agreed.

Mr. Flesher welcomed Mr. Voisard to the Board and then stated due to health reasons he would not be available for 6-8 weeks.

Mr. Siefring moved to adjourn and Mr. Vagedes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

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President

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Marilyn Fennell, Administrator

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