

## THE MONROE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Monroe Township Water and Sewer District  
June 11, 2018

President Scott Vagedes called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Members in attendance also included Treasurer Greg Siefring, Rob Voisard, Administrator Marilyn Fennell and Monroe Twp. Trustee Ron Thuma. Those signing the register were Bob Spry, Dale Ullery, Paul Struewing and Searl Daugherty.

Mr. Vagedes opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Vagedes excused Mr. Flesher's absence.

Mr. Siefring moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018, Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Mr. Bob Spry requested a copy of the average amount for the single-family homes with the water/sewer split, the basic assessment. It can be mailed to him at 5830 Worley Road, Tipp City, Oh. Mr. Siefring said he would investigate that. It was asked why he was requesting this information and he replied it was for future political action.

Mr. Dale Ullery, 800 Dean Ct. came forward with a number of comments and questions. He asked about the cuts made down Curtwood, not behind the curb except on Dean Ct. Mr. Vagedes said there was cost savings from Miami County and the City so that ductile iron was used and the cuts were in the street. Mr. Ullery said the sewer was installed in February when the weather was not good. That resulted in deep tracks, piled up dirt that was just left. He asked why it was not put back the way it was. Mr. Vagedes replied that the contract was for 10' behind the curb and the agreement for water/sewer services, was not to restore the yards. That individual cost was to the homeowner. Mr. Ullery stated he kept his well for irrigation and has been told a backflow preventer is needed. He also said he was told by the County that there is a \$175 license fee every year to water his grass. Mr. Thuma said that had never been discussed with the Trustees or the Board. Mr. Ullery continued that there had been pavers alongside his driveway and was not pleased with the work done. He said gravel and sand need to be placed for the pavers and he will have to do that himself. He said his well and septic were good but he voted for the project for the benefit of all. He said he had an aeration system. Mr. Thuma said Miami County has said those need to be discontinued, with no discharge to the "creek".

Mr. Vagedes and Mr. Thuma agreed that the \$175 needs to be investigated.

Mr. Paul Struewing, 844 Dean Ct. stated he has lived there for 47 years. He has never had a water problem. He said 4 years ago he requested the well driller's logs for the area and found there is a sizeable gravel vein on this frontage. He knows some residents are on their second and third wells and septics have been replaced. He also voted for the project for the benefit of

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his neighbors, although he has not experienced any problems. His concern was for the increased costs that everyone has experienced, the damage to the yards, the unresponsive contractors, and the City fees. He feels this is causing a burden on the residents. And now the County is charging a license fee for the well water to water the grass. In speaking to some Bethel Twp residents, he feels the City of Tipp City and Miami County are imposing stringent standards with no regards to where the money is coming from.

Mr. Vagedes said he was not familiar with the \$175 fee. He said there had been Issue 2 moneys used in the Bethel Twp project. He is also aware that there were Country Estate East residents that need the water and septic. Mr. Vagedes said the contract with Kinnison was to save money but the lawn restoration had not been considered. Mr. Struewing stated he was most unhappy with the project and how the residents had incurred extra costs.

(at the time 6:40, Mrs. Fennell was excused)

Mr. Thuma addressed the curbs and the asphalt. The plan is to have the roads fixed by end of July. There are in the process of repairing the curbs which needs to be done before the asphalt. The backfilling of the curb is to be regraded by the contractor doing the curb.

Mr. Rolf Reich, 6960 Curtwood, asked if drain lines can be put into the curb. Mr. Thuma said it is discouraged but urged him to call the Township office and Mr. Thuma will meet him onsite.

(at this time 6:51, Mr. Thuma was excused).

Mr. Reich asked if the City residents pay an accessibility fee. Mr. Vagedes replied that the City residents do not. Mr. Reich asked about the water testing and wanted to know where the reports are. Mr. Vagedes said they are available from Tipp City (NAWA). Miami County only tests for bacteria and the City would have the hardness.

Mr. Robert Spry added he does not believe that the pipes in the ground were installed per plans. Mr. Vagedes said the water and sewer lines were installed per the plans.

Mr. Ullery asked why the regulators were place where they were. That was probably decided by the Health Department. He said the clean out is 20" higher that the grade. Mr. Vagedes and Mr. Siefring said they would take a look. Mr. Reich said his cleanout is 16" above grade.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Siefring presented Resolution 2018-14 for invoices for DP&L, City of Troy, Tipp City, Miami County, etc for approximately \$7,000. Mr. Vagedes moved to pay all bills, Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 2018-15 for OWDA and Legal services for Posey Estate Research- \$800. Mr. Siefring moved for approval. Mr. Vagedes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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Mr. Vagedes said Amy Puthoff will need a backflow preventer because a condo is considered a commercial structure, according to the Ohio Building Code.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Vagedes moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

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President

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Marilyn Fennell, Administrator

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