

**THE MONROE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Monroe Township Water and Sewer District  
July 10, 2019

President Scott Vagedes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance also included Greg Siefring, Dave Eilerman and Rob Voisard. Administrator Marilyn Fennell was present.  
No guests were present.

Minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Voisard moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Eilerman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-1; Mr. Siefrieng abstained due to his absence.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held June 18, 2019 were reviewed. Mr. Eilerman moved for their adoption, Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Comments from Public:** There were none.

**Treasurer’s Report** Mr. Siefring presented expenses for \$10,797.71. Mr. Vagedes **moved for adoption of Resolution 2019-11**. Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Siefring said he made the semi-annual payment of \$76,000 to the OWDA. The tax assessments have not been received yet. That comes sometime in August.

Mr. Vagedes said he confirmed with Doug Evans (Miami Co.) that summer rates are still in force for sewer rates for filling swim pools and irrigation of lawns, etc. The amount of water usage is charged but not the sewer.

(6:12pm – guest Mr. Searl Daugherty arrived)

There was discussion of a website carrier change. The Board had received a quote of \$839.88 annually for 3 static pages from CMD. Mr. Voisard presented a quote of \$89.87 annually to use Go Daddy. Hard costs are being asked to be covered by Mr. Voisard.

Mr. Vagedes **moved to approve Resolution 2019-10 to accept Mr. Voisard as the website administrator**, Mr. Eilerman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-1, Mr. Voisard abstained. Mr. Voisard will be in contact with Mr. Archer to make the transition. The Board appreciated the work Mr. Archer has done for the Water/Sewer Board. Mr. Vagedes said this will be a savings for the Board annually.

**Old Business:** Mr. Vagedes asked Mr. Daugherty if he had any comments. He replied that he had nothing new to say. Mr. Vagedes said he spoke to Mark Cameron, the design engineer. He said they set up the assessments based upon the design parameter of 400 gallons per day for a

single family, an apartment is 300 gallons per day, .75 ESFU. According to him in 2016, a suggested rate structure was based upon the ESFU. The prior Board members and the accountant made the decision to use the ESFU for the rate structure. The rate has been further adjusted due to Tipp City increases. Mr. Daugherty asked if the residents had any input in the rates. Mr. Vagedes said they would have as all of the meetings were open to the public. Mr. Vagedes said he was not on the Board at that time so he was not sure of how many would have come. Resolutions were passed in a public forum by the Board. The assessments were also set up. Mr. Siefring said he was a member of the Board then and that utility worksheet was posted to the Website. That included the assessments and the rates.

Mr. Daugherty said he understands the Board's view of 3:1 ratio but it is still peculiar to him that no other surrounding Water Authority uses that method of billing. Mr. Voisard said that a single meter is required for each apartment in a building. Mr. Vagedes said Montgomery County requires a single meter for each unit in condos. He agreed that Mr. Daugherty's buildings were not plumbed that way. Mr. Voisard said one pipe is run into the building and branched off at the meters then pipes are run to each unit. Mr. Daugherty said the biggest expense is the fixed cost, in other words, not everyone pays the same amount for 1000 gallons of water. Mr. Vagedes said but they do, the rate for 1000 gallons is the same whether it is a single family home or an apartment. The base cost is the difference.

Mr. Daugherty said one building used in May around 2,000 gallons (4 single people)= 3 x \$80 plus \$30, just less than \$270. Mr. Vagedes said he understands. The base covered the expenses plus the fire protection, etc. The water rate is the amount that Tipp City charges. Mr. Daugherty said he didn't care what it was going for but he cared about the total that is going out. They both agreed to understand each other. Mr. Vagedes said the rates cannot be changed at this point. Mr. Siefring asked if Mr. Daugherty splits the cost equally amongst his tenants. Mr. Daugherty said each tenant got an increase of \$50 a month. He used to pay \$500 for water and sewer and this past month it was over \$1,000.

**New Business:** Mr. Siefring asked Mr. Vagedes if he was able to clear up Mr. Kohlreiser's problem. Mr. Vagedes said he called Mr. Kohlreiser twice and got no reply. Per him, he wanted his sewer to be billed to him as it was not assessed. The County said they can do that. This was discovered when Mr. Kohlreiser was assisting the Posey family.

**Miscellaneous Business:** There are 3 delinquent bills and those need to receive letters from the County and Mr. Vagedes will check on those with Doug Evans. Mr. Siefring said he sent the list to Mr. Evans. A resolution was passed previously in May.

There is a questionnaire from the OWDA that Mr. Siefring needs to complete.

Mr. Vagedes said the summer sewer credit was also in effect. Mr. Siefring said he did not recall passing that into the rate structure. He recommended that we keep an eye on that.

There being no further business, Mr. Siefring moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Eilerman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

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**President**

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**Acting Secretary**