

THE MONROE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
Monroe Township Water and Sewer District
September 11, 2019

President Scott Vagedes called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance also included Greg Siefring, Dave Eilerman and Rob Voisard. Marilyn Fennell and Monroe Twp. Trustee Ron Thuma were present. Minutes of the August 14, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Siefring wished to amend the minutes under the Treasurer's report. Mr. Siefring asked that the last sentence be amended to read: *This shortfall has been addressed and incorporated into the last rate increase.* ~~The rates will need to be increased to help with that shortage.~~ Mr. Siefring moved that the minutes be approved as amended, Mr. Eilerman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-1. Mr. Vagedes was not present at the August meeting, so he abstained.

Comments from Public: Guest-Searl Daugherty was present. He asked if there was going to be a rate increase. Mr. Vagedes said the City of Tipp City has incorporated an increase for March 2020-5%, 4% in the next 4 years. The Township rate has been adjusted thus far for the 2020 increase. Mr. Daugherty also inquired about the lead situation found in the water. Mr. Vagedes said that the public entity is required to take lead samples annually. Lead is usually found in homes where lead solder was used, prior to approximately 1967. Miami County did the testing and they were to take 10 samples. They took 5 samples to begin with. One sample showed high lead. The water is to be taken from the cold side, from a faucet that has sat overnight and it is to be the first draw the next morning. If sample was taken from the hot side, there could be some lead that bled from the solder. Mr. Vagedes had been notified by the Ohio EPA and Miami County. Everyone in the plat was notified. Another sample was taken, this time properly. Everyone was then notified that everything was okay. Mr. Vagedes said there is nothing wrong with the water from Tipp City and the Township distribution system. Another notice is being sent by Miami County notifying all residents that the lead notice has been rescinded and all water samples are fine.

Miami County's notice lists how the samples are to be taken. Miami County was to take 10 samples and only 5 were taken per Mr. Vagedes. Mr. Daugherty was concerned that the notices were put on the dwelling doors and he, as a property owner, did not receive the notice. His tenants called him. He went to Miami County and he was told that the house that tested positive was going to be resampled. Additional house samples were also going to be taken. Mr. Daugherty said he had the name of the testing facility in New Bremen and he took samples from his 3 buildings to them. Two of the dwellings came back ND (none detected). The third building came back 5.12 MG/L (micro-grams of lead), which is negligible.

Mr. Vagedes said that the positive sample was also taken from a single-lever faucet, not a two-lever faucet. Mr. Daugherty said if 10 samples are to be taken, he would like to be one of those samples in the future. Mr. Vagedes referred Mr. Daugherty to Doug Evans or Jeff Shields at Miami County to volunteer. Mr. Vagedes was also concerned that the property owners were

not notified, only the residents. Mr. Thuma said the samples had to be taken immediately per the order and staff was sent down to leave the notices and they did not look for the owners. The 10 samples were to be averaged together. Mr. Siefring added that the threshold is 100, so with them being told we have 96 users. At 100 users, that is when the 10 samples kicks in; that is probably why only 5 samples were taken at first.

Mr. Vagedes said there is no lead in the MTWSD ductile iron distribution system.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Siefring then presented Resolution 2019-14 for ongoing expenses of \$13,000 ±. OWDA was reimbursed for Mr. Kohlreiser's payment. The principal was reduced on the loan from OWDA. Revenue for this month was \$10, 544.50. Mr. Vagedes **moved for adoption of Resolution 2019-14**. Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business: Mr. Vagedes confirmed that the two properties that were to be assessed for water/sewer that 1 paid and the other will be assessed by Miami County on their property taxes.

New Business: OTARMA is now our public liability insurance vendor. It provides a \$10,000 bond for each Board member. Those applications need to be completed by the Board members and sent back. Mr. Siefring said it can be e-mailed back to them. It should be effective August 13, 2019 per Mr. Siefring. Mr. Vagedes said there is also a \$500 credit to this Board that can be used for safety programs. Mr. Thuma said the Trustees purchased a defibrillator with their credit and the Trustees paid the balance and it is available in the Trustee's office.

Board Comments: Mr. Vagedes said he spoke to Eric Mack at Tipp City and the sanitary sewer line should be complete on Floral Acres Drive to County Road 25-A in about 1 ½ weeks. The property owner that had come to the Board for a solution to his sewage problem has been to see the City and is in the process of connecting. The City has to accept the line and allow him to tap in. There are other processes the property owner has to do but he is aware of all that.

Mr. Thuma said a property owner had contacted the Township and was interested in hooking up. She contacted the City and they said they would not be hooking her up due to her location. When the City hooked up Springmeade, they went a southerly route in the plat. There are about 7-8 homes in Floral Acres that are not covered by the City's lines. They are on the southeast corner on Bon Aire Drive. Those homes will have to go down Bon Aire and the City Manager said it cannot be done at this time. Mr. Vagedes agreed with Mr. Thuma that there is no way for this Board to pick up these remaining few properties.

Mr. Vagedes said Mr. Kohlreiser called Miami County after he was to be billed for Sewer but got billed also for Water. Miami County said they would correct the situation. He is on a well for water and it does have a meter on it.

Mr. Voisard said the website fees are going up \$3.00 a month next year. It should be around \$10.00 a month.

Mr. Eilerman suggested that one of the plat residents might be a good candidate for the Board. Since he lives in the District he might have to abstain on certain issues. Mr. Thuma said it has been over a year in the search for another Board member. That resident needs to send his request to join the Board and a resume if he is interested.

There being no further business, Mr. Vagedes moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm. Next meeting will be October 9, 2019.

President

Acting Secretary