

THE MONROE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
Monroe Township Water/Sewer District
November 18, 2020

Chairman Scott Vagedes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Other members in attendance included Dave Eilerman, Rob Voisard, Jared Eales, and Dan Drexler. Administrator Marilyn Fennell was present. Absent was Monroe Twp. Trustee Greg Seifring.

Minutes from October 14, 2020 were reviewed and Mr. Eilerman **moved to approve the minutes from October 14, 2020 as presented.** Mr. Drexler seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0, Mr. Eales abstained.

Comments from Public: There were no guests present.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Voisard had prepared Resolution 2020-14 to pay monthly expenses of \$11,374 for October which included usual monthly expenses plus the legal expenses and accounting services for some questions the Board had. The legal expense was \$1,000 per Mr. Vagedes. Income was \$11,756+. Mr. Eales **moved to approve Resolution 2020-14 to pay October expenses.** Mr. Drexler seconded the motion. Mr. Vagedes called for the vote, motion passed 5-0.

The next item of discussion was the 2021 Budget. Mr. Voisard had a proposed budget. The income will be \$267,000. It reflected a 5% increase in Water and Sewer. Tipp City is raising the water rate 4% for the coming year. Mr. Vagedes said he was more comfortable with only raising the water rate 4.5% to 5% for 2021 as that reflects what Tipp City is going to do. The other Board members agreed with that. Mr. Drexler asked if the \$14,000 for new reader-less meters was included in the expenses. Mr. Voisard said those had been taken out. Mr. Vagedes said Doug Evans has not called him back on the matter. He added that in 6 months the budget could be reviewed and be adjusted if needed. Mr. Vagedes said he felt it was important to start repaying the Township \$40,000 loan (no interest). The Board members agreed.

5% water increase and no increase in the sewer rate was recommended by Mr. Vagedes. Mr. Drexler said the Board is here to serve the people but not to be in the hole financially. There was some discussion regarding what the Township might be charged for a fire and when hydrants are flushed. The Board members were in agreement with a 5% increase per 1,000 gallons for water service for 2021. Mr. Vagedes read through the proposed 2021 budget, line by line with an estimated Cash Balance December 21, 2021 of \$54,615. Now that there is more history available on the fees, this budget for 2021 is more accurate.

Mr. Vagedes would like to pass this proposed budget at the December meeting and post on the website that there will be an increase for 2021 in the water fees. Mr. Vagedes **moved that Exhibit A will reflect, for 2021, a 5% increase on the water minimum rate and on the**

additional cost per 1,000 gallons of water and the sewer rate stays the same. The non-metered rate for sanitary will be the same. Mr. Eilerman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Voisard said this will be Resolution 2020-15 and will be posted on the website approved this date. Mr. Voisard said he will notify Doug Evans of this increase at Miami County so that it can be on the December and January billings due to the increase by Tipp City on the water rate.

Mr. Drexler offered his services to Mr. Voisard as he has experience in budgeting.

Old Business: Mr. Vagedes said 805 Todd Ct., the former Posey property, has a new owner and there was no water/sewer billing reflected in the County billing but there was a permit taken out according to Doug Evans. Mr. Vagedes observed installation activity at the address. Mr. Vagedes said everyone should be connected to Sewer now.

Mr. Eilerman said he spoke with Twp. President English and Twp. Supervisor Kirk Thuma regarding the purchase of some barricades for the District with the OTARMA grant available. The cost is \$469.00. Mr. Eilerman offered to go to West Chester to pick them up to avoid shipping charges (approximate \$100).

New Business: There was no New Business to discuss. Mr. Eales did comment that 790 Burnside is for sale and that 6570 and 6600 Curtwood both recently sold and are occupied by new owners. The cost of water/sewer improvements does not seem to have affected the sale of properties in the subdivision.

Board Comments: Mr. Voisard will be out of town December 9 and asked that the meeting be postponed to December 16. Mrs. Fennell advised she would be absent from the December meeting. Mr. Voisard asked about the use of purchase orders and Mr. Vagedes said he will work on that once the budget is in place.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM**. There were no further comments from the Board. Mr. Drexler **moved to adjourn the meeting** and Mr. Eales seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

President

Secretary