

**NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Northwestern Water and Sewer District Board of Trustees was held in the Board Room of the Northwestern Water and Sewer District, Bowling Green, Ohio on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Mark Sheffer, Chairman, brought the meeting to order and requested that the roll be called:

Rob Armstrong	Steve Arnold	John Cheney
Leonard Michaels	Bill Hirzel	Melinda Kale
Doug Miller	Mark Sheffer	Bill Verbosky

Members absent: None

Others:

Jerry Greiner	Beth Vannett	Gavin Smith
Leanne O'Brien	Garrett Chamberlain	Kay Ball
Theresa Pollick	Tom Stalter	Gavin Smith
Kacie Kusar		

Rex Huffman, Spitler Huffman, LLP

Ted Bennett, Jones & Henry Engineers

Robert & Bonnie Sedlmeier, 407 Meadow Lane, Walbridge, OH 43465

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on June 13, 2019 were reviewed; John Cheney made a motion to approve the minutes. Leonard Michaels seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Approved.**

At this time, the board heard from Robert Sedlmeier of 407 Meadow Lane in Walbridge. Mr. Sedlmeier stated he was concerned with the high rate he was paying for water in the Walbridge area. He stated his bill is currently over \$100 and has talked with neighbors around him who receive their water from Oregon and said they pay only \$25-\$50 per month. He stated he understands that his water is coming from the City of Toledo, but asked the board why there was such a difference in cost and if anything can be done?

Bill Verbosky stated his bill in Rossford is the same as well, he also has Toledo water. He stated there are ongoing talks with areas regarding regionalizing the water rates, however until a decision is made unfortunately rates won't change much.

Mark Sheffer stated that talks with Toledo have been ongoing for years to try and stabilize rates.

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Mr. Sedlmeier also asked why the trailer court in Walbridge water rates were lower than his. Beth Vannett stated that the trailer park has a master meter and while they are paying the same rate, the owner of the park sets rates and bills each resident individually.

### **Correspondence**

Jerry Greiner stated all correspondence has been loaded to the iPads. Unless there is interest, all further correspondence will be shared electronically only.

### **Report by President and Other Officials**

Jerry Greiner reported:

- MudHens employee outing will be held tomorrow starting at 6 p.m.
- South Main WaterShed is now open, grand opening is Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m.
- OPS Challenge recently qualified for nationals

Tom Stalter briefly reviewed economic development in the area to include:

- Receiving many inquiries for water and sewer in Eastwood Commerce Center and Wales Road and I280
- Project Freddie is underway
- NSG will be breaking ground soon
- Project Bullseye near Hoytville is moving forward.

### **Reports of Committees:**

None to Report

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Resolution 2019-58.** Authorize the advertisement for bid for the Lime City Waterline Replacement, WL #5010. Garret Chamberlain asked that this resolution be tabled for further review. Doug Miller made a motion to table. Rob Armstrong seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Tabled.**

### **New Business**

**Resolution 2019-65.** Acceptance and action on bids received for the Troy Township Waterline Improvements, WL #1830. Tom Stalter recommended this project be awarded to Underground Utilities for \$758,708.00. The engineer's estimate on the project is \$815,000.00, he said. Leonard Michaels made a motion to approve. Melinda Kale seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Approved.**

**Resolution 2019-66.** Acceptance and action on bids received for the Village of McComb Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Separation Improvements, SS #2805. Tom Stalter recommended this project be awarded to Jim Palmer Excavating for \$152,297.75. The engineer's estimate on the project is \$250,000.00, he said. Leonard Michaels made a motion

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to approve. Rob Armstrong seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Approved.**

**Resolution 2019-67.** Amendment #1, Jones & Henry Engineers, Rossford Eagle Point Sanitary Sewer Rehab, SS #5012. Garret Chamberlain stated this amendment is for an increase of \$17,100.00 for additional engineering services. Leonard Michaels made a motion to approve. Steve Arnold seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Approved.**

**Resolution 2019-68.** Authorization to apply to Ohio EPA/DEFA for a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement for the Rossford Eagle Point Sanitary Sewer Rehab, SS #5012. Garret Chamberlain stated this resolution is to authorize a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund agreement with Ohio EPA/DEFA for the Rossford Eagle Point Sanitary Sewer Rehab. John Cheney made a motion to approve. Melinda Kale seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Approved.**

**Resolution 2019-69.** Amendment #2, Jones & Henry Engineers, Rossford Various Streets Sewer Rehab, SS #5001. Garret Chamberlain stated this amendment is for an increase of \$7,500.00 for additional construction engineering. Leonard Michaels made a motion to approve. Bill Verbosky seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Approved.**

**Resolution 2019-70.** Change order #1, Hank's Plumbing & Heating, for the Oregon & Tracy Roads WL #122A. Garret Chamberlain stated this change order is for an increase of \$2,520.00 for overtime charges to minimize inconvenience to customers during water shut-off. Bill Hirzel made a motion to approve. Bill Verbosky seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Approved.**

**Resolution 2019-71.** Resolution of assessments for miscellaneous water and sewer projects. Garret stated this resolution is an approval of special assessments for individual water and sewer taps. Owners will have a 30 day timeframe to make cash payments towards these assessments, otherwise any unpaid amount will be assessed to their taxes for 20 years with interest. John Cheney made a motion to approve. Leonard Michaels seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Approved.**

**Resolution 2019-72.** In the matter of the preliminary tax budget for fiscal year 2020. Kay Ball stated this resolution is to approve the preliminary tax budget for 2020. This resolution is required every year by the state auditor, she said. Bill Hirzel made a motion to approve. Steve Arnold seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Approved.**

**Resolution 2019-73.** Approval of a joint interim operating agreement between Northwestern Water and Sewer District and Henry County Regional Water & Sewer District. Jerry Greiner stated this resolution is to approve an operating agreement between the District and Henry County for the operation of the Henry County District during this interim period while the merger is being discussed. Mr. Greiner asked that this agreement be approved pending final review by Rex Huffman and the approval of Henry County. John Cheney made a motion to approve. Leonard Michaels seconded the motion a roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Approved.**

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**Receipt of Other Comments**

None

**Executive Session**

None

**Regular Meeting Dates**

Regular Meeting:	July 11, 2019 7:30 a.m.	District Operations Facility Regular Meeting
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Regular Meeting:	July 25, 2019 7:30 a.m.	District Operations Facility Regular Meeting
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**Adjournment**

Bill Verbosky made a motion to adjourn. Leonard Michaels seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. **Adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Kale  
Secretary

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