

Board of Municipal Utilities
Work Session Minutes
February 16, 2021
201 Miller Road
Avon Lake, Ohio

Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. As allowed by the Ohio Legislature during the Governor's declared emergency, the meeting was held using web-based video conferencing technology and streamed live over Facebook.

Present: Mr. Dzwonczyk, Mr. Abram, Mrs. Schnabel, and Mr. Rush (arriving partway through).

Excused: Mr. Phillips

Also present: Acting CUE Munro, Community Outreach Specialist Arnold, Technical Support Specialist Collins, Engineering Services Manager Jack Gaydar, Water Filtration Plant Manager Greg Yuronich, Attorney Erin McDevitt-Frantz, and Councilman Mark Spaetzel.

HDR Design Services Proposal

The Acting CUE introduced the HDR Design Services Proposal. In October 2019, the Board authorized a contract with HDR to perform a study on the capacity and redundancy of the Eastern Transmission Line (ETL) mains and the Water Filtration Plant (WFP). The study was completed in December 2020 and identified items that are considered high-priority. Mr. Munro said that staff asked HDR to provide an addendum to their current contract to include a scope of design services and fee proposal.

The Acting CUE said the amendments to the ETL proposal include the following:

- ETL Pump Station Supply Line (9,500 linear feet) Electric Blvd. – Moore Rd. Pump Station
- ETL1 Supply Line (16,500 linear feet) Moore Rd. Pump Station – Krebs Rd.
- Interconnect Line (2,400 linear feet) between ETL Suction Line and 30-inch water main that supplies the Miller Rd. Pump Station for RLCWA
- New isolation valve on existing 36-inch ETL Suction Line upstream of the Moore Rd. Pump Station

The Acting CUE also said the amendments to the WFP proposal include the following:

- Decommissioning of the original twelve (12) filters
- Four (4) new dual-media filters to replace the capacity of the decommissioned 12 filters
- Additional storage for Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) and associated feed system
- Analyses of all chemical feed systems at the WFP

Mr. Abram asked why the plant needed dual-media filters. Mr. Yuronich explained that the four new filters will replace the 12 original filters in the plant. He added that the four dual-media filters will have more capacity than the original filters. The Chairman asked that the Board familiarize themselves with the HDR contract because they would be voting on the proposal in the regular meeting.

Draft Regulations

The Acting CUE introduced to the Board the updated draft regulations for the Board's review. The City of Avon Lake Charter clearly defines in Chapter IX Section 51 the Powers and Duties of the Board of Municipal Utilities: "The Board may make such by-laws and regulations, and appoint or employ such personnel as it may deem necessary for the safe, economical and

efficient management, operation and protection of such works, plants and public utilities.” The Acting CUE added that the section further states that when by-laws or regulations that the Board passes are not repugnant to City ordinances, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the Charter, “shall have the same validity as municipal ordinances.”

The Acting CUE said that certain sections of Avon Lake Regional Water’s current regulations have been updated periodically over the last several years; however, a comprehensive review and update has not been completed since 2007. The goal of the draft regulations is to provide the Board and the public a concise set of regulations that are uniform, equitable, and easy to understand.

Attorney McDevitt-Frantz provided an overview of the major updates to the regulations, including updates to the Schedules. The Board provided initial feedback on the draft regulations to staff. The Chairman asked that the Board continue to review the draft regulations and provide additional feedback to staff by March 16. He said that the Board would further discuss the draft at the March 16 Board meeting.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Mr. Abram moved to adjourn, and the Chairman seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Ayes (per roll-call vote): Abram, Dzwonczyk, Rush, and Schnabel.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Approved _____ 2021.

John Dzwonczyk, Chairman

Rob Munro, Clerk