

Board of Municipal Utilities
Work Session Minutes
February 21, 2022
201 Miller Road
Avon Lake, Ohio

Call to Order – Roll Call

The Work Session was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Present: Mr. Abram, Mr. Dzwonczyk, Mr. Rickey, Mr. Rush, and Mrs. Schnabel.

Also present: CUE Munro, CUO Yuronich, and Attorney Coyne of Mansour Gavin.

Updates to ALRW Regulations

Mr. Munro presented the proposed updates to the following regulations.

Chapter 2300-Meters, Taps, and Service Connections-Variou updates including language and fees to address temporary construction trailers.

Schedule A-Minimum Standards for Backflow Prevention Devices-Fire lines will have a testable double check at a minimum. All non-residential accounts moving forward will have an ASSE 1013 Reduced Pressure Assembly device. Mr. Rickey voiced his concern that this was an excessive burden on the customer. He stated that he felt requiring customers to modify their plumbing to install a more protective device than the minimum was too harsh of a remedy. Mr. Munro explained that due to the possibility of changes happening within a premise without our knowledge this is a necessary requirement. Mr. Munro also mentioned that numerous other entities are going in this direction in the interest of public safety. Mr. Rickey offered to work with staff on this item to reach a solution to best protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Schedule B-Connection Charges-Tap fees will be updated based on material costs from the most recent bid.

Schedule D-Deduct Meters-Language that will address a need to remove unused deduct meters from the system will be added.

Schedule E-New Water Service Main and Line Charge Schedule-Fee schedule will include language to allow for additional charges to cover the cost to ALRW if multiple visits are required to complete an inspection. Language will also be added to codify the \$150 Sewer Inspection Fee that is standard.

Schedule F-1-Construction Standards for Water Lines-Language updates to cover the most recent AWWA and/or NSF standards for hydrants and other appurtenances. Standards for material selection in supplying water to cul-de-sacs will also be added.

Schedule F-2-Construction Standards for Sanitary Sewers-Based upon discussions with the Building Department, language clarifying inspection responsibilities were needed. ALRW will inspect the lateral up to 30 inches from the building. Within the building to 30 inches outside of structure will be the responsibility of the Building Department.

Schedule G-Rates-Minimum service charges and rates are to be listed for all available meter sizes. Currently only ¾ inch meters are addressed in the regulations. Fire lines will also be

metered. For new construction and where possible, one appropriately sized meter will handle fire and domestic service and will branch off after the meter and backflow device. Schedule I-Charges/Fines/Penalties-Fees will be updated in accordance with new employee wage schedule. Laboratory fees will also be updated to match with current costs.

Staff will work on drafting the appropriate language to be presented to the Board of Municipal Utilities at a later date.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Mr. Abram moved to adjourn, and Mr. Rush seconded. The work session adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Ayes (per voice vote): Abram, Dzwonczyk, Rickey, Rush, and Schnabel

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Approved March 7, 2023.

John Dzwonczyk, Chairman

Robert Munro, Clerk