

Board of Municipal Utilities
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025
201 Miller Road
Avon Lake, Ohio

Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM following the work session. The meeting was held in-person using web-based video conferencing technology.

Present: Mr. Dzwonczyk, Mr. Mondello, Mr. Rickey, and Mrs. Schnabel.

Excused: Mr. Rush

Also present: CUE Munro, CUO Yuronich, Attorney Anthony Coyne of Mansour-Gavin, Avon Lake Councilwoman Amy Gentry and ALPD Officer Kent Reiber.

Approve Minutes

Mr. Dzwonczyk presented the Minutes of the June 3, 2025 regular meeting. With no additional changes, additions or corrections noted, Mr. Dzwonczyk ordered that the minutes stand and be distributed as presented.

Public Speakers

Avon Lake Councilwoman Amy Gentry thanked ALRW for assisting Public Works Director Liskovec in handling the situation at 239 Miller Rd. and helping to ensure that the public and Lake Erie were protected.

Correspondence

None.

Expenditures

Following review of expenses for funds and amounts as follows, Mr. Rickey moved, Mrs. Schnabel seconded, to approve the expenditures of May 30 through June 12, 2025:

Water Fund 701	\$ 1,322,135.63
Distribution Fund 723	\$ 746,929.87
Wastewater Fund 721	\$ 804,551.37
Collection Fund 722	\$ 909,767.46
ETL1 Fund 703	\$ 196,928.26
ETL2 Fund 762	\$ 499,745.80
LORCO Fund 749	\$ 837,211.15
Water Construction Fund 704	\$ 1,071,552.82

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2025 Chemicals Bid

Mr. Munro informed the Board that the bid for chemicals used at the Water Filtration Plant and Water Reclamation Facility have been received and will cover the period from July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Mr. Munro stated that the second page of the bid tabulation show the percent change from the previous contract and that some chemicals, including chlorine, had actually decreased in price. Mr. Munro added that one chemical, ferrous chloride, received no bids but was seldom used and staff had just purchased this chemical under the previous contract so it was unlikely to cause any issue. Mr. Munro also stated that the cost of one delivery was well under the bidding threshold and could be purchased by requesting quotes if needed. Mr. Munro stated that historically Mr. Gaydar had reviewed and stamped the bid tabulation but now that Professional Engineer Jarod Alexander Larson has his PE seal, this was the first time he has been able to perform this function.

Mrs. Schnabel moved and Mr. Mondello seconded, to authorize the CUE to execute chemical supply contracts, valid from July 1, 2025 and running through, and including, December 31, 2025, in accordance with the following:

Chemical	Vendor	Unit Price
Liquid Alum	USALCO, LLC	\$624.50 per ton
Hydrated Lime	Bonded Chemicals, Inc.	\$388 per ton
Sodium Silicofluoride	PVS Nolwood Chemicals	\$2,760 per ton
Liquid Chlorine	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.	\$1,825 per ton
Potassium Permanganate	Univar Solutions USA LLC	\$8,818 per ton
Dry Polymer	Polydyne, Inc.	\$5,060 per ton
Liquid Polymer	Polydyne, Inc.	\$3,560 per ton
Carbon	Carbon Activated Corporation	\$2,000 per ton
Liquid Orthophosphate	PVS Nolwood Chemicals	\$780 per ton
Liquid Sodium Hydroxide	Bonded Chemicals, Inc.	\$865 per ton
Sodium Bicarbonate	PVS Nolwood Chemicals	\$775 per ton
Sodium Hypochlorite	PVS Nolwood Chemicals	\$458 per ton
Hydrofluorosilicic Acid	Pencco, Inc.	\$552 per ton
Liquid Calcium Hydroxide	Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC	\$240 per ton
Salt	PVS Nolwood Chemicals	\$682.70 per ton

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Project Updates

Power Plant Update: Mr. Yuronich stated that he had been given a site tour by ALERG Project Manager Wayne Woodruff and referenced several pictures including an overhead drone photograph along with others that he had taken. Mr. Yuronich stated that he was informed that the demolition contract was expected to be completed by the end of August 2025. Mr. Yuronich added that this does not mean that cleanup will be complete but the rest of the work will be completed outside of the demolition contract. Mr. Dzwonczyk reiterated that the reason ALRW had a vested interest in this project was out of concern for anything that could affect the water quality in Lake Erie and added that he feels ALERG had done a good job of maintaining the work site throughout the project. Mr. Dzwonczyk inquired on an estimate of the percent completion of the demolition work and Mr. Yuronich stated it was approximately ninety-percent complete.

ETL Design Services: Mr. Yuronich informed the Board that Attorney Connie Carr continues to be in contact with the individual property owners negotiating the necessary easements. Mr. Yuronich stated that on July 24, 2025 ALRW staff will be meeting with the bulk customers to continue the talks regarding the updated cooperative agreements. Mr. Munro added that he had requested the bulk customers provide red-line versions of the draft agreements so that he could address any of their requested changes but has yet to receive anything.

WFP Improvements: Mr. Yuronich stated that The Great Lakes Construction Company (GLC) is currently removing the scaffolding from the chemical feed building and is expecting that work to be completed in a week-and-a-half which is when the various trades will begin the internal electrical, plumbing and masonry work. Mr. Yuronich pointed out the areas in the roof that will have skylights and those will also be used to add or replace the bulk tanks should the need arise in the future. Mr. Yuronich also stated that work continues on the new filters and adding the piping that will connect the new filters to the existing treatment plant. Mr. Dzwonczyk inquired what percentage of the project had been completed. Mr. Munro responded that schedule-wise the project is about 50% complete and it is due to be substantially complete by June of 2026.

Techwin Project: Mr. Yuronich informed the Board that First Energy has completed the electrical connection and is in the process of scheduling a test before the power will be fully operational. Mr. Yuronich also stated that a schedule for the site visit by Techwin staff is being finalized for the training and startup of the equipment later this summer.

CUE/CUO Report

Mr. Munro informed the Board that the preliminary documents for obtaining OWDA funding for the 2025 Water Bundle Project have been submitted. Mr. Munro stated that UUI has been provided a contingent notice-to-proceed and they understand it is contingent on securing the funding. Mr. Munro stated that the approval will be on the July 2025 OWDA meeting agenda. Mr. Munro also added that the City of Avon Lake will have the project award first-reading on their June 23, 2025 meeting and that they plan on suspending the rules and passing it so that they have the authorization to move forward.

Mr. Munro stated that he had finalized a letter authorizing ALRW's environmental consultant, Verdantas, to submit on ALRW's behalf an application and request for technical assistance in complying with the Ohio Voluntary Action Program in the effort to obtain a no-further-action letter for the former coal yard property purchased by ALRW. Mr. Munro stated that Verdantas had updated their Phase II report to include recent remediation work that was performed in areas of that property that contained identified concerns. Mr. Munro added that while there was not a significant need for technical assistance, the grant-funded program was an additional step that could be utilized to add another layer of review to the process.

Mr. Munro stated that the incident mentioned by Councilwoman Amy Gentry earlier in the meeting took place at 239 Miller Rd. Mr. Munro stated that earlier in the month, the former tenant of the property, an automotive repair shop, was moving out and had workers cleaning out the building with pressure washers. Mr. Munro stated that the floor drains in the building were not working so the oil and grease-laden water was being squeegeed out into the parking lot and was observed to be running towards the storm sewer catch basin in the parking lot. Mr. Munro stated that staff immediately notified the City of Avon Lake's storm water manager Mr. Liscovic and the City dispatched staff members to take action. Mr. Munro displayed several pictures of the parking lot and a leaking tote used to store used motor oil. Mr. Munro stated that it did not appear that the oil had made its way to Lake Erie as the catch basin on the property was in

disrepair and also the sewer lateral had a blockage in it that minimized how much oil made its way to the Water Reclamation Facility. Mr. Munro added that Mr. Liscovic and ALRW staff have been in contact with the property owner and that so far, the owner has been responsive and made some remediation efforts that have been positive. Mr. Munro also added that some deficiencies were discovered on the sanitary sewer and storm sewer laterals on the property and stated that those will need to be corrected before the property can host a new tenant. Mr. Munro stated that a violation letter will be sent detailing the necessary improvements along with a fine and costs associated with the man-hours and equipment that were dispatched to assess the situation. Mr. Munro stated that Mr. Yuronich has been in contact with the Ohio EPA. Mr. Munro stated that it appeared the oil and grease was contained prior to it reaching Lake Erie. Mr. Munro also stated that the owner informed staff that when he had purchased the property, he received a no-further-action letter to cover the prior use of the property but that would obviously not protect against the current situation and possible need for remediation. Mr. Rickey inquired whose responsibility it is to inspect the oil/water separators. Mr. Munro responded that since this was built in the 1970's it was not something staff was aware of and likely was not on their radar but would be addressed moving forward. Mr. Rickey inquired if the oil/water separator is connected to the sanitary sewer and Mr. Munro stated that it was. Mr. Dzwonczyk stated that ALRW should partner with the City on issues like this to help identify areas of concern during any of their inspections. Mr. Rickey added that it's not only automotive shops that have these separators but restaurants also.

Miscellaneous & Member Reports

Mr. Rickey stated that he attended the LORCO meeting and was made aware of upcoming development. Mr. Rickey informed the Board that there are a lot of homes that will be built and connected to the LORCO system in the near future. Mr. Rickey added that originally, they were all going to have grinder pumps at each location but the decision was made to convert many of those to gravity feed. Mr. Rickey asked if each grinder counted as a connection to LORCO. Mr. Munro responded that each home is considered a connection and that the tap fee is adjusted to account for whether or not a grinder pump is installed. Mr. Dzwonczyk inquired what the current number of connections to the LORCO system is and if it is getting close to the break-even point. Mr. Munro responded that he will have those numbers at the next meeting.

Mr. Rickey stated that he was informed by a person looking to develop a piece of property in Avon Lake that it was going to cost them about eighty-thousand dollars in impact fees and wanted to know if this was correct. Mr. Munro responded that a commercial property pays fees based on the square footage of the parcel along with the frontage. Mr. Munro added that a residential lot pays a flat fee, but commercial properties are different in that they could add additional structures in the future and have a much larger effect on the infrastructure. Mr. Munro stated that ALRW funded the water and sanitary sewer lines years ago and the trunk sanitary sewer fees and impact fees are the means by which ALRW recoups their investment costs. Mr. Munro added that having appropriately sized sanitary sewer and water mains are a public benefit and that it is fair to assess these costs based on the contributions each property makes to the overall system. Mr. Dzwonczyk stated that it is not fair to charge costs evenly across the population when only the property owner is profiting from the use of a formerly undeveloped lot of land.

Public Speakers

None.

Executive Session

The CUE requested to meet in Executive Session to discuss the compensation of a public employee and the purchase and/or sale of property for public purposes. Based on discussion in Executive Session, the Board may take formal action upon reconvening the public meeting.

Mr. Mondello moved, Mrs. Schnabel seconded, to meet in executive session as allowed by ORC §121.22 (G)(1) and (G)(2) to discuss the compensation of a public employee and the purchase and/or sale of property for public purposes and to include the CUE and Attorney Anthony Coyne of Mansour Gavin.

Ayes (per roll-call vote): Dzwonczyk, Mondello, Rickey, and Schnabel

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:33 PM

The public meeting was reconvened at 8:22 PM.

Based on the discussion in the Executive Session, the CUE recommended the Board approve salary increases for non-bargaining employees. Mr. Rickey moved, Mr. Dzwonczyk seconded, to set the hourly rate for non-bargaining employees in accordance with the following, and to be effective on June 2, 2025:

Employee	Hourly Rate
Greg Yuronich	\$65.63
Bill Logan	\$56.86
Jason Gibboney	\$53.15
Ryan Hill	\$52.15
Robertino Kimevski	\$49.54
Dale Mitchell	\$30.00

Ayes (per roll-call vote): Dzwonczyk, Mondello, Rickey, and Schnabel

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Mrs. Schnabel moved, and Mr. Rickey seconded, to adjourn.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Approved July 1, 2025.

John Dzwonczyk, Chairman

Robert Munro, Clerk