

Board of Municipal Utilities  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**September 17, 2019**  
201 Miller Road  
Avon Lake, Ohio

***Call to Order – Roll Call***

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

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

Also present: CUE Danielson, CUO Munro, Technical Support Specialist Collins, Mayor Zilka, Dr. David Miles, and Community Outreach Specialist Arnold (arrived partway through).

***Columbia Township Agreement***

The CUE presented to the Board the draft Columbia Township Agreement negotiated by LORCO and Lorain County. The impetus for the agreement is the potential development of the “Fetchet” parcel, which is about 570 acres and located in Lorain County’s Facility Planning Area. Lorain County is unable to serve the parcel directly and has reached out to LORCO to potentially partner to serve that parcel and a significant portion of the rest of Columbia Township. The CUE informed the Board that Lorain County would be responsible for the collection and customer management, and LORCO would receive all of the wastewater at a point and convey it to Avon Lake Regional Water for treatment.

The CUE said that he has been working with Executive Director Toy to negotiate the service agreement with Lorain County. Following a discussion, the Board expressed many concerns regarding: the language of the contract, the affordability of the project, the debt owed to Avon Lake Regional Water by LORCO, capacity of the wastewater plant, number of homes guaranteed for the agreement, and rate charges to bulk customers. The CUE stated that he will continue to work with Executive Director Toy on the agreement and that he will emphasize the Board’s concerns to be reflected in the future agreement.

***Coaching Services Update***

Dr. David Miles presented to the Board the progress he has been making with the leadership team of Avon Lake Regional Water. He said that the team has a number of very competent individuals who are all similar in their approach to problems. He continued by saying the he has been working with staff to work together when resolving issues and to overcome working in silos in order to tap the broader skills and abilities of the organization.

Dr. Miles said that the lateral separation program was a great test for the organization and that by successfully completing the task they have shown that Avon Lake Regional Water’s staff can work well together in unfamiliar situations. He also said that the team has been taking a more proactive approach to resolving issues that are problems in the organization. Mr. Abram said that there is always room for improvement. The Chairman

agreed, and he also said that as Avon Lake Regional Water continues to grow it must become more capacious and be able to handle issues. He also said that Dr. Miles' position as a diplomatic third party to the organization has helped. The Board thanked Dr. Miles for his guidance with Avon Lake Regional Water.

***Other Items***

None

***Adjourn***

With no other business, the Mr. Abram moved to adjourn, Mr. Rush seconded. The Chairman concluded the work session at 7:18 PM.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2019

John Dzwonczyk, Chairman

Todd Danielson, Clerk