

Board of Municipal Utilities
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022
201 Miller Road
Avon Lake, Ohio

Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held in-person using web-based video conferencing technology and streamed live over Facebook.

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

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

Excused: Mr. Dzwonczyk and Mr. Rush

Approve Minutes

Mrs. Schnabel presented the Minutes of the September 6, 2022 regular meeting. With no changes, additions or corrections noted, she ordered that the minutes stand and be distributed as presented.

Public Speakers

None.

Correspondence

None.

Expenditures

Following review of expenses dated September 20, 2022, for funds and amounts as follows, Mr. Abram moved, Mr. Rickey seconded, to approve the expenditures of September 2 through September 15, 2022:

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| Water Fund 701 | \$ | 193,109.75 |
| Wastewater Fund 721 | \$ | 187,202.62 |
| MOR ETL1 Fund 703 | \$ | 219,712.98 |
| MOR ETL2 Fund 762 | \$ | 457,566.80 |
| LORCO Fund 749 | \$ | 5,234.21 |
| Water Construction Fund 704 | \$ | 105,401.16 |
| Wastewater Construction Fund 724 | \$ | 137,327.80 |

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Lead Service Line Identification Grant

Mr. Munro presented an update to the Board on the status of the grant that was awarded in May of 2022. He stated that the software that will be purchased under this grant award is part of the camera inspection truck that was ordered earlier in the year. Mr. Munro said that the new camera truck and software is expected to arrive sometime in October. Once the truck is delivered and training is provided to staff, the integration of the CUES software with the Esri ArcGIS software will take place. This new software will allow staff to better map out and identify lead service lines within Avon Lake. Mr. Munro said that the grant is a reimbursement grant and once Avon Lake Regional Water pays for the software then he can apply for reimbursement from Ohio EPA.

Mr. Rickey asked if the Board could be provided with a demonstration of the new camera truck once it is in service. Mr. Munro said that staff would provide a demonstration to the Board so that everyone can see how the truck functions.

Mr. Rickey commented that he recently witnessed staff using the valve exercising machine and he was impressed with the equipment he saw and the work that staff was doing.

Mr. Rickey asked what the status was on the delivery of the sewer combination vacuum truck that was ordered. Mr. Munro said it would be in the second quarter of 2023 before that truck is delivered from the manufacturer.

Mr. Abram asked if we have any lead service lines left in the city. Mr. Munro said that staff and contractors have discovered lead service lines in our project areas. When a lead service line is found it is replaced with copper. Mr. Munro said that there is a bid line item in our construction contracts specifically for this work.

Project Updates

ETL Design Services: Mr. Yuronich said that staff received the stamped drawings from HDR on Friday September 9, 2022. He also said that Mr. Munro executed the wetland credit agreement with Streams + Wetland Foundation. Once the wetland credits have been secured, the application will be submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers for approval.

WFP Improvements: Mr. Yuronich said that the Ohio EPA has finished reviewing the application and are drafting their response letter. Staff should receive that letter the week of September 19, 2022. An introductory call with the Cleveland Water Alliance and representatives from a high concentration onsite sodium hypochlorite generating company is scheduled for the week of September 19, 2022.

2022 Water Line Bundle Project: Mr. Yuronich said the roadway restoration work continues on Avon Point and Armour Rd and the storm sewer work is ongoing on Coveland. UUI will begin roadway restoration on Coveland shortly and staff is working to provide communication to residents on this street so they are aware of the paving procedure that will occur.

Mr. Rickey asked what the estimated completion date was for the waterline bundle project. Mr. Munro stated that there is still some work to complete on Redwood Blvd., Walker Road, and Moore Road and that substantial completion would be in early 2023.

Additional Storage Building: Mr. Yuronich said that Kendera Enterprises began work on excavating the sub-base for the building. During the week of September 19, 2022, they will begin work on the storm sewer and footer drain connections.

Mr. Munro said that staff received the permit set of stamped plans from Blue Scope Construction. Staff will submit the permit application with the Building Department for plan review by their third-party reviewer.

Mr. Rickey asked if the building foundation and building pad would be completed before the weather turns bad. Mr. Munro said that the current schedule indicates that the concrete work will be completed before the current concrete material contract expires on November 15, 2022.

CUE Report

No report

Miscellaneous & Member Reports

Mr. Munro informed the Board of a step increase for Lab Analyst Robin Liepold. Miss Liepold is moving from Lab Analyst step 1 to Lab Analyst step 2 effective August 1, 2022.

Mr. Abram asked what is the current number of connections for the LORCO sewer system. Mr. Munro stated that as of the end of July 2022 the total number of connections on the system is 1,330.

Public Speakers

None.

Executive Session

Mr. Abram moved, and Mrs. Schnabel seconded, to meet in executive session as allowed by ORC §121.22 G (3) to consider pending legal matters and to include the CUE, the CUO, and representatives from Mansour Gavin.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board reconvened at 7:18 PM.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Mr. Abram moved to adjourn, and Mrs. Schnabel seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Approved October 4, 2022.