

Board of Municipal Utilities
Work Session Minutes
October 18, 2022
201 Miller Road
Avon Lake, Ohio

Call to Order – Roll Call

The Work Session was called to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Also present: CUE Munro, CUO Yuronich, Facilities & Asset Manager Kimevski, Joe Crea of Raftelis, and Attorney Khawam of Mansour Gavin.

Rate Study

Mr. Munro introduced Mr. Joe Crea from Raftelis and asked him to present the preliminary findings of the rate study. Mr. Crea presented PowerPoint slides that indicated the overall finances of the utility are in very good shape. Specifically, he said that Avon Lake Regional Water is above the state, Midwest, and national average for number of days of cash on hand and also debt coverage. Raftelis recommends for 2023 to increase the water minimum service fee to cover the increase in static costs of the utility but to hold water and sewer consumption rates where they are. Mr. Crea said that Raftelis recommends moderate rate increases in 2024, 2025, and 2026 to offset the increase in debt service obligations due to ongoing capital infrastructure projects. He said the ultimate goal would be to have water and sewer rates tied to an inflationary factor for future growth.

Mr. Dzwonczyk asked how the rates of Avon Lake Regional Water compare to the rest of the state of Ohio. Mr. Munro said that the Avon Lake water rates are the lowest of all incorporated cities in Ohio and that sewer rates are in the average range throughout the state.

The Board thanked Mr. Crea and said they look forward to receiving the final report from Raftelis.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Mr. Rush moved to adjourn, and Mr. Abram seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Approved November 1, 2022.

John Dzwonczyk, Chairman

Robert Munro, Clerk