

Board of Municipal Utilities  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**November 19, 2024**  
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, Business & Financial Coordinator Logan, Avon Lake Resident Bill Zimmerman.

***Presentation of 2025 Budget***

Business & Financial Coordinator Logan presented an overview of the 2025 budgets that were included in the Board packet and provided to the Board. Mr. Dzwonczyk stated that it was not necessary to go through the budgets line-by-line and that a general description of changes would suffice. Mr. Logan advised that if Board members had specific questions after the meeting, he and/or staff would be happy to address those if the Board would like to reach out. Mr. Logan stated that the funds overall were doing very well. Mr. Logan informed the Board that 2024 revenues were going to be about 9.5% higher than 2023 and that this was the result of the rate increase implemented at the start of the year along with an increase in water sold. Mr. Logan also discussed two new funds that staff would like to create in 2025 that will help more accurately account for expenditures. Mr. Logan stated that staff would like to add a Fund No. 722 – Sewer Collection and Fund 723 - Water Distribution. Mr. Logan informed the Board that this will allow staff to better understand the true cost of operating and maintaining both of the treatment plants as well as the distribution and collection systems. Mr. Logan presented the proposed budget for Funds 722 and 723 and compared them to the City of Avon's water and sewer budgets. Mr. Logan stated that when you remove the \$3.2 million dollars appropriated for the ALERG property acquisition in 2025, the total budgets are very close. Mr. Rickey inquired if Mr. Logan could prepare a summary of the budgets and Mr. Logan replied that he would prepare that and distribute it to the Board in the near future. Mr. Rickey inquired about rate increases. In June 2023 the Board passed a resolution authorizing increases for January 1, 2024 and a 4% increase in water rates for January 1, 2025. He stated that with the good financial condition we are in, should we re-consider the 2025 increase? Mr. Munro stated that the rate increases are necessary because rates were held static for three consecutive years during the pandemic and these increases would account for the upcoming debt service that will be due on the Water Filtration Plant improvements currently underway. Mr. Rickey once again reiterated that he had voted against the rate increases in June 2023.

## ***Adjourn***

As there was no further business, Mr. Abram moved to adjourn, and Mr. Rush seconded. The work session adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Approved December 17, 2024.

John Dzwonczyk, Chairman

Robert Munro, Clerk