

Board of Municipal Utilities
Work Session Minutes
November 21, 2017
201 Miller Road
Avon Lake, Ohio

Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Also present: CUE Danielson, CUO Eberle, WFP Manager Yuronich, Engineering Services Manager Gaydar, Distribution & Collection Manager Kasten, Community Outreach Specialist Arnold, Mayor Zilka, Councilmember Fenderbosch, and representatives from Cleveland Water including Robert Davis, Alex Margevicius, Jason Wood, and Robert Hanna (Tucker Ellis).

Representatives from Cleveland Water attended the meeting to speak with the Board about the potential for an emergency interconnection between the two water systems and the lawsuit between Westlake and Cleveland. Mr. Hanna provided his synopsis of the court of appeals' verdict stating that the contract between the two entities was in place and it was remanded back to the trial court to determine what would be considered "reasonable notice." He further indicated that a meeting is planned between the two entities to see if they could come to agreement on what would be considered "reasonable."

Mr. Margevicius spoke about the discussions to date regarding an emergency interconnection, indicating that the current thinking is for an emergency supply only and that water could flow to either party. However, the immediate priority is for Cleveland to have the ability to provide water to Avon Lake Regional Water. Mr. Margevicius spoke about Cleveland's system and that they currently have a number of emergency agreements in place. He further indicated they were open to discussion regarding different alternatives for a draft agreement but that the agreement would have rates set at the same as other master meter communities and that each supplier would respect the other's customer bases. Upon questioning by Board Members, Mr. Margevicius indicated benefits to Cleveland Water would be emergency back-up and potential future sales should Avon Lake Regional Water desire a more continuous supply. Cleveland Water representatives left the meeting at 6:25 PM.

With the assistance of staff, the CUE then presented the draft budgets and focused discussion on the operating budgets and capital improvement plan. He indicated the draft Water operating budget was very similar to last year, with an overall increase of approximately 2%. The draft Wastewater operating budget had much greater "Other" expenses, primarily due to increased debt service, along with engineering fees for a residuals master plan and wet weather flow investigation and training expenses for implementing a continuous improvement program and asset management. Members indicated they would more fully review the budget in preparation for the CUE seeking approval at the next meeting.

The work session adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Approved December 5, 2017

John G. Dzwonczyk, Chairman

Todd A. Danielson, Clerk