

Avon Lake Board of Municipal Utilities

AGENDA

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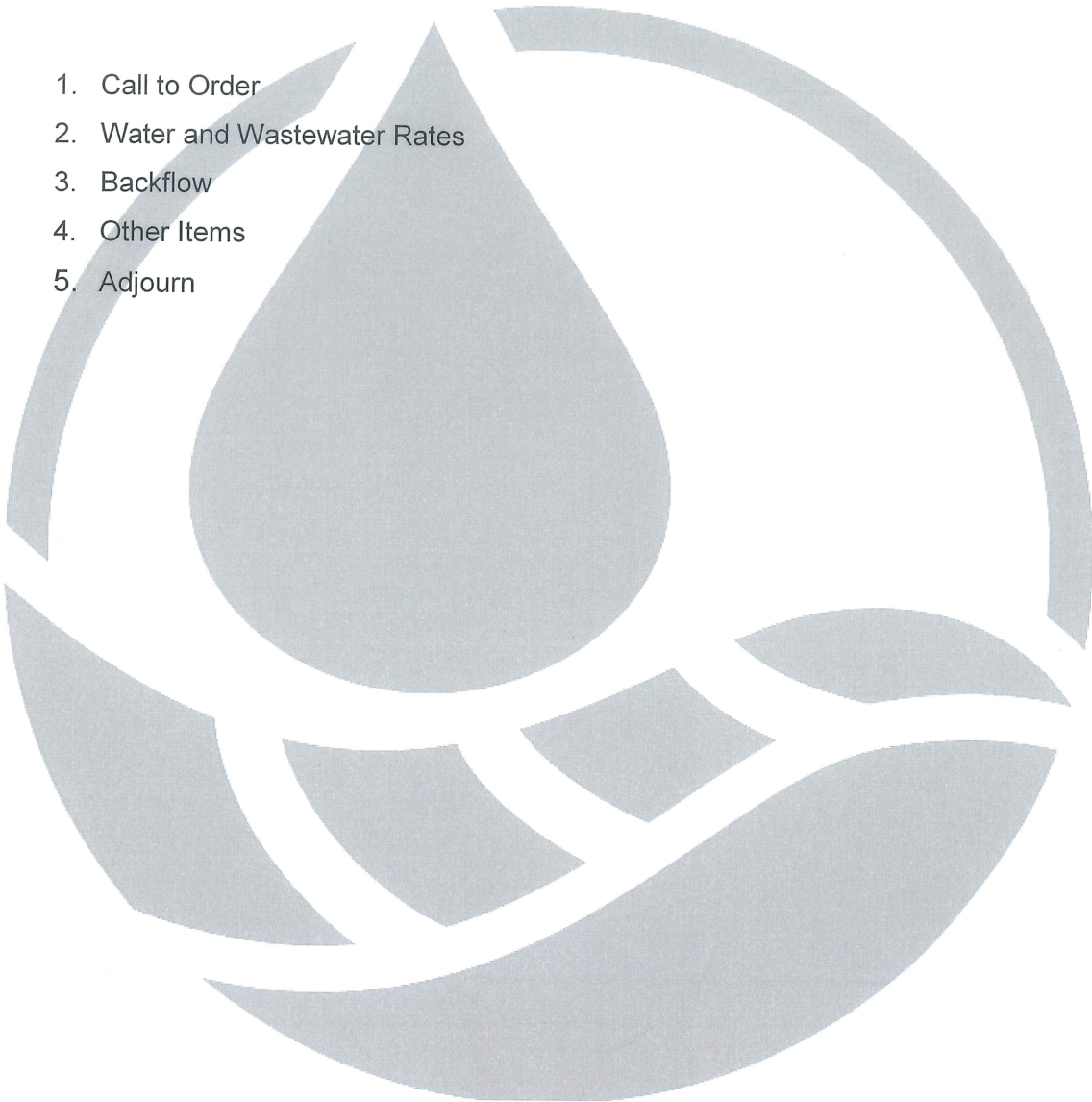
WORK SESSION

Tuesday

December 18, 2018

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Water and Wastewater Rates
3. Backflow
4. Other Items
5. Adjourn



Avon Lake Regional Water
MEMORANDUM

To: **Board of Municipal Utilities**

From: **Todd Danielson & Rob Munro**

Subject: **Agenda Items – December 18, 2018, Work Session**

Date: **December 14, 2018**

Item 2: **Water and Wastewater Rates – TAD**

The regular meeting write-up presents information regarding the proposed changes to water and wastewater rates. During the work session, the CUE will make the same presentation as will be made during the regular meeting in order to allow members time to question and discuss the proposals. As always, the CUE welcomes any questions or concerns prior to the meeting so that modifications can be made, if necessary.

Item 3: **Changes to Backflow Program – TAD**

Earlier this year, staff discussed with the Board difficulties regarding the process to assure customers with backflow prevention devices have their devices tested by the deadlines established. A number of years ago, Avon Lake Regional Water stopped sending reminder letters and opted to include the reminder on the quarterly water bill, partly because many of the backflow testers were also sending out reminders. Staff will begin sending out reminders again in 2019. Additionally, staff proposes to both delay the initial due date for confirmation and implement a penalty if certification is not provided by the due date. A redlined version of the proposed changes to our regulations is presented below:

Section 1.19 In-Ground Sprinkler System. All in-ground sprinkler systems require backflow preventers. Atmospheric pressure type vacuum break is an approved device, however it must be testable, i.e. have test ports. A reduced pressure type backflow preventer is also acceptable. All backflow preventers used shall be listed and approved by the Chief of Utility Operations. All backflow preventers must be tested every year by a person certified by either the Operator Training Committee of Ohio (OTCO) or the Department of Commerce to perform such tests. Failure to test as required will result in shut-off of water to the sprinkler system or user if they are not separate. Reinstatement of water service will be at the standard, Board approved, turn-on fee. Owners or users of such systems will be notified by mail each year during or before April regarding the required inspection and are expected to provide a test report on an approved form to Avon Lake Regional Water from a State certified tester by July 1st. Should no reply regarding this matter be received by Avon Lake Regional Water by that date, a penalty (see Schedule N) will be applied to the account. Additionally, a letter will be mailed indicating the report was not received and that if not received by the first work day after July 15th, water service to the sprinkler or home will be terminated.

Immediately upon connection of an in-ground lawn sprinkling system to the Avon Lake potable water system, the required backflow prevention device must be in place and tested and approved for operation by a certified backflow prevention person. Such

person shall have either an OTCO or Department of Commerce certification. Failure to provide such test and certification of same with ten (10) days of the activation of the system may result in a \$500.00 fine and possible loss of water service. It is the property owner's responsibility to assure that such certification is received by the required time. No pump shall be connected to an in-ground sprinkler system either to increase pressure or to purge the sprinkler system. If a pump or air compressor is used to purge the system, the backflow preventer must be removed and the sprinkler line shut off.

Continued noncompliance with this regulation subjects the offender to an immediate fine of \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 and termination of water service or loss of backflow testing certification, which the Chief Utilities Executive shall determine.

Schedule N is a new attachment to the Regulations and will state that the penalty for failure to submit the certification is \$50.

If members are comfortable with the proposed changes, staff will seek approval of the changes at the January 2, 2019 regular meeting.

