

# Middlefield Water Pollution Control Authority

Special Meeting

March 18, 2019

Minutes

1. Call to order of special meeting

Rob Poturnicki called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present are Rob Poturnicki, Bob Monthei, Kathy Kokoszka, and Ed Bailey.

3. Agenda

**A motion was made by Rob Poturnicki to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Ed Bailey. As this was a special meeting, changes could not be made in any event, so it did not require a vote.**

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

**A motion was made by Ed Bailey to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018 Meeting. Motion was seconded by Rob Poturnicki and approved by all voting members.**

5. Public Session

There were no members of the public present

6. FY19 Budget Reports

Ed Bailey passed out copies of the Budget shown in the new accounting system format.

- 66% of the year has passed, and 55% of user fees have been collected
- one billing (October) has gone out with second billing going out in April
- there are no more connection fees coming in as all Lakeview Estate properties are now sold
- late fees will generate additional money coming in

Expenses:

- Meriden use charges, spent 52% with two bills out and two more to come
- pump station expenses were low, as not a lot of work was needed this year.
- spring checkup, charcoal expenses, etc. will probably cost another \$2,000.00
- odor control expenses have also been lower, but will most likely use up chemicals to fill up tanks before summer
- grinder pump expenses stand at 48% of the budget
- other expenses include repairs/digging at Lakeview Estates to fix broken pipes.
- Town support still to be paid (\$16,000.00)

## RT66/Harvest Woods

- 85% of billings have been collected and it is expected that that percentage will increase
- expenditures were 41% of amount budgeted
- Expenses came in under budget: \$34,869.00 spent, \$36,082 budgeted.

## Lake Beseck

- Budgeted Income was \$205,898.00 and \$206,876.00 was taken in.
- total operating expenses \$217, 238 which came in at \$4,819.00 less than budgeted
- grinder pump expenses went over budget
- Town will now pick up CYBD expenses, as most deal with storm drains rather than sewer
- saved on electric costs and CYBD
- in 2005 Meriden charged \$2.41/100 c.f. (sewage). They now charge \$5.33/100 c.f.
- \$75,000.00 is budgeted for Meriden charges. State regulations caused Meriden to upgrade their system (twice) which caused increase to rates.
- As of June 30, 2018 WPCA had in the Lake Beseck \$216,530.00
- \$30,818.00 is still owed in expenses, with some to be reimbursed from other accounts
- Overall Net Cash for this account is \$177,520.00
- The loan for the Lake Beseck sewer system could be paid in full in October 2020.
- Principle balance on Bond as of 6/30/18 is \$463,833 plus \$11,685 in interest.
- \$270,728.00 is still due in unpaid assessments
- \$83,000.00 is still due in unpaid user fees

A casual discussion was held at this point regarding derelict properties at Lake Beseck. Jerry Russ, Building Official, came by and joined the discussion.

## 7. Lakeview Estates

It was noted that the Developer of Lakeview Estates is responsible to reimburse WPCA for the expenses incurred in repairing broken and leaking pipes on the properties. He is aware to the costs involved and has suggested that he pay half. The Town of Middlefield still holds the bond. Developer came to building department requesting that the bond be released and the monies be returned to him. It was suggested that Rob Poturnicki, as Chairman of WPCA, write a letter to Developer demanding payment for repairs. Ed Bailey has spoken with the president of the newly formed Homeowner's Association and informed him of the problems there and stated that the Association should make certain that the curb valves (both water and sewer) are located above ground. It is felt that a claim should be made by WPCA against the developer for recovery of funds. All invoices and pertinent reports/notes will be gathered for that purpose.

8. Meeting schedule approval for 2019

**A motion was made by Rob Poturnicki to accept the meeting dates for 2019 with Change of July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion was seconded by Ed Bailey and carried by all voting members.**

9. Chairman's Report

No new business to discuss

10. Adjournment

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Motion was made by Bob Monthei and seconded by Rob Poturnicki. Motion approved by all voting members.**