

Middlefield Water Pollution Control Authority

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 4th, 2019
Minutes

1. Call to order of regular meeting

Rob Poturnicki called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Present are Kathy Kokoszka, Bob Monthei, Rob Poturnicki and Ed Bailey.

3. Agenda

A motion was made by Ed Bailey to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Bob Bob Poturnicki and approved by all voting members.

4. Public Session

Discussion to take place under #6 – 22 Lake Road – Change of EDU

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ed Bailey to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2019 meeting with the exception of: #8. Delete the numbers as they are incorrect. Motion was seconded by Rob Poturnicki. Approved by all voting members.

6. 22 Lake Road – Change of EDU

Discussion was held noting that the property had been acquired by a Financial Institute and subsequently listed for sale as a 2.5 family home. Assessor's records show that this property had been listed as 2.5 EDU. The house has since been purchased and converted to a single family home. Current owners were present at this meeting, and it was noted that they were not aware that they were billed for 2.5 EDU when this was no longer the case. They were requesting a change in EDU status and a refund for the overpayment they had made. It was proposed by the Board to set EDU fee retroactive to October 2018 from 2.5 EDU to 1 EDU. Owners were advised the Board would contact the Tax Collector regarding the overpayment and request that a refund be sent to them.

A motion was made Referencing property at 22 Lake Road. To adjust the EDU. Also to adjust the current bill from October 1, 2019 to read Previous Balance \$650.00 and Current \$325.00 plus adjusted interest due. Total of \$975.00 plus adjusted interest. The motion was made by Ed Bailey and seconded by Rob Poturnicki.

7. Lake View Estates Issues

a. Repair costs attributable to developer – Recovery of costs

Nothing has changed since the last discussion. Kasner's last offer was to split the dollar amount. A package containing all bills and associated costs will be put together and sent with a demand to Kasner. The figures were not at hand, however, it is felt that the amount of the demand will be in the area of \$20,000.00.

b. System issues and maintenance costs

There were problems on Thanksgiving Day when nine (9) pumps went high level. Cahill was called in and they pumped. On the following day Ed Bailey and Rob Poturnicki were present at King Road when the force main was flushed. Area has been fine since, but there have been problems at King Road before. Ed has just received a list of the nine homes and will check the map to determine the section where the problems occurred. It is possible that there is a crushed pipe or restriction in the area. It was suggested that the line cleaning company who operates the underground camera be called out to check for a blockage or break.

The President of the Homeowners Association has stated that the residents are annoyed and frustrated and would like to have a meeting with the Town. Ed Bailey and Rob Poturnicki will coordinate with Brian Curtis and schedule a meeting.

8. FY20 Budget YTD

As of November, 42% of the budget should normally be spent and only 39.8% has been spent. However, 87% of the Grinder Pump Budget has already been spent. \$55,000 had been budgeted and \$48,000 has been spent at this time. Many issues caused this. Lakeview Estates did have an impact, but several of the older pumps and rails also failed. These pumps are approximately 20 years old and have been corroding and needing to be replaced. It was noted that last year Grinder Pump Budget was \$65,620 and \$48,000 was spent. This year \$10,000 less was budgeted. Usual replacement of pumps averages approximately 10 per year.

It was discussed that a 'reminder campaign' should be done every two years or so. Refrigerator magnets, flyers, etc. should be sent out to tell people how to keep the system running smoothly.

Ed Bailey handed out reports showing last year vs. this year and noted that as of the end of June the overall budget was \$41,000 ahead.

The Bond will be paid in full as of October 2020 which will allow more flexibility in the budget in the future.

User fees have been kept low, and the majority of assessments have been paid off.

Route 66

Overall Budget last year to this year shows approximately \$10,000 ahead.

There was a problem with the meter on Rt. 66 wherein a large bill was received from Middletown – double the usual amount. Cahill was called out to check the meter and found it to be clogged with what appear to be wipes. This is a 20 year old Weir meter and has only required cleaning twice in that time. The last cleaning was approximately 3 years ago.

It was suggested that Cahill go out every few months (TBD) to clean the meter so as to avoid another clog.

An education flyer could be made up and sent to the homes on Harvest Woods and Sunrise Ridge advising them of the problem with wipes and other non-degradable items.

Peter Parker has been putting new labels on boxes as weather permits and he will make a list of needed repairs to the boxes.

2020 Meeting Schedule

Ed Bailey handed out a list of the 2020 meetings. He noted that they were all on the First Wednesday of each month.

Rob Poturnicki made a motion to accept the 1010 meeting dates. Bob Monthei seconded the motion. Approved by all voting members.

9. Chairman's Report

Nothing new to report

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ed Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. This was seconded by Bob Monthei and approved by all voting members.