

**Water District No. 1 Of Midland County
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

Date: 11/20/2024

Board Members Present:

Brett Fales, Lincoln
Rita Goul, Hope
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Doug Kruger, Lee
Art Peters, Edenville
Steve Rice, Jerome
Dave Rothman, Hope
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford
Kevin Wray, Lincoln

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Nate French

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Approved: 12/18/2024

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Board Members Absent:

Linzy Kreiner, Jerome
Heidi Pitt, Lee

MEETING LOCATION: Jerome Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Wray at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND ROLL CALL: Pledge performed. Art Peters has joined the Board, replacing Terrance Hall. Peters advised the Board that another person (to be named) will replace Neil Wackerle who has resigned. Roger Crockett is leaving the Board and has been replaced by Brett Fales. 9 members were in attendance, a quorum.

MINUTES: Moved by Whaley, second by Goul, to approve the October meeting minutes with modifications to drafting date and the attendance list. Motion approved by verbal vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: Moved by Rothman, second by Peters, to approve payment of bills totaling \$95,171.28, checks 13925-13926, 13932-13933, 13939-13950, 13952-13956, 13962-13968 and 5 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote, 9/0. Moved by Rothman, second by Kruger, to approved payment of Local Units Fees totaling \$9,680, checks 1529-1532. Motion approved by roll call vote, 9/0. Moved by Rothman, second by Goul, to approve payroll totaling \$68,168.89, covering 3 pay periods, checks 13927-13931, 13934-13938, 13951, 139578-13961, 13969, plus 9 direct deposits and 10 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote, 9/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh- 5168 bills sent out, totaling \$575,704.29. Staff continue to enter oid permit data in a computer.

French-196 Miss Dig stakeouts, 8 taps (mostly long), several winter turnoffs done. Seasonal help has pumped down all the hydrants. Bulk water station has been closed for the season. There have been several very high customer bills. An account with a water meter pit will convert to a meter in a building. French advised that the new Neptune meter reading software will now accommodate cellular reporting meters in addition to our current radio reading meters. The cellular reading meters would allow WD#1 staff to detect high water use sooner and notify the property owner. After discussion, French agreed to propose a service offering that would still place the responsibility for water leaks on the property owner but allow us to notify them sooner, for example snowbirds. The State Lab has notified WD#1 that chlorination by-product in water samples is high indicating water in the samples is borderline old. Staff will work on methods to refresh the water in lines, probably more flushing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Wray- will look at committee assignments for 2025. Report at December meeting.

Operations and maintenance: Rice- November committee minutes provided. Discussion of ownership for replacement of culverts under driveways next to hydrants. This relates to clearing ditches and repaving roads, when such culverts should be replaced. The consensus seemed to be that townships would pay for this. Jerome Tower work is done, including tower painting, new concrete floor and warm room for electronics. Advised that the 2025 budget should include \$12,760 for a new Neptune meter reader, washing Edenville tower and Lee tower hatch that will not close. Staff to provide estimates for the remaining tower work. There was discussion on how the new Taco Bell should be billed for their water connection. Seasonal help finished for the winter on Nov. 15.

Business and Finance: Rothman- reviewed the November meeting, discussed draft budget sent to Board and changes to it. Plan to finalize for approval at the December Board meeting. Discussed cost of Jerome Tower painting, proposed to pay for that from General Fund Reserve and Long-Term maintenance, 50/50 split. Discussion of the account to use for the roof replacement, agreed upon Building maintenance funded account.

Policy: no report

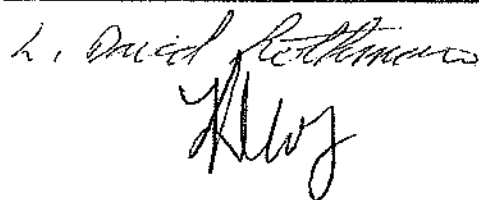
Human Resources: no report

NEW BUSINESS: none

OTHER ITEMS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.



L. David Rothman