

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
December 9, 2010

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District was held at 1959 Grafton Road, Elyria, Ohio. President McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustees in Attendance:

Secretary-Treasurer Lahetta called the roll with the following trustees shown in attendance:

Thomas Lahetta	Rick Hutman	Cindy Kurpely
Neil Lynch	James McConnell	Dominic Ferritto
John Piwinski	Ernie Hartman	Rita Canfield
James Woodrum	Louise Grose	
James Wright	Gerald Cowie	

Absent:

Howard Born, Jason Richardson, Dorothy Collins

Also in Attendance:

Becky Haines, ALMU-Special Projects Administrator
Robert Berner, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell stated that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 11, 2010 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. Motion was made by James Woodrum with a second by Ernie Hartman to approve the minutes as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to come before the board.

New Business:

President McConnell – Polled the board concerning the February regular board meeting date conflicting with the Ohio Township Association Annual Conference in Columbus. It was decided to reschedule the regular board meeting to February 3, 2011. A motion was made by Cindy Kurpely and seconded by Rita Canfield to change the regular board meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

President McConnell updated the board on the continuing meetings with ALMU on the cooperative efforts. He indicated the board officers have scheduled regular meetings with representatives of ALMU to discuss the implementation of rules and procedures for the start up of the new sewer system.

The legal report –Attorney O’Toole was not present and indicated prior to the meeting he had no legal issues to report to the board

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-22 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by Ernie Hartman a second by Louise Grose. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-23 for year end adjustments to fund budgets was moved by Dominic Ferritto a second by John Piwinski. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-24 Adopting the Permanent Budget for 2011 was moved by Tom Lahetta a second by Ernie Hartman. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Berner briefly discussed the financial statement. He informed the board on a meeting scheduled with commissioner-elect Tom Williams on December 20th. He further informed the board of efforts on behalf of the Village of Kipton and making a feasibility presentation to the City of Oberlin to see if there would be any opportunity for them to participate in sewers for Kipton. He commented on news articles, informed the board of the approval by ALMU of the settlement agreement with Elyria and spoke of the ongoing meetings with ALMU for planning purposes.

Becky Haines presented her update to the board on Phase I in a written statement to the board. There were no questions.

President McConnell opened the public hearing concerning the proposal for a new monthly rate structure. He then turned the public hearing over to Executive Director Berner to conduct the public hearing.

Executive Director Berner discussed the history of the rate study and gave background information to those in attendance. He then asked for any public comments:

Nelson King, 13168 Kensington Dr. Grafton, Oh. Commented on his concerns

- a. Has a problem with estimates and actual use readings
- b. Concerned about the increase because he is on a fixed income
- c. Used Aurora as an example of rate increase
- d. He would like to reduce his monthly expenses
- e. Believes sewer rates are burdensome

Carl Denk, 40825 Banks Road, LaGrange, Oh. Had two comments

- a. No incentive to conserve water
- b. Would like to see an incentive for making a single payment for the entire year

Nancy Martier, 13155 Kensington Dr., Grafton, Oh Commented on her concerns

- a. Single person and does not use much water or sewer
- b. Believes rates are excessive
- c. Budgeting monthly expenses should not be a utility company issue but a customer issue.
- d. Believes rate structure should be based on water usage only

Delbert Roig, 12484 Durkee Rd., Grafton, Oh had only one comment

- a. Believe single rate would create undo burden on single use households

Executive Director Berner thanked those for attending and closed the public hearing.

Other Business:

President McConnell asked if there were any comments from the board.

There was none from the board or the public.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Dominic Ferritto with a second by Ernie Hartman to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 13,, 2011 at the LORCO Offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio.

President

Secretary-Treasurer