

September 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The September 5th Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00PM by Mr. Leep.

Roll Call: Glenn Leep of Martin, Tom Rook of Orangeville, Roger VanVolkinburg of Wayland, and Rob Heethuis of Yankee Springs were present. Employees present: Director Larry Knowles, Plant Operator Dave Underwood, and Office Manager Tara Palandri.

Review Minutes: Mr. VanVolkinburg motioned to accept the August Board Meeting minutes as well as the August 29th Public Hearing minutes as presented. Mr. Heethuis supported the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Hear Those Present: John Carter thanked the Board for holding the Public Hearing and answering his questions at the Hearing. He also stated MRWA did a great job presenting the rate study information.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- a. No sewer or water permits were issued in August.
- b. August Roundtable Minutes were shared with the Board.

Director's Report:

- **Laboratory Technician**
 - The August Lab Report was reviewed.
- **YST Water**
 - The MORs and reports were sent to EGLE.
 - The August Water Report was reviewed.
 - The Water Advisory Board met on Tuesday. MRWA will deliver the water rate study findings at the Public Hearing to be held on September 24th at 6:00 PM at the YST Hall.
- **Miss Dig**
 - 64 Miss Digs were performed in August.
- **Water Laboratory**
 - 220 samples were tested in August.
- **Collection System Generators**
 - The generators for lift stations #6 (4487 Trails End Rd.) and #9 (11310 Heron Pt.) were installed 9/5/24. The plan is to have them connected to gas this month. The new generator at LS #8 (11052 Wildwood Rd.) is now complete and working.
- **Lift Station 23 Odor**
 - There were some complaints about an odor from LS #23. The GLASA technicians built an activated charcoal filter cabinet and installed it. There were still some odor complaints after the install, so Mr. Knowles met with a few neighbors in the area on 8/28/24. After discussion with the neighbors, a decision to double the activated charcoal filters was made. The extra filters were installed the next day. If this solution doesn't work, GLASA will likely perform a smoke test.

- **Lightning Strike**
 - All costs related to the incident so far have been compiled. After a few additional costs, the claim will be ready to submit.
- **GLASA Rates**
 - The GLASA Board approved a rate increase from \$99.00/quarter per REU to \$140.00/quarter per REU.
 - While the rate increase covers most customers, GLASA charges Yankee Springs Meadows by the gallon for sewage.
 - Currently the rate is \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons. Mr. Knowles suggested a 41% increase (following the REU increase) which would bring the rate to \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons.
 - After some discussion, Mr. VanVolkinburg made a motion to increase the sewage per gallon rate for Yankee Springs Meadows from \$4.15/1,000 gallons to \$6.00/1,000 gallons. Mr. Heethuis supported the motion; after a roll call vote the motion passed 4-0.
 - This Board contemplated implementing an annual increase based on COLA. They ultimately decided to implement the annual increases at a later date and to bring in MRWA annually to perform a rate study.

Financial Statements:

August payroll totaled \$41,021.62 and operation expenses (checks #18146-18150 & #17101-17118) totaled \$46,717.89. Total August expenses came to \$87,739.51. A motion to pay the August bills as presented was made by Mr. VanVolkinburg and supported by Mr. Heethuis; the motion passed 4-0.

Discussion: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Heethuis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:31PM, Mr. Rook supported; the motion passed 4-0.

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2024 at 4:00PM