

Jefferson Water & Sewer District

Board Meeting Minutes July 24, 2008 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Jefferson Water and Sewer District Board of Trustees was held pursuant to call on July 24, 2008 at 6455 Taylor Road, Blacklick, Ohio. Trustees present were: Bob Powelson, Steve Love, Tom Flynn, Beth Breyfogle and Steve Miller. Also present were: Bob Stewart, Russ SeEVERS, John Grosse, Cathy Bisutti, Mark Williams, Eric Luckage (Albers & Albers) and Chris Cobel (Eagon & Associates/hydrogeologist). Mrs. Amie Dorrsett attended as a guest.

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call – At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Powelson called the meeting to order, conducted roll call and led the recitation of the Pledge.

2008 Minutes

July 10th – The following changes/clarifications were made to the minutes:

1. **Superintendent's Report/District Vehicles** – Mr. Miller authorized the purchase of a *“utility bed package”* rather than an *“option package.”*
2. **Executive Session** – the language was changed to clarify that no action was taken during Executive Session.

With these revisions noted, Beth Breyfogle moved to accept the minutes. Tom Flynn seconded the motion and a unanimous vote in favor carried the motion.

Director's Report (Bob Stewart)

1. **Mrs. Amie Dorrsett 1557 Fox Chase Dr.** – Mrs. Dorrsett was present to talk about damages and expenses she incurred when her basement flooded. Mr. Stewart confirmed that a power failure occurred caused by heavy lightening and storms. He said JWSD personnel were out for many hours pumping lift stations and monitoring the system during and after the storm.
After hearing Mrs. Dorrsett's concerns, Mr. Miller and Mr. Love explained the various reasons for water backup. Reasons include homeowners covering manholes with landscaping as well as residents routing their downspouts to the sewer systems causing the system to overload due to excess rainwater for which it is not designed. While sympathetic to the damage and inconvenience that a homeowner suffers when such a backup occurs, the district doesn't claim responsibility for damages when a power failure occurs as a result of an uncontrollable and unforeseen event such as a severe weather.
Action Taken/Required: As a gesture of good will, Mr. Miller made a motion to authorize \$1,300.00 to be spent to aid Mrs. Dorrsett with expenses and/or towards her homeowners insurance deductible. Beth

Breyfogle seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor approved the motion.

2. **Rocky Fork Pump Test** – The pump test results were not as expected (i.e., falling below the needed amount of gallons per minute). Chris Cobel explained the results and recommended that JWSD re-evaluate the Rocky Fork Site as well as revisit the feasibility of other sites. **Action Taken/Required:** Mr. Cobel will research the hydrogeology of other sites while Eric Luckage and John Albers will communicate with the Rocky Fork Country Club. Mr. Stewart will be involved in meetings with the Rocky Fork Country Club as well. Steve Miller moved to authorize a \$2,500.00 expenditure to Eagon & Associates to conduct an isolation study on protection well fields in and out of the township. Steve Love seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the vote was unanimously in favor and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report (Russ Seevers)

1. **Fischer Homes** – construction is moving into the next phase after underground utilities.
2. **Maintenance & Repair** – JWSD has been working on routine maintenance and repairs throughout the district

Engineering Report (John Grosse)

1. **Water Usage Report** – John distributed the report, which details usage levels since 2002.
2. **Blacklick Sanitary Sewer Project** – John reviewed the timeline report for project.

Billing Manager's Report (Cathy Bisutti)

None

Controller's Report (Mark Williams)

1. **Financial Report/Preliminary Budget Motion** – To prepare for the 2009 Budget Appropriations, Tom Flynn moved to accept the Preliminary Budget Report retroactive to July 15, 2008. Steve Miller seconded the motion. A unanimous vote carried the motion.
2. **Investments** – Mark is scheduled to attend a comprehensive seminar as part of his efforts prior to presenting investment options.
3. **Employee Handbook** – The handbook is still in legal review and is expected to be ready for the Board in August.

Other Business

1. **Capacity Fee Regulations for Multi-Family Unit/Single Family Units** - Beth Breyfogle moved to pass the regulations as presented with Tom Flynn seconding. A unanimous vote in favor passed the motion and the regulations were adopted.

2. **Resolution Preparations/Meeting Agendas** – The Board asked that, whenever possible, resolutions be prepared sooner to allow for quicker signature. Also, Beth Breyfogle asked the Board to think about requiring all tap agreements that are specific to a property to be recorded at the County Recorders Office with the cost of recording to be paid by the property owner.

Accounts Payable

Following clarifications about hourly rate charges and credit card usage, Tom Flynn moved to pay the bills as presented. Beth Breyfogle's second and a unanimous vote in favor carried the motion.

Comments & Questions

None

Motion to Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Steve Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Love's second and the unanimous vote in favor ended the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Beth Breyfogle

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Chase

NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 7, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.