

**SOUTHWEST LICKING COMMUNITY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 215, ETNA, OH 43018**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2023**

1. OPENING

The January 5, 2023, Board Meeting of the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District was called to order by Mrs. Carrelli at 4:00p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Carrelli. Mr. Kretzmann, Mr. Stepp and Mrs. Carter were present at roll call. Also present were Josephine Carrelli, CJ Gilcher, Kathy Killen, Andrew King, and those members of the public who signed the sign in sheet. The meeting was also live streamed for public viewing.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion, second by Mr. Stepp, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Agenda adopted.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Carrelli declared that all offices of the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District were vacant pursuant to the District's By-Laws and that nominations for the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board for the 2023 calendar year were necessary at this time.

Mrs. Carrelli asked for a nomination for President. Mrs. Carter moved to nominate and elect Mr. Kretzmann for President. Mr. Kretzmann seconded the Motion.

Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Kretzmann is President.

Mr. Kretzmann asked for a nomination for Vice-President. Mr. Kretzmann moved to nominate and elect Mr. Stepp for Vice-President. Mrs. Carter seconded the Motion.

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion to close nominations for Vice President, seconded by Mr. Stepp.

Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Nominations closed.

Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Stepp is Vice President

Mr. Kretzmann moved to nominate and elect Mrs. Carter for Secretary. Mr. Stepp seconded the Motion.

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion to close nominations for secretary, seconded by Mr. Stepp. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Nominations closed.

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Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Carter is Secretary.

Mr. Kretzmann moved to nominate and elect Mrs. Carter for Treasurer. Mr. Stepp seconded the Motion.

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion to close nominations for Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Stepp. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Nominations closed.

Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Carter is Treasurer.

4. ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATION FOR 2023:

RESOLUTION:

Mrs. Carter made a motion, second by Mr. Stepp.

R 2023-001

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTHWEST LICKING COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT THAT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF SAID BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, FOLLOWING SUMS BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY SET ASIDE AND APPROPRIATED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES FOR WHICH EXPENDITURES ARE TO BE MADE FOR AND DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR, AS FOLLOWS, VIZ: THAT THERE BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES:

OPERATING	\$ 3,026,424.41
COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,208,174.84
CONSTRUCTION	\$ 788,407.76
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 1,650,196.19
DEBT PAYMENT	\$ 5,000,000.00
CAPITAL EXPENSE	\$ 1,500,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$13,173,203.20

THAT IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONCERNING AND RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THAT ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THIS

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OF ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES RESULTING IN SUCH FORMAL ACTION, WERE IN MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO.

Mrs. Killen stated this was based on the budget that was approved by the Board in June.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTED AYE. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-001 WAS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DEPRECIATION APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2023:

RESOLUTION:

Mr. Stepp made a motion, second by Mr. Kretzmann.

R 2022-002

- 1. RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$3,900,000.00 FOR DEPRECIATION EXPENSE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ANNUAL DEPRECIATION.**
- 2. THAT IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONCERNING AND RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THAT ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OF ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES RESULTING IN SUCH FORMAL ACTION, WERE IN MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO.**

Mrs. Killen stated that this was a standard resolution that was required by the State of Ohio Auditors.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTED AYE. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-002 WAS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$4,175,000.00 FOR THE GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE OHIO WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PATASKALA CORPORATE PARK AND SURROUNDING AREAS SANITARY SEWER PROJECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.:

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RESOLUTION:

Mr. Stepp made a motion, second by Mrs. Carter

R 2023-003

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$4,175,000.00 FOR THE GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE OHIO WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PATASKALA CORPORATE PARK AND SURROUNDING AREAS SANITARY SEWER PROJECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

THAT IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONCERNING AND RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THAT ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OF ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES RESULTING IN SUCH FORMAL ACTION, WERE IN MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTED AYE. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-003 WAS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PAY SCHEDULE FOR 2023:

RESOLUTION:

Mrs. Carter made a motion, second by Mr. Stepp.

R 2023-004

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PAY SCHEDULE FOR 2023

EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT SHALL BE PAID 26 TIMES A YEAR ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE KEPT ON FILE BY THE DISTRICT ACCOUNTANT. BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE PAID MONTHLY FOR ANY MONTH THEY SERVED AS A QUALIFIED BOARD MEMBER ON THE FIRST DAY OF THAT SAME MONTH. BOARD MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE THAT PAY FOR THAT MONTH ON OR AFTER THE DATE OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTH.

THAT IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONCERNING AND RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THAT ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OF ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES RESULTING IN

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SUCH FORMAL ACTION, WERE IN MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTED AYE. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-004 WAS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR 2023:

RESOLUTION:

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion, second by Mrs. Carter.

R 2023-005

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR 2023

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT SHALL BE REIMBURSED THE 2023 IRS FOR THE BUSINESS USE OF PERSONNEL VEHICLES, AS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER, BOARD ACTION, OR THE EMPLOYEE RULES.

THAT IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONCERNING AND RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THAT ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OF ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES RESULTING IN SUCH FORMAL ACTION, WERE IN MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTED AYE. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-005 WAS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RECORDS COMMISSION FOR 2023:

RESOLUTION:

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion, second by Mr. Stepp.

R 2023-006

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RECORDS COMMISSION FOR 2023.

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CONSISTENT WITH R.C. 149.412 THE BOARD APPOINTS THE PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE DISTRICT ACCOUNTANT, THE CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL, AND THE OFFICE MANAGER, WHO WILL SERVE AS A NON-STATUTORY APPOINTEE.

THAT IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONCERNING AND RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THAT ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OF ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES RESULTING IN SUCH FORMAL ACTION, WERE IN MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTED AYE. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-006 WAS APPROVED.

Mr. Kretzmann clarified the meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RULE UNDER R.C 121.22 (F) AND SET THE REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2023:

RESOLUTION:

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion, second by Mrs. Carter.

R 2023-007

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RULE UNDER R.C. 121.22(F) AND SET THE REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2023.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS: THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF ALL REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS WHICH INCLUDES THE TIME AND PLACE, SHALL BE: A) ADVERTISED IN A PAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION EACH YEAR, B) POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY AT THE DISTRICT'S OFFICE, AND C) POSTED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE; THE MEETING NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE; AND AN ADVANCE COPY OF AGENDA FOR THE MEETING, SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ANY PERSON UPON REQUEST AND, IF APPLICABLE, UPON PAYMENT OF A REASONABLE FEE.

SPECIAL MEETINGS: NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AND SENT TO THE NEWS MEDIA THAT REQUESTED NOTIFICATION NO LESS THAN 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF THE MEETING, EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY REQUIRING IMMEDIATE OFFICIAL ACTION.

EMERGENCY MEETINGS: BEST EFFORTS SHALL BE MADE TO POST THE AGENDA ON THE WEBSITE AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE MEDIA WHO HAVE REQUESTED NOTIFICATION THE TIME, PLACE, AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING, CONTINGENT UPON THE CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH NECESSITATES THE EMERGENCY MEETING.

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REGULAR MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD ON THE SECOND AND LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 4:00PM AT THE DISTRICT FACILITIES, WITH THE ENTRANCE LOCATED AT 8675 YORK ROAD PATASKALA, OHIO, UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED.

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UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTED AYE. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-007 WAS APPROVED.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Kretzmann moved to approve payment of the bills as presented. Mr. Stepp seconded. Upon roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Kretzmann stated that he wanted to say something before public comments. He said he wanted to apologize to Mr. Mark Evans for letting him make a fool of himself at the last meeting. He said that Mr. Evans diatribe of the District's legal counsel, Mr. Andrew King was inappropriate, and he regrets not putting a stop to it immediately. He stated he further regrets allowing Mr. Evans to further disparage Mr. Trent Stepp, his fellow Board Member, without naming him. Mr. Kretzmann said his intention has always been to let visitors speak at the appropriate time in the meetings but that Mr. Evans' comments are inappropriate at any meeting open to the public. He said he has apologized to Mr. King and wishes to apologize to Mr. Stepp as well. He said he will not allow it to happen again. He stated he would also like to mention that Mr. Gary Burkholder said, "I agree with everything Mr. Evans said." Mr. Kretzmann stated that it paints him with the same brush.

Mr. Mark Evans, speaking as a resident, said he takes exception to Mr. Kretzmann's comments. He said he believes the Chief Legal Counsel position should be advertised and anybody selected should not be connected to developers or board members and their conduct should be taken into account.

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Mr. Mark Evans, speaking as an Etna Township Trustee, stated that he was selected as the representative from Etna to deal with the sewer capacity issues and the representative selected from the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District Board was Mr. Platte, who is no longer a Board Member. He said he is still the representative and encourages the Board to continue those discussions with him.

Mr. Gary Burkholder stated he will not apologize for any comments he made at the last meeting and appreciates the opportunity to speak at these meetings. He said he feels like there is a lack of explanation and transparency with the economic development plans and how development will pay for development. He said he believes that TIFS, that are being discussed, only shifts the burden onto the taxpayers indirectly. He said TIFS divert money away from the Townships, the schools and public safety. He would like there to be a more robust public discussion about how it is going to work. He also believes there needs to be more open discussions with other entities and the County Commissioners. He said he also has issue with Mr. Stepp's comment that he will meet with anyone to talk about anything and said those discussions need to happen in public so everyone is aware. He asked what conversations had happened with Mrs. Rozland McKee because those conversations are not being communicated to the other Trustees and thinks too much is being done behind the scenes.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2023 FORD 150 PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Gilcher presented a resolution for the Board's consideration and approval:

RESOLUTION:

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion, second by Mr. Stepp.

R 2023-008

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 FORD F-150 CREW CAB TRUCK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,015.00 FROM COUGHLIN FORD, PATASKALA, OHIO.

THAT IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONCERNING AND RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THAT ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OF ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES RESULTING IN SUCH FORMAL ACTION, WERE IN MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTED AYE. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-008 WAS APPROVED.

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SALE OF 2003 CHEVROLET 2500 HD EXT CAB PICKUP TRUCK:

Mr. Gilcher presented a resolution for the Board's consideration and approval:

RESOLUTION:

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion, second by Mr. Stepp.

R 2023-009

WHEREAS: the District deems that the 2003 Chevrolet 2500HD Ext. Cab (1GCHK29U03E26860) is no longer of use for the District's operation; and

THEREFORE: the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the General Manager to sell the asset on Govdeals.com

THAT IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONCERNING AND RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THAT ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OF ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES RESULTING IN SUCH FORMAL ACTION, WERE IN MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTED AYE. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-009 WAS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH VERDANTAS, INC FOR THE NATIONAL ROAD WELLFIELD WELLS #7, #8 AND #9 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:

Mr. Gilcher presented a resolution for the Board's consideration and approval:

RESOLUTION:

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion, second by Mrs. Carter.

R 2023-010

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WHEREAS: the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District has determined the need to construct the National Road Wellfield Wells #7, #8, & #9 Improvements Project to service future customers with a high quality dependable supply of drinking water and;

WHEREAS: the Acting General Manager recommends that the District amend the engineering agreement with Verdantas, LLC. to provide design services as described in the scope of services, and

THEREFORE: the Board of Trustees approves the amended contract with Verdantas, LLC. in an amount not to exceed \$215,430.00 and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees to sign the contract attached hereto.

THAT IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONCERNING AND RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THAT ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OF ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES RESULTING IN SUCH FORMAL ACTION, WERE IN MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO.

Mr. Gilcher stated this is to design well 11 as approved at a prior meeting.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTED AYE. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-010 WAS APPROVED.

9. OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Carrelli had nothing to present.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. King stated a letter was sent to all local jurisdictions regarding the Special Informational Meeting on January 23, 2023.

He also said the District received confirmation that they will receive another \$2.1 million from the Federal Government for the 161 water tower project. He said more information would be coming in the next couple of months.

Mr. King stated there were two different items that were brought to him to provide some additional information. The first was a public comment policy. He said he is familiar with what Delaware County uses and used that format to create a draft policy with this Board's practices.

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Mr. Kretzmann said he can control the conversation from the gavel and does not like to restrict comments to a limited time. He said as long as there is good conversation and communication they can talk as long as they need to. He does not want to change it to restrict it as he thinks it is important and healthy to have it. He said they can continue to review it, but his opinion is it should stay as it is.

Mr. King stated the other item was he got a request handling the Board's COLA adjustment to present another option for the Board. He provided his draft proposal and said he is happy to answer any questions.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion, second by Mrs. Carter, to enter into executive session Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. The 3 board members, Mr. King, and Mr. Gilcher were included in the executive session. AND

Pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, The 3 board members, Mr. King, and Mr. Gilcher were included in the executive session. AND

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. The 3 Board Members and Mr. King were included in the executive session.

Upon roll call vote, all voted aye.

Entered executive session at 4:29 p.m.

Mr. Kretzmann made a motion, second by Mr. Stepp to return from executive session. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye.

Returned from executive session at 6:16 p.m.

Mr. Kretzmann stated No resolution, rule, or formal action was taken during the executive sessions.

12. TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Mrs. Carter wanted to thank the Board and staff for the change in the meeting times as it helps accommodate her schedule. She also wanted to thank Mr. Kretzmann for working to maintain a respectful exchange of comments in the meetings. She said she believes in

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freedom of speech but also believes in civility and a certain way of exchanging those comments. She said they have seen the consequences of when meetings get out of control in surrounding places and does not want to see that go on here.

Mr. Stepp said he thinks that zoning has created a lot of the issues discussed in public comments. He said just because an entity zones a property for heavy commercial purposes doesn't necessarily mean the District has the ability to serve that. He said there have been many open discussions in the meetings over the last two years that he has been a board member, a lot of them with no members of the public present, but it doesn't mean they didn't happen in an open transparent way. He said all of their actions have always been in open public meetings and it is easy enough to research meeting minutes to find that information. He said the Intel announcement caught many people by surprise but said the District was already constructing projects to service that area. He said we did not change direction when the Intel announcement was made, only continued on the same path. He said there are agreements in place that will pay for 100% of the water and sewer infrastructure that we are investing in. He said the new Wagram plant that has been proposed has no financial agreements in place to fund. He said this is why the Board was trying to get TIFS adjusted so the existing customers are not paying for that. He said he has spoken with Mrs. McKee and Mr. Johnson to explain exactly what he just said, and it is nothing different than what has been discussed and completed in open meetings. He said he forwards that information every month to all 3 Etna Township Trustees. He has had meetings with many individuals and discussed the same thing. Mr. Stepp said he is consistent in all of his conversations. He said when Mr. Burkholder was a Board member, he sent a letter to Etna Township Trustees asking them to participate in helping to fund the infrastructure of the Water and Sewer District, and now has a different take and that seems disingenuous to him. He said all they have done is ask for the participation of our neighboring and partnering communities to help pay for the infrastructure that is required to handle the capacity needs of the new development that is coming to this area. He said nobody really wants to pay for that but asking the existing customers to do so is not acceptable to him and that has been his stance since becoming a member of this Board.

Mr. Kretzmann stated that they welcome the comments from the public but do not want them to be attacks on individuals. He said the open discussion is very important and they have insight that is very important, but they need to keep it a little more civil and hopes they respect that.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stepp made a motion, second by Mrs. Carter, that the meeting would be adjourned. Upon Roll Call vote, all voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

ATTEST:



MELISSA CARTER, SECRETARY

**SWLCWSD
OFFICE REPORT
01/05/23**

1) Connection Fees Collected							
	2021	2022	1st Qtr. 2023	2nd Qtr. 2023	3rd Qtr. 2023	4th Qtr. 2023	Total 2023
Water	\$3,302,569.87	\$1,509,126.87	\$6,771.00				\$6,771.00
Sewer	\$2,160,023.93	\$1,127,636.52	\$0.00				\$0.00
Total	\$5,462,593.80	\$2,636,763.39	\$6,771.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,771.00
2) Billing Charges							
	2021	2022	1st Qtr 2023	2nd Qtr. 2023	3rd Qtr. 2023	4th Qtr. 2023	Total 2023
Water	\$3,020,543.16	\$3,083,747.26	\$0.00				\$0.00
Sewer	\$6,596,057.67	\$6,661,980.99	\$0.00				\$0.00
Total	\$9,616,600.83	\$9,745,728.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3) Capacity Fees							
	2021	2022	1st Qtr. 2023	2nd Qtr. 2023	3rd Qtr. 2023	4th Qtr. 2023	Total 2023
Water	\$91,740.00	\$41,133.13	\$0.00				\$0.00
Sewer	\$84,095.00	\$40,438.12	\$0.00				\$0.00
Total	\$175,835.00	\$81,571.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4) Assessment Revenue							
	2021	2022	2023				Total 2023
1st Half	\$302,195.30	\$164,451.34					
2nd Half	\$249,139.14	\$141,199.87					
	\$551,334.44	\$305,651.21	\$0.00				\$0.00
Cash in Bank				As of 01/04/23	As of 01/03/22		
				\$22,671,966.28	\$22,454,661.00		
*Does not allow for future expenses							
Loan Payment Due 07/01/23				\$2,000,000.00	\$3,200,000.00		
Balance Available				\$20,671,966.28	\$19,254,661.00		