

**Delaware County Regional Wastewater District
Board of Trustees**

April 5, 2023

Members present, roll call: Mr. R. Maynard, Mr. R. Hensley, Mrs. J. Boyce, and Mrs. B. Ragland.

Ex-Officio Member: Jeni Honeycutt, Health Department

Staff present: Director Richards, Mrs. P. Ring, Attorney Struble

Others present: Mr. Rob Bellucci, Commonwealth Eng.; Mrs. Ashli Smith, Spotted Monkey; Mr. Chase Bruton, Yorktown Town Manager.

Vice-President Maynard called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ragland motioned to approve the March 1, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Hensley seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mrs. Boyce motioned to approve the claims from February 28th through March 30th, 2023 totaling \$347,377.12. Mr. Maynard seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Director Richards read the Commonwealth SRF Westbrook project disbursement request in the amount of \$436.00. **Mr. Maynard motioned to pay the disbursement to Commonwealth in the amount of \$436.00. Mrs. Boyce seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

Attorney Struble stated the property located at 1110 E Cooper Dr., was sold in a Sheriff's sale and we did not receive payment of the lien attached to that property in the amount of \$750.75. She is going to send a letter to the buyer, Smoot Properties, requesting they satisfy the lien.

Director Richards gave the board a collection update. The amount due this month for delinquent accounts is \$2,601.85, the amount due last month was \$4,403.98. A new customer called to activate their service and we discovered that property had never been billed. Discussion was held regarding the statute of limitations on back-billing certain properties. **Mrs. Boyce motioned for Attorney Struble to send a letter to the owner of these properties explaining what happened and move forward with billing for the month of April. Mrs. Ragland seconded. Motion passed 4-0.** Two overflow reports were sent to IDEM for overflows in Royerton and Westbrook.

Attorney Struble sent a letter to Muncie Sanitary District regarding our rate and the contract with them expiring and they responded in writing that they are going to keep our treatment rate the same until we are finished with negotiations. The mediation with MSD about our contract and rate with them is set for Friday the 14th. Wes-Del school board has not replied to my e-mails so we are going to assume they are no longer interested in our help with their sewage treatment. Once we see how mediation goes with MSD, we can schedule a public meeting for the Oakville sewer project.

Director Richards stated we are ready to start getting temporary easements for the Overlook Dr. Sewer Extension. One of the residents on Overlook Dr. stated they do not want to connect to the sewer line; Attorney Struble would like to draft a disclaimer letter for the resident so they know exactly what they are refusing. **Mrs. Boyce motioned for Attorney Struble to create a disclaimer letter for a resident of Overlook Dr. so they may sign off that they know what they are refusing. Mr. Hensley seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

Mr. Bellucci stated they are ready to bid the Royerton Relief Sewer Project and lift station upgrades; we have received all permits for this project. He is going to get with Director Richards to set dates for advertising and bid openings. Regarding the Overlook Dr. Sewer Extension, once the temporary easements are obtained, we should have the permits needed.

Mrs. Smith went over her monthly report that was sent to the board.

Mr. Chase Bruton, Yorktown Town Manager addressed the board. He appreciates them not back billing customers who weren't aware.

Hearing no further comments, Vice-President Maynard adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. R. Maynard, Vice-President