

Sherman Township Water/Sewer Advisory Board Meeting Minutes 10/21/21

Attendees: Dudley Martin, JT Reno, Eric Smith

Discussion item #1: Water Service Documents

- Township Supervisor Rob had suggested simplifying the water ordinance. Dudley suggested it would be easier to design/make the new paperwork (water/sewer service requests) match the existing ordinance.
- JT has designed a water service request application based on the Clyde Ohio Water Dept design, and suggested the water/sewer service applications be combined as a single piece of paper. He will present the combined application at the next advisory meeting.
- Dudley quoted from the water ordinance "Township Board shall annually review and change rates by resolution." (that must be published in the paper)

Recommendation to the Township Board – The Board should adhere to a yearly review and resolution to change or retain current rates.

Discussion Item #2 – Miss Dig

The Township has now contracted with Miss Dig to locate water and sewer lines

Discussion Item #3 – Sewer Operator Report

- This advisory board would like to receive the monthly sewer operator reports. One consistent report item is the grass on the septic field needs cut.
- **Question for Township Board** – who is annually maintaining/checking the 2 main septic tank pumps like Bob Pieti used to do with Will from Bay Electric?
- Where is the Septic System Maintenance Guide? Do we need to get a copy from UP Engineers?

Discussion Item #4 – Warming Center grant

- JT reported that Will from Bay Electric has shared that grants are available for "warming centers" generators. The fire station could be classified as a warming center, and the water plant could also use that generator. However, that would require the Township to purchase another generator for the septic field. A lengthy discussion followed regarding whether this was worth pursuing given the historical short duration of power outages.

Next Meeting proposed to be Jan 20, 2022.