

Finance Committee Meeting
Jan 31, 2023

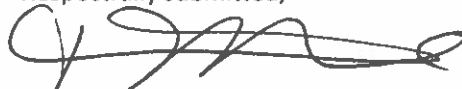
Attendees: Theresa Bisbee, Monica Koudela, Patrick Mohorcic
David Phares, Natalie Antosh, Bob Patton, Mike Vanni, Cheryl Benedict, Tim McLaughlin, Stephanie Landgraph

Meeting Minutes:
Called to Order 6:00pm

Topic: Euclid Sewer Rate Increase 2023 – Follow up meeting

1. A meeting was held in Euclid to review current agreement between cities and subsequent documentation.
 - a. Checked previous sewer study and checked the company used prior and current. Nothing out of the ordinary.
 - b. There is a provision in the current agreement (Section 6.03) notice provision. Looks as though Euclid is using the Sewer Study mailing as the notice to our city – this study has shown 10 year rates previously.
 - c. There is no cap in the current agreement with Euclid. This is common practice – looking out long range rates will change as circumstances and EPA requirements change.
 - d. We are looking for justification and a full breakdown on what any increases encompass.
 - e. Rates are calculated on several items – such as wages/treatment of sewage/capital improvements...
 - f. Euclid's increase is at 25% to Willowick, is there any way to reduce this? There is a meeting next week to look at our options.
2. Next steps
 - a. Meeting next week with Euclid Mayor, Willowick, and Wickliffe Mayors along with Service Directors and CTS consultants.
 - i) This is to gain a further understanding of how the increase is being justified and a breakdown of costs associated with the increase
 - b. Do we look at the Arbitration Process? What is truly the result? There would be additional legal costs for this.
 - c. We are requesting notification of the Euclid Council meeting that next years rate structure is discussed so that we can attend or have notice of such council items.
3. We will have a follow up meeting Tuesday Feb 14th at 6pm to discuss the follow up mayors meeting and our next steps.
4. Adjourn – Motion by Monica 2nd by Patrick – all in favor. 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,



Theresa Bisbee, Chairman
Finance Committee