The Utility/Service Committee for the Village of Monroeville met in Council Chambers on August 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing tap in fees and any other matters to come before them.

Present were Ms. Chris Raftry, Ms. Sue Rogers, Ms. Tammy Schlachter, Ms. Eunice Collene, Mr. Jim Ehrman.

Ms. Raftery asked if Ms. Collene had a breakdown as to how much it cost the village to put in the water & sewer taps. Ms. Collene replied that she had had a conversation with Don Clark, water/wastewater superintendent, of which he provided the old tap in fees along with the new tap in fees that he is proposing, noting that we have not had an increase in the tap in fees since 2015. He also provided the tap in fees from Northern Ohio Rural Water for comparison but noted that we are keeping our fees lower than theirs to remain competitive.

Information was provided that showed the cost of a 4" meter at $7,000 which does not include the cost of other materials and labor. Ms. Raftery asked if we were projecting into the future with these. Ms. Collene stated that she doesn't know if there is a way to make an educated guess on that and it may have to be looked at on a yearly basis if needed. Ms. Raftery asked if we were anticipating a lot of new tap ins. Ms. Collene replied that she was told there may be a new residential development and Mr. Clark would like to have these rates in before that happens. Discussion regarding having the legislation on the agenda for the September council meeting.

Mr. Ehrman asked if we knew the amount of money that was being lost due to the low tap in fees. That information is not known at this time.

Ms. Raftery affirmed that the committee would like Ms. Collene to prepare the legislation for the September Council meeting. Discussion regarding costs and suppliers. Further discussion on the proposed rate schedule that was provided to the members. Ms. Collene stated that she can have Mr. Clark provide more information if needed.

Ms. Raftery asked if there were any other matters to come before them. Ms. Schlachter asked if we were going to charge the business that is running milk product that is curdling in our lines when we have to use a vac truck and employees to clean it out, and are we looking at having to pay for the cost of the resident's basement that had the backup. Ms. Collene explained what had transpired that morning when she received a call from Rick Whiteside regarding a white milky substance backing up into a resident's basement. Mr. Whiteside informed Ms. Collene that it was coming from a business through our sewer system, and it needed to be cleaned up, or the residents would not be able to stay at home. Approval was given to having it cleaned and the bill given to the village. Ms. Collene had a discussion with the mayor in which he asked if we would be submitting this to our insurance. She contacted our representative at Rinehart Insurance. At this time, it is not known if they will go after the other party to recoup any costs. Ms. Schlachter asked if we knew what the bill from Restore Pro was. Ms. Collene stated that it was a little over $5,000. Ms. Schlachter asked if there would be additional costs for the use of Norwalk's vac truck. Ms. Collene replied that she had not seen any type of requisition or invoice regarding that.

There being no other business to come before them, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eunice A. Collene, Fiscal Officer

The minutes of this meeting were recorded by Administrative Assistant Ann Beck. Fiscal Officer Eunice Collene examined them for both form and content and subsequently approved them as transcribed.