



THE CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

I. BACKGROUND & OVERVIEW

The Auditor's Office was brought into the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant issue in early March 2022 (*Appendix A*) days before a public meeting with the residents of Berkshire Heights, but it is my understanding that the issue has been ongoing for approximately nine (9) years. From my perspective and understanding, this issue has had numerous missteps causing significant aggravation and anxiety to the affected residents.

My Office has received three (3) Resolutions and two (2) Motions from the Board of County Commissioners. We have additionally received a modified spreadsheet of parcels from Water Resources to implement the assessment to the homeowners. According to Ohio Law (ORC 727 and ORC 6117) and the County Auditor Special Assessment Policy; “[u]pon the completion of any improvement under sections 6117.01 to 6117.45, inclusive, of the Revised Code, the actual cost thereof shall be ascertained” and “[o]n or before the second Monday in September, annually, the board of county commissioners shall certify all of the assessments provided for in section 6117.32 of the Revised Code to the county auditor”.

The sections below memorialize a variety of issues that surround this project including current issues which need attention, correction, and consideration to successfully conclude this initiative.

II. THE ASSESSMENT RESOLUTIONS

There have been three (3) Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant Resolutions passed by the Board of County Commissioners. They are:

- 1.) February 24, 2022 – Resolution 22-020 (*Appendix B*). This Resolution set the aggregate cost at \$3,164,000, established assessment certification 30 days after passage, and set the 60 semi-annual installments interest at 1.85%.
- 2.) March 22, 2022 – Resolution 22-035 (*Appendix C*). This Resolution extended the current time allowed for payment prior to assessment by 30 days.
- 3.) April 26, 2022 – Resolution 22-052 (*Appendix D*). This Resolution extended the current time allowed for payment prior to assessment by 14 days in addition to that extended in Resolution 22-035 and changed the 60 semi-annual installments interest to 1.50%.

The following other actions have been taken by the Board of County Commissioners regarding this assessment:

- 1.) February 24, 2022 – Motion (*Appendix E*) approving final costs and the list of assessments to be placed on file.
- 2.) June 7, 2022 – Motion (*Appendix F*) approving final list of properties.

My office's understanding is that the County has secured three (3) loans against this project, two (2) of which are interest-bearing and have been consolidated. This consolidated interest-bearing loan is for 30-years at an interest rate of 1.33% per annum. Therefore, pursuant to ORC 6117, I may only assess for costs incurred. It would be unlawful for me to place on the parcels' tax duplicate the special assessment at an interest rate greater than that experienced by the County.

I cannot lawfully process the assessment in its current submitted form. Corrections to Resolution 22-052, which establishes an interest rate of 1.50%, or a new and correct Resolution, establishing an interest rate at 1.33% or lower, will need to be certified to my Office on or before the 2nd Monday in September for the assessment to be collected in 2023.

The most current Resolution does not provide for an interest rate representative of actual costs to the County and needs to be corrected. Time is of the essence if this assessment is to begin in 2022, payable in 2023.

III. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

As I am sure you would agree, it is important to accurately account for project costs and to properly report those costs on the County's financial statements, particularly when these statements are relied upon by creditors and the public in determining the County's health, credit worthiness, and financial position. My staff investigated the numerous project cost statements that have been provided, advertised, and published regarding the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is a summary of what we have identified:

- 1.) **\$5,294,283.53** – Water Resources PowerPoint Presentation to residents on March 9, 2022 (*Appendix G*).
- 2.) **\$5,573,744** – Billboard at the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant (*Appendix H*).
- 3.) **\$5,077,215.49** – Water Resources report to Auditor of State for construction in progress (*Appendix I*).
- 4.) **\$5,597,079.16** – Total of (2) outstanding loans (\$4,597,079.16 + \$700,000) plus \$300,000 OPWC Construction Grant (*Appendix J*).
- 5.) **\$4,873,975.03** – Water Resources answer to resident's public records request for costs since project inception (*Appendix K*).
- 6.) **\$5,765,019.64** – Chief Deputy Auditor's New World System reconciliation of loans and expenses as of June 2022 (*Appendix L*).

As you can see, we have six (6) entirely different accountings for this project. The accountings extremes differ by **\$891,044.61** which is very significant and troublesome. Water Resources needs to be more accurate in their record keeping and reporting to the public, my office, and the Auditor of State. We will likely have to re-state the County's financial position once the correct number is determined.

IV. ARPA REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

We have already experienced missteps with the ARPA Reimbursement Resolution of up to \$8,000 per parcel as well as the \$350 per parcel Water Resource fee. The initial Resolution 22-121's (*Appendix M*) transfer math was incorrectly stated. There was also a request to initially transfer all funds to Water Resources; that request disregarded the requirement of recovery for unspent money back to ARPA. There is little to no coordination or clear communication between our offices.

The Commissioners advised my office that they were limiting the blanket threshold to \$200,000, rather than my Office's one-time request of \$904,000 (*Appendix N*). This would require the addition of an unnecessary step of having to juggle carry-over obligations between blankets to avoid running afoul with Ohio Law limiting only one blanket per line item. This has been a known State Auditor issue with the County for several years. Surprisingly, when we received the supposedly corrected motion language from the commissioners (*Appendix O*) it limited the blanket to \$150,000 rather than the \$200,00 previously advised to my office.

We hope that whatever methodology the commissioners require Water Resources to follow to vet resident submissions is more accurate and consistent than what we have witnessed so far.

V. DATA PROCESSING AND RECORD-KEEPING EQUIPMENT

At the Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Board meeting on August 2, 2022, the County Administrator/Sanitary Engineer stated to the Board that the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant contained Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment as well as internet connectivity. SCADA equipment employs data acquisition and processing as well as record-keeping technology and methodology.

These technologies required ADP Board approval pursuant to ORC 307.84 prior to purchase. In addition, they require ADP Board approval prior to plant operation. ORC 307.84 states “**no county office shall purchase, lease, operate, or contract for the use of any automatic or electronic data processing or record-keeping equipment, software, or services without prior approval of the board.**”

There is no record of any purchase or contract approval by ADP for these technologies. This needs to be immediately addressed. *If you recall, as a result of your hiring of a Special Prosecutor, my predecessor – the previous County Auditor, was charged with and plead guilty to two (2) counts of “failure to obtain the approval of the Automatic Data Processing Board for purchases or contracting of equipment, software, or services”.*

VI. OTHER WASTEWATER INITIATIVES

I have been contacted by local government officials from Parkman Township who received communication from the Board of County Commissioners (*Appendix P*). I am happy to work with Parkman residents and elected officials who are expressing frustration with the high costs of wastewater treatment and the lack of information, like what I heard from the Berkshire Height folks.

Although the Parkman Wastewater Treatment Plant cost recapturing process is structured differently, I believe there may be available recourse and relief for those users as well; including the possible use of ARPA funds to offset their financial hardship. I applaud the Commissioners for encouraging the Parkman elected officials to reach out to my Office to investigate these issues. My initial communication with Parkman has been very encouraging and positive and I have reached out to Water Resources (*Appendix Q*) for information which will allow my staff to work the problem.

I do however, want to advise the Commissioners that their statement to Parkman elected officials that tax equalization, as was provided to the Berkshire Heights parcels, "**has a detrimental effect on the township because it would reduce the taxes paid on other levies such as roads and schools**" is **NOT CORRECT**. The changing of real property value through equalization or the Board of Revision does not change overall revenue. Tax equalization methods normalize the effects of an individual or set of individuals real property value changes and the corresponding tax rates so that total revenue to schools, townships, or other taxing authorities in the County are not affected. This is precisely why fairness in the Board of Revision is so important.

I was quite surprised and disappointed that the Commissioners, as a statutory sitting member of the County Board of Revision, apparently do not understand how taxes are levied, calculated, equalized, and applied to the general public through tax rates.

APPENDIX A

Leyde, Ron

From: Steven Oluic <steveno@gcdwr.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:47 PM
To: Leyde, Ron
Cc: Kathleen Miller; Morgan, Gerry
Subject: Assistance on assessment - Chardon Twp WWTP Project

Importance: High

Hi Ron,

I have a question and need an assist from Auditor's office if possible. As you know the assessment for the Chardon Twp WWTP was passed by resolution in session last week. GCDWR and Environmental Health will be hosting a public meeting for the residents on Wednesday 3/9 to discuss the residential tie-ins and complying with the OAC on septic abandonment, etc. But we know that assessments will come up as a topic and wish to be prepared so we do not misspeak....

We have been getting questions on the assessment payments... we understand that the assessment was levied as of 2022 and will become payable in 2023. I would imagine that the payments which are typically semiannual, are posted in January and July of 2023 and moving forward.

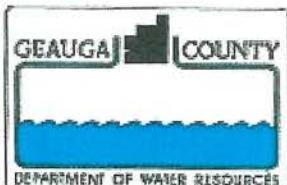
We really do not want to answer these questions on behalf of the Auditor's Office without being prepared and make a mistake – who do you suggest I speak with in your office to make a one page ppt slide the meeting noting some aspects of the assessment? Or who should I direct questions to if we cannot answer them? I think we can avoid a lot of misinformation if we are prepared going into the meeting and not simply directing people to contact the Auditor's Office. Any help would be useful..

Thanks in advance –

Steve

Steven Oluic, PhD
Director
Water Resources Geauga County

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steveno@gcdwr.org



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APPENDIX B



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James W. Dvorak Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri

470 Center Street • Building 4 • Chardon, Ohio 44024-1071

February 24, 2022

*Steven Olvick, Director
Department of Water Resources
470 Center Street, Building #3
Chardon, OH 44024*

Dear Dr. Olvick:

Please be advised that during session on February 24, 2022 the Board of County Commissioners took the following action:

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-020 Levying Assessments for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers Project in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Very truly yours,

*Christine Blair
Commissioners' Clerk*

*c: Auditor's Office
Sanitary Engineer
Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant
and Sewer Project file*

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 24, 2022
Resolution: #22-020

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga met on February 24, 2022, commencing at 9:30 o'clock, a.m., in regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers at 470 Center Street, Building No. 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:

James W. Dvorak Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidale†

The Clerk advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Lennon presented the following preambles and resolution and moved their adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Dvorak.

RESOLUTION #22-020

A RESOLUTION LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWERS PROJECT IN THE GEAUGA COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2019, this Board adopted Resolution No. 19-102 declaring it necessary to construct sanitary sewers to provide sanitary sewer service to properties located in the Berkshire Heights Subdivision, Chardon Township in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District, also known as the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers Project (the Project); and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Sanitary Engineer has presented to this Board the special assessments for the property owners' portion of the cost of the Project, thereby requiring that action be taken as in this resolution provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The assessments in the aggregate amount of \$3,164,000.00 for the cost of constructing the Project in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District are hereby approved, levied and confirmed.

Section 2. The amount assessed against any parcel of land may be paid in whole or in part in cash or by check until the close of business 30 days after the adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. All assessments and installments thereof remaining unpaid at the expiration of the period referred to in the preceding Section 2 shall be certified to the County Auditor as provided by law to be placed on the tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected in 60 semi-annual installments, with 1.85% interest.

Section 4. This Board hereby directs the Clerk of this Board to send to each owner of property assessed a notice by first class mail of the amount of the particular assessment and advising the owner that the assessment may be paid in whole or in part in cash or by check as provided above.

Section 5. The Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor within twenty days after its adoption.

Section 6. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

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Voting aye thereon:

James W. Dvorak Yes
James W. Dvorak

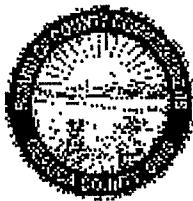
Timothy C. Lennon Yes.
Timothy C. Lennon

Absent
Ralph Spidalieri

The undersigned, Clerk of the County of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, Ohio, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the County of County Commissioners duly adopted on February 24, 2022 and appearing upon the official records of said County.

Christine Blair
Christine Blair, Commissioners Clerk
County of Geauga, Ohio

APPENDIX C



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James W. Dvorak Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri

470 Center Street • Building 4 • Chardon, Ohio 44024-1071

March 22, 2022

*Steven Olule, Director
Department of Water Resources
470 Center Street, Building #3
Chardon, OH 44024*

Dear Dr. Olule:

Please be advised that during session on March 22, 2022 the Board of County Commissioners took the following action:

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-035 to Extend the current time allowed by thirty (30) days for the assessed amounts to be paid against parcels within the Levied Assessment for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer project in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Very truly yours,

*Christine Blair
Commissioners' Clerk*

c: *✓* Auditor's Office

EXHIBIT

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 22, 2022
Resolution: #22-035

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga met on March 22, 2022, commencing at 9:30 o'clock, a.m., in regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers at 470 Center Street, Building No. 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:

James W. Dvorak Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri

The Clerk advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Spidalieri presented the following preambles and resolution and moved their adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Lennon

RESOLUTION #22-035

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CURRENT TIME ALLOWED BY THIRTY (30) DAYS FOR THE ASSESSED AMOUNT TO BE PAID AGAINST PARCELS WITHIN THE LEVIED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWERS PROJECT IN THE GEAUGA COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2019, this Board adopted Resolution No. 19-102 declaring it necessary to construct sanitary sewers to provide sanitary sewer service to properties located in the Berkshire Heights Subdivision, Chardon Township in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District, also known as the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers Project (the Project); and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, this Board adopted Resolution No. 22-020 declaring the final assessment amount to be \$3,164,000.00 for the cost of constructing the project, setting a 30 day period from the adoption of Resolution #22-020 for property owners to pay all or a part of the amount assessed, and that any amounts not paid within the 30 days to be certified to the County Auditor as provided by law to be placed on the tax list; and

WHEREAS, the Board has chosen to provide additional time to review other possible sources of funding, namely funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, that:

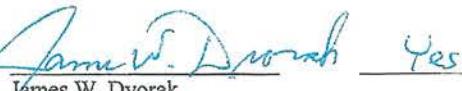
Section 1. The timeline for the amount assessed against any parcel of land may be paid in whole or in part in cash or by check is extended from the original set time of the close of business 30 days after the adoption of this resolution (March 28, 2022) to the close of business 60 days after the adoption of Resolution No. 22-020 (April 19, 2022).

Section 2. All assessments and installments thereof remaining unpaid at the expiration of the period referred to in the preceding Section 1 shall be certified to the County Auditor as provided by law to be placed on the tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected in 60 semi-annual installments, with 1.85% interest.

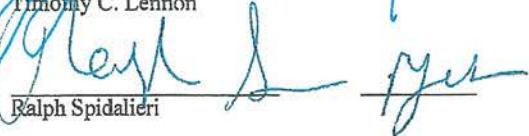
Section 3. The Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor within twenty days after its adoption.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

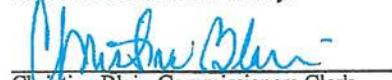
Voting aye thereon:


James W. Dvorak Yes

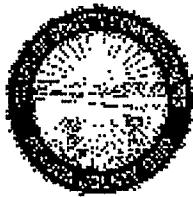

Timothy C. Lennon Yes


Ralph Spidalieri Yes

The undersigned, Clerk of the County of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, Ohio, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the County of County Commissioners duly adopted on March 22, 2022 and appearing upon the official records of said County.


Christine Blair, Commissioners Clerk
County of Geauga, Ohio

APPENDIX D



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James W. Dvorak Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri

470 Center Street • Building 4 • Chardon, Ohio 44024 1071

April 26, 2022

*Steven Olric, Director
Department of Water Resources
470 Center Street, Building #3
Chardon, OH 44024*

Dear Mr. Olric:

Please be advised that during session on April 26, 2022 the Board of County Commissioners took the following action:

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution 422-052 to Extend the Current Time Allowed by Fourteen (14) days for the Assessed Amount to be Paid Against Parcels within the Levied Assessments for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

Very truly yours,

Christine Blair

Christine Blair
Commissioners' Clerk

c. *County Auditor's Office*



Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 26, 2022
Resolution: #22-052

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga met on April 26, 2022, commencing at 9:30 o'clock, a.m., in regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers at 470 Center Street, Building No. 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:

James W. Dvorak Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri

The Clerk advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Spidalieri presented the following preambles and resolution and moved their adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Lennon

RESOLUTION #22-052

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CURRENT TIME ALLOWED BY FOURTEEN (14) DAYS FOR THE ASSESSED AMOUNT TO BE PAID AGAINST PARCELS WITHIN THE LEVIED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWER PROJECT IN THE GEAUGA COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2019, this Board adopted Resolution No. 19-102 declaring it necessary to construct sanitary sewers to provide sanitary sewer service to properties located in the Berkshire Heights Subdivision, Chardon Township in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District, also known as the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers Project (the Project); and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, this Board adopted Resolution No. 22-020 declaring the final assessment amount to be \$3,164,000.00 for the cost of constructing the project, setting a 30-day period from the adoption of Resolution No. 22-020 for property owners to pay all or a part of the amount assessed, and that any amounts not paid within the 30 days to be certified to the County Auditor as provided by law to be placed on the tax list; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2022, this Board further adopted Resolution No. 22-035 which extended the 30-day timeframe for property owners to pay all or part of the amount assessed and for certification to the County Auditor by 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Board has chosen to provide additional time for property owners to pay all or a part of the amount assessed before any amounts not paid are certified to the County Auditor as provided by law to be placed on the tax list;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The timeline for the amount assessed against any parcel of land may be paid in whole or in part in cash or by check is extended from the Resolution No. 22-035 revised set time of the close of business 30 days after the adoption of this resolution (March 28, 2022) (Correction to 60 days after Resolution #22-020 should be April 25, 2022) to the close of business 14 days after the adoption of this Resolution (May 10, 2022).

Section 2. All assessments and installments thereof remaining unpaid at the expiration of the period referred to in the preceding Section 1 shall be certified to the County Auditor as provided by law to be placed on the tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected in 60 semi-annual installments, with 1.50% interest.

Section 3. The Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor within twenty days after its adoption.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Voting aye thereon:

James W. Dvorak Yes
James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon yes.
Ralph Spidaieri yes.

The undersigned, Clerk of the County of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, Ohio, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the County of County Commissioners duly adopted on April 26, 2022 and appearing upon the official records of said County.

Christine Blair
Christine Blair, Commissioners Clerk
County of Geauga, Ohio

APPENDIX E



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James W. Dvorak Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri

470 Center Street • Building 4 • Chardon, Ohio 44024-1071

February 24, 2022

*Steven Oluic, Director
Department of Water Resources
470 Center Street, Building #3
Chardon, OH 44024*

Dear Dr. Oluic:

Please be advised that during session on February 24, 2022 the Board of County Commissioners took the following action:

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project final costs and the list of assessments to be placed on file in the office of Sanitary Engineer and with the Clerk of Board.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Very truly yours,

Christine Blair
Christine Blair
Commissioners' Clerk

c: Sanitary Engineer
Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant
and Sewer Project file

APPENDIX F



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James W. Dvorak Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri

470 Center Street • Building 4 • Chardon, Ohio 44024-1071

June 7, 2022

*Steven Oluic, Director
Department of Water Resources
470 Center Street, Building #3
Chardon, OH 44024*

Dear Dr. Oluic:

Please be advised that during session on June 7, 2022 the Board of County Commissioners took the following action:

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the final list of properties and certify to the County Auditor to levy the assessment for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Very truly yours,

*Christine Blair
Commissioners' Clerk*

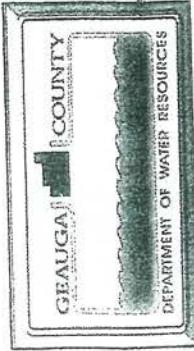
c: Auditor's Office



06-032200	110365	Olmar Dr	Jenking	Laura	11026 Olmar Dr	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1959	3105	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-022100	11037	Olmar Dr	Jeffery N	Jeffery N	11037 Olmar Dr	Chandl, Ohio 44024	900	568	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-107000	11046	Olmar Dr	Michael & Suriel	Michael & Suriel	11046 Olmar Dr	Chandl, Ohio 44024	2140	2069	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-108600	11049	Olmar Dr	Bergman	Thomas P TOD	11049 Olmar Dr	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1270	921	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-000050	10774	Thwing Rd	Rodebaugh	Douglas M Jr & Laura A	10774 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1032	1022	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-002100	10784	Thwing Rd	Smith	Todd W & Regina L	10784 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1379	404	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-082200	10794	Thwing Rd	Lehman	Joseph A	10794 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1935	3449	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-045500	10804	Thwing Rd	Rababy	Joseph J Tod	10804 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	2141	3198	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-080900	10822	Thwing Rd	Ruddy	William M	10822 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1844	1426	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-110300	10834	Thwing Rd	Warren	Steve M & Heather B	10834 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	2037	1679	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-080800	10844	Thwing Rd	Giardo	Melissa A	10844 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1754	1379	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-101350	10854	Thwing Rd	Sarver	Gregory G Trustee	10854 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1929	615	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-012150	10864	Thwing Rd	Gray	James Edwin Jr	10864 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	2071	2006	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-028800	10874	Thwing Rd	Lowther	Donna J Tod	10874 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1843	3440	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-056520	10884	Thwing Rd	Kovacec	Sandra K	10884 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1724	1913	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
05-042020	10894	Thwing Rd	Kirby	L Dean II	10894 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	2036	2267	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
06-020600	10908	Thwing Rd	Pickup	Gary A & Kelly A	10908 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1764	235	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
05-092350	10922	Thwing Rd	Strimmons	Christine H	10922 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1269	1045	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
05-109710	10932	Thwing Rd	Ratliff	Lisa L	10932 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1831	2054	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
05-000250	10944	Thwing Rd	Beahm	Michael J	10944 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1976	1804	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
05-000260	10950	Thwing Rd	Green	Daniel P	10950 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	1876	1804	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
05-000700	10952	Thwing Rd	Kerry	Linda M	10952 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	2022	762	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
05-032150	10972	Thwing Rd	Barto	James K & Shelley D	10972 Thwing Rd	Chandl, Ohio 44024	860	1085	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
05-105700	10982	Thwing Rd	Farn	F T Tod & Carla G Tod	11021 Sperry Rd	Willoughby, OH 44094	2013	255	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
05-002300	10994	Thwing Rd	Wilson	Farn F T Tod & Carla G Tod	11021 Sperry Rd	Willoughby, OH 44094	2013	255	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
05-092900	11008	Thwing Rd							\$26,000.00		\$26,000.00	\$1,134.94	
										\$164,000.00		\$164,000.00	\$1,134.94

APPENDIX G

Geauga County Department of Water Resources



Funding

- Ohio Public Works Commission
 - Construction loan \$ 700,000.00
 - Construction grant \$ 300,000.00
- Ohio Water Development Agency
 - Parcel purchase loan \$ 70,787.80
 - Planning, design & fees loan \$ 567,156.24
- Ohio-EPA DEFA
 - Construction loan \$ 3,656,339.49
 - Construction loan \$ 5,294,283.53
- Paid by special assessment, grant, CIF, and sewer revenue
- \$133.52 bi-monthly charge, 2022 sewer rate (



APPENDIX H



APPENDIX I

Construction In Progress					
Project Name	Fund #	Project Amount	Amount Paid to date 12/31/2020	Project completed (Y/N)	Remaining Project
Auburn Corners Troy Oaks WWTP	5005	\$ 4,273,680.44	\$ 4,213,680.44 -3,749,883.95	N Y	\$ 523,796.48
Chardon Township WWTP & Sewer	5022	\$ 5,077,215.49	\$ 4,516,401.51 -243,497.98	N	\$ 459,371.56

560, 813, 98



APPENDIX J

Ohio Water Development Authority
Loan Detail Report For the Period 01/01/2020 to 06/09/2022

LGA: Geauga County

Account ID: 8983

Project Description: Chardon Township Sewer

Water Pollution
 Control Loan Fund
 (Construction)
 at 1.33000%

For 30 Years From
 01/01/2022 To
 07/01/2051

Amount Financed Detail

Amount Financed as of 12/31/2019:		
Date	Type	Description
6/25/2020	Encumbrance	* None
8/31/2020	Capitalized Interest	* None
9/30/2020	Capitalized Interest	* None
10/31/2020	Capitalized Interest	* None
11/30/2020	Capitalized Interest	* None
12/31/2020	Capitalized Interest	* None
1/31/2021	Capitalized Interest	* None
2/28/2021	Capitalized Interest	* None
3/31/2021	Capitalized Interest	* None
4/30/2021	Capitalized Interest	* None
5/31/2021	Capitalized Interest	* None
6/30/2021	Capitalized Interest	* None
Total Amount Financed as of 06/09/2022:		\$4,597,079.16

Loan Balance Detail

Loan Balance as of 12/31/2019:		
Date	Type	Description
8/26/2020	Disbursement	Planning Loan
8/31/2020	Capitalized Interest	\$71.85
9/24/2020	Disbursement	\$2,871.41
9/30/2020	Capitalized Interest	\$431.70
10/29/2020	Disbursement	\$3,344.71
10/31/2020	Capitalized Interest	\$448.81
11/25/2020	Disbursement	\$243,497.93
11/30/2020	Capitalized Interest	\$482.05
Total Disbursement:		\$15,601.26
Capitalized Interest:		\$739.23
Capitalized Interest:		\$744.93
Capitalized Interest:		\$444,729.84
Capitalized Interest:		\$1,061.88
Capitalized Interest:		\$237,565.39
Capitalized Interest:		\$514,665.57
Capitalized Interest:		\$1,593.76
		\$394,342.64
		\$71.85
		\$2,871.41
		\$431.70
		\$3,344.71
		\$448.81
		\$243,497.93
		\$482.05
		\$15,601.26
		\$739.23
		\$744.93
		\$444,729.84
		\$1,061.88
		\$237,565.39
		\$514,665.57
		\$1,593.76

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Ohio Water Development Authority Loan Detail Report For the Period 01/01/2020 to 06/09/2022

LGA: Geauga County

Account ID: 8983

Project Description: Chardon Township Sewer

Water Pollution
Control Loan Fund
(Construction)

at 1.33000% 

For 30 Years From
01/01/2022 To
07/01/2051

Loan Balance Detail

			Loan Balance as of 12/31/2019:	\$0.00
Date	Type	Description		
4/30/2021	Capitalized Interest		\$2,029.50	
5/6/2021	Disbursement	Trax Construction Company	\$771,828.08	
5/31/2021	Capitalized Interest	Technical Services	\$2,800.15	
6/10/2021	Disbursement	Trax Construction Company	\$88,922.17	
6/17/2021	Capitalized Interest	Technical Services	\$214,807.30	
6/30/2021	Disbursement	Trax Construction Company	\$3,039.69	
7/22/2021	Capitalized Interest	Technical Services	\$22,983.52	
7/29/2021	Disbursement	Trax Construction Company	\$158,161.48	
8/5/2021	Disbursement	Trax Construction Company	\$317,403.54	
9/16/2021	Disbursement	Trax Construction Company	\$43,149.76	
10/7/2021	Disbursement	Technical Services	\$26,745.48	
12/9/2021	Disbursement	Trax Construction Company	\$570,562.62	
12/29/2021	Principal Payment		(\$62,597.62)	
1/13/2022	Disbursement	Trax Construction Company	\$88,935.29	
1/27/2022	Disbursement	Technical Services	\$30,743.67	
3/24/2022	Disbursement	Trax Construction Company	\$64,258.64	
3/31/2022	Disbursement	Trax Construction Company	\$150,000.00	
5/5/2022	Disbursement	Technical Services	\$46,744.93	
5/26/2022	Disbursement	Technical Services	\$1,572.48	
Total Loan Balance as of 06/09/2022:			\$4,404,283.64	
Payment History Detail				
	Interest	Principal	Late Fee	
Accumulated Payments as of 12/31/2019:				
12/29/2021 Admin Fee Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12/29/2021 Interest Payment	(\$4,597.08)			
12/29/2021 Principal Payment	(\$25,973.49)	(\$62,597.62)		
Accumulated Payments as of 06/09/2022:	(\$30,570.57)	(\$62,597.62)	\$0.00	

				\$0.00
Accumulated Payments as of 12/31/2019:				
12/29/2021 Admin Fee Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12/29/2021 Interest Payment	(\$4,597.08)	(\$25,973.49)	(\$62,597.62)	

APPENDIX K

Leyde, Ron

From: Walder, Charles
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 8:30 AM
To: Leyde, Ron
Subject: FW: Follow-up from meeting
Attachments: Chardon WWTP Pay #13 submission.pdf; \$28K assessment amortization sched 1.33%
Chardon 06_02_22.pdf; OWDA-WPCLF-DEFA loan amortization schedule 06_02_22
(003).pdf

Ron,

Please vet this and try to make sense out of it.

Chuck

From: McMahan, Pamela <pmcmahan@gcauditor.com>
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 8:07 AM
To: Walder, Charles <cwalder@geauga.oh.gov>
Subject: FW: Follow-up from meeting

FYI-

From: Jim Laudato <jim@912teambuilder.com>
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 7:12 AM
To: auditor <auditor@CO.GEAUGA.OH.US>
Subject: Fwd: Follow-up from meeting

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- Helpdesk

Good morning! Here's the information I received from Steve at the DWR. Please let me know what you think. Thanks

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From: Steven Oluic <steveno@gcdwr.org>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 4:53:26 PM
To: Jim Laudato <jim@912teambuilder.com>
Cc: Gerry Morgan (gmorgan@co.geauga.oh.us) <gmorgan@co.geauga.oh.us>
Subject: FW: Follow-up from meeting

Hi Jim,



Sorry for the tardiness, but I thought Gerry was going to provide some information. Here is what I have right now that I can readily provide to you.

- The pay application from the contractor that lists all of the expenses and work done, most thorough & recent one.
- Amortization table for County's OWDA-WPCLF-DEFA loan.
- Amortization table for the \$28,000 special assessment per resident.
- The OWPC \$700,000 loan is separate from the OWDA-WPCLF-DEFA loan. It is a 20 year loan at 0%. This is \$35,000 yr.

I will look at other points in your email this week.

Steve

From: Jim Laudato <jim@912teambuilder.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 12:24 PM
To: Steven Oluic <steveno@gcdwr.org>; Morgan, Gerry <gmorgan@co.geauga.oh.us>
Cc: auditor <auditor@co.geauga.oh.us>; berkshire44024@gmail.com
Subject: Follow-up from meeting

Hello Steve and Gerry,

Would it be possible to obtain a few documents related to Chardon Township WWTP project?

A full accounting from inception including all appropriations, funding, and expenses.

A breakdown of the estimated sewer bill including capital costs reimbursement and general operations and any other details.

A breakdown of the loan costs and excepted payoff date. I'm interested in the total interest that will be paid vs what we are being charged.

Request a freeze of any increase to the sewer bill for 60 months

A provision that our assessment costs be recalculated if anyone ties into our WWTP

As always, I am open to a meeting.

Steve I especially want to thank you for your service as we reflect on Memorial Day and the reason, we can make these statements and have these assemblies in this great country that you sacrificed for. To all serviceman and woman. I don't take this privilege lightly. Thank you!

Jim
440-487-4823

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	Less Previous Payments	TOTAL DUE
14a Casing Bore at HN 10864 (Rock)-LS/MVent Pipe Installation	1.00 LS	1,250.88
15-REV1 Additional Clearing Due to Fowlers Mill Sewer Revision	1.00 LS	17,314.90
16 Additional Electrical Duct Bank Material	1.00 LS	2,827.11
17 Adjust MN HO/W-03 to grade (STA 40B-00)	1.00 LS	872.56
18 Gas Line-Sae Email (Sent by Jeff Busch)	1.00 LS	4,481.55
19 Gas Line-Sae Email (Sent by Jeff Busch)	1.00 LS	2,777.98
20 Gas Line-Sae Email (Sent by Jeff Busch)	1.00 LS	583.93
21 Gas Line-Sae Email (Sent by Jeff Busch)	1.00 LS	1,820.45
22 Gas Line-Sae Email (Sent by Jeff Busch)	1.00 LS	6,878.45
23 Gas Line-Sae Email (Sent by Jeff Busch)	1.00 LS	7,545.42
24 Pipes in Conflict with 8" Sewer Installation STA 417+18 Howard	1.00 LS	
25 Pipes in Conflict with 8" Sewer Installation STA 417+18 Howard	1.00 LS	
26 Rainfall Existing RCP	1.00 LS	5,364.10
27 Unverified Line at HN 10973	1.00 LS	1,158.00
28 Push Casing Past Utility Pole for Sewer Installation	1.00 LS	6,709.32
29 Unverified Conflict STA 31+34 Thwing RD	1.00 LS	879.52
30 Unverified Conflict STA 31+34 Thwing RD	1.00 LS	4,512.50
31 HN-10935 Henning (STA 116-09 to 118+40) - Misc Sewer Connections	1.00 LS	584.71
32 Undercut unstable ground at Packaged Treatment Plant	1.00 LS	3,585.39
33 Enclose ditch with 24-inch Pipe (HN-10973)	1.00 LS	7,068.56
34 Henning Drive, Hit Existing 8" Storm Pipe	1.00 LS	8,132.12
35 Common Line STA 211+01 (Helmet)	1.00 LS	4,546.64
36 Service Work-Thwing Rd (Illuminating Co.)	1.00 LS	5,579.06
37 Thwing Rd Ditch Enclosures	1.00 LS	19,616.57
38 Additional Labor/Equipment Costs for Sewer Installation, North side of Thwing Rd, Approx 504 LF	1.00 LS	29,399.38
39 Additional Material Costs and Other Items (Move Sewer to North)	1.00 LS	54,206.95
40 Fix Common Line STA 109+17	1.00 LS	4,425.75
41 Additional Lateral STA 101+70	1.00 LS	4,564.98
42 (6-15-21) Driveway Undercut-Auburn Rd.	1.00 LS	5,255.82
43 (6-11-21) Removal of Failed/Substandard Soils at Auburn	1.00 LS	8,245.61
44 (5-25-21) HN-10983 Henning - Yard Drain	1.00 LS	1,760.83
45 (6-25-21) Additional Pavement Removal/Replacement	1.00 LS	21,042.72
46 (6-15-21) Utility Riser Feeder Location Change	1.00 LS	6,928.60
47 (6-25-21) Asphalt Credit from Change Order 33b	1.00 LS	-14,008.61
48 (6-29-21) Additional Concrete Walkway at Package Plant	1.00 LS	1,141.79
49 (6-29-21) Additional Wet Abandonment	1.00 LS	646.88
50 (6-29-21) Revised Pump Size for Well	1.00 LS	-763.06
51rev2 (11-10-21) Additional Cable for Mission's Panel	1.00 LS	
52 Building	1.00 LS	2,112.17
53 (7-22-21) Additional 8" of #204 Aggregate on top of Geogrid	1.00 LS	4,172.55
54 (8-22-21) Additional Tree Removal (NW Corner of Op Building)	1.00 LS	1,868.49
55 (10-25-21) Saw Cut and Seal Concrete Joints	1.00 LS	9,216.79
56 (10-25-21) Gas Service Regulators	1.00 LS	1,943.50
57	1.00 LS	4,701.90 PR 13

52 (12-7-21) Generator Exhaust Revisions
54 (1-14-22) Chemical Clean System Wiring

1.00 LS 7,247.86 PR 13
1.00 LS 893.78 PR 13

PENDING CHANGE ORDERS

None

Total: 0.00



Submitted By: _____
Richard Gapiski, TRAX Construction Company

Approved By: _____
GCDWR

Date: 3/2/2022

Total: 0.00

Date: _____

APPENDIX L

Chardon Township (Berkshire Heights) Sewer Project

	Revenues	Expenses	Fund	Account	Distributor	Loan
6/6/2019 Disbursement	OWDA Fee	400.00			OWDA	8411
6/6/2019 Disbursement	OWDA Fee	1,458.00			OWDA	8411
6/6/2019 Disbursement	Technical Services	32,115.00	5004	452	OWDA	8411
7/11/2019 Disbursement	Technical Services	54,716.00	5004	452	OWDA	8411
8/8/2019 Disbursement	Technical Services	65,905.50	5004	452	OWDA	8411
9/5/2019 Disbursement	Technical Services	34,584.40	5004	452	OWDA	8411
9/12/2019 Disbursement	Land	70,600.00	5004	452	OWDA	8411
10/10/2019 Disbursement	Technical Services	61,370.50	5004	452	OWDA	8411
11/7/2019 Disbursement	Land Easement	187.80	5004	452	OWDA	8411
11/7/2019 Disbursement	Technical Services	32,442.90	5004	452	OWDA	8411
12/19/2019 Disbursement	Technical Services	24,989.55	5004	452	OWDA	8411
2/6/2020 Disbursement	Technical Services	2,002.39	5004	452	OWDA	8411
4/28/2020 Seed Money #1		5,000.00	5022	499	WR	Y
4/30/2020 Disbursement	Technical Services	6,186.91	5004	452	OWDA	8411
6/4/2020 Disbursement	Technical Services	4,426.35	5004	452	OWDA	8411
6/16/2020 Seed Money #2		200,000.00	5022	499	WR	Y
6/17/2020 Disbursement	Technical Services	2,793.16	5004	452	OWDA	8411
8/6/2020 Disbursement	Technical Services	2,287.18	2,287.18	452	OWDA	8411
8/31/2020 Receipt	Capitalized Interest	-394,342.64	10,350.95	452	OWDA	8411
8/31/2020 Receipt	Loan Refinance	394,342.64	-394,342.64	452	OWDA	8411
9/24/2020 Disbursement	Technical Services	2,871.41	2,871.41	452	OWDA	8983
10/29/2020 Disbursement	Technical Services	3,344.71	3,344.71	452	OWDA	8983
11/25/2020 Disbursement	Tax Construction	243,497.93	243,497.93	452	OWDA	8983
12/10/2020 Disbursement	Technical Services	15,601.26	15,601.26	452	OWDA	8983
2/2/2021 Seed Money #3		20,000.00	5022	499	WR	Y
2/4/2021 Disbursement	Trax Construction	444,729.84	444,729.84	452	OWDA	8983
2/18/2021 Request #3	Trax Construction	#1098487	237,565.40	5022	805	County
3/4/2021 Disbursement	Trax Construction	237,565.39	237,565.39	5022	499	WR
3/9/2021 Seed Money #4		100,000.00	250,000.00	5022	805	County
3/23/2021 Request #4	Trax Construction	#1090544	514,665.57	514,665.57	OWDA	8983
3/25/2021 Disbursement	Trax Construction	237,565.40	255,000.00	5022	413	OPWC
4/2/2021 Disbursement #1	Trax Construction	#1092876	250,000.00	5022	805	County
5/4/2021 Request #5	Trax Construction	771,828.08	771,828.08	460	OPWC	8983
5/5/2021 Disbursement #2	Trax Construction	88,922.17	88,922.17	5004	452	OWDA
Disbursement	Technical Services				8983	Y
Disbursement					8983	Y

12,473.95 ** Principal Pymt subtracted from Expenses

517,789.77 Other

517,789.77 Other less Fees, Interest and Land

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5022 Revenues	1,515,000.00	
5022 Trax	1,000,000.00	
5022 Others	9,832.50	
5022 Cash Balance		<u>505,167.50</u>

489,347.50 Revenues exceed Reported Expenses	
515,000.00 Seed Money	
-25,652.50 OWDA Fees and Capitalized Interest	
0.00 Balanced to OWDA Fees above	

Trax Project Total Remaining	203,240.46
Actual Expense Above	5,561,793.15
Total Actual Project	5,765,019.61

APPENDIX M

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: June 28, 2022
Resolution: #22-121

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMERICAN
RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 EXPENDITURE**

WHEREAS, The President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, ARPA provides money to States, Counties and Municipalities to address the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the County has received a distribution of monies from the ARPA; and

WHEREAS, Title VI section 603(c)(1)(D) of the Federal Register provides for ARPA funds to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners through the Department of Water Resources has constructed a public sanitary sewer and wastewater treatment plant in Chardon Township; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have the property owners connect to the sewer system in a timely manner to eliminate the public health emergency of failing septic systems within the Berkshire Heights subdivision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the use of ARPA funds to provide grants to the property owners within the Berkshire Heights subdivision up to \$8,000.00 per service connection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners approves the use of ARPA funds to reimburse the Department of Water Resources \$350.00 per service connection to allow the Department to waive the permit application and inspection fee normally charged by the department for service connections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners requests orders the Department of Water Resources to establish a program for providing the grants to the property owners with a termination date on which connections after that date will not be covered and a method for tracking installations and payment from the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners instructs the County Auditor to transfer \$904,000.00 from the ARPA fund to an appropriate fund within Water Resources and when the time for the grant ends as established above by Water Resources the remaining funds shall be transferred back to the ARPA funds account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

Voting thereon:

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Vote:

Yes

YES

I, Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners Geauga County, Ohio certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened Board meeting held on June 28, 2022.

Christine Blair
Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk



APPENDIX N

Leyde, Ron

From: Morgan, Gerry
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 12:09 PM
To: Leyde, Ron
Subject: RE: revised ARPA resolution for Chardon Twp Sewer project service connections

Thanks Ron;

Bumping the blanket exemption up to \$904,000 is a bit more of jump than we would like to see, we will adjust the resolution for tomorrow to be \$200,000 limit. With the cost estimates per connection coming in between \$5,000-\$6,000 that gives us cost space for 30 - 40 connections at a time. If it starts to become an issue as we move forward we will reevaluate the limit.

Gerry Morgan
County Administrator
Geauga County

-----Original Message-----

From: Leyde, Ron <RLeyde@geauga.oh.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Morgan, Gerry <GMorgan@CO.GEAUGA.OH.US>
Subject: RE: revised ARPA resolution for Chardon Twp Sewer project service connections
Importance: High

Good Morning Gerry,

This looks like a good procedure to me. We certainly want Water Resources to be the point on approving acceptable work and approval of payment. We would ask that Water Resources identifies the Parcel Number on the submitted invoices so that we may be able to track the amounts spent for each parcel and grand total.

Is there any chance we can get a one time approval of a single blanket for these costs. I see on the session agenda that the Commissioners will be approving the allowance of blankets to be up to \$150,000 in the ARPA Fund. Could they allow a single blanket of \$904,000 for the Berkshire Heights issue so that we may be able to keep all of the costs in one singular place? We need to utilize blankets as we know there will be multiple vendors, but having multiple blankets in the same line item is not allowed and may become complicated if we get a rash of residents submitting all at once. If we have one "extra large" blanket (only for this purpose) we could encumber it all and be taken care of from audit and reporting purposes.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Ronald H. Leyde
Chief Deputy Auditor
Geauga County Auditor's Office
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-----Original Message-----

From: Morgan, Gerry <GMorgan@CO.GEAUGA.OH.US>

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 1:46 PM

To: Leyde, Ron <RLeyde@geauga.oh.gov>

Subject: RE: revised ARPA resolution for Chardon Twp Sewer project service connections

Thanks Ron;

I will get with Adrian and Laura to get the Prosecutor's signoff and the certification of the funds for the Resolution so we can get this on next week's session.

I believe there is still some question about the process for the payment to the contractors once the service connection has been completed. My proposal for that process is outlined below for review:

Property owner obtains quotes for the work and submits them to Water Resources for review.

Water Resources reviews the quotes to ensure they are quality/reputable quotes and determines the best quote.

Water Resources notifies the property owner which quote is acceptable and the amount that will be covered (remember the approval is for up to \$8,000 being covered).

Water Resources will verify the contractor is a listed vendor in the County's system and if necessary obtain the vendor information necessary to make them a vendor in the system.

At the same time the Auditor's office will be notified of which quote and the amount of the quote that was approved and sent to the Property Owner. This way the Auditor's office will know the amount expected to be paid. (understand there may be a need to amend the actual cost if unforeseen circumstances occur). It is my understanding that blankets will be utilized for this the same way blankets were utilized for paying out CARES funds, which I believe the Commissioners will need approve an increase in blanket amounts like was done with CARES funds.

When the work is complete the contractor will submit the bill to Water Resources where it will be verified the work is complete and the invoice is appropriate to pay.

Water Resources will then submit the invoice to the Auditor's Office for payment to the contractor.

The Auditor's office will submit payment directly to the contractor.

Does this seem adequate or am I missing steps in the process, please let me know?

Thanks again for your help on this.

Gerry Morgan
County Administrator
Geauga County

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From: Leyde, Ron <RLeyde@geauga.oh.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:26 AM

To: Morgan, Gerry <GMorgan@CO.GEAUGA.OH.US>

Subject: RE: revised ARPA resolution for Chardon Twp Sewer project service connections

Good Morning Gerry,

It appears that as long as the Prosecutor's Office is in agreement, this resolution will provide the mechanism to issue the ARPA funds properly. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Ronald H. Leyde
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From: Morgan, Gerry <GMorgan@CO.GEAUGA.OH.US>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:35 AM
To: Leyde, Ron <RLeyde@geauga.oh.gov>
Subject: FW: revised ARPA resolution for Chardon Twp Sewer project service connections

Ron;

Here is a revised version with some additional language regarding payment process and total funds per comments from Laura LaChapelle.

Gerry Morgan
County Administrator
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From: Morgan, Gerry
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 10:30 AM
To: Leyde, Ron <RLeyde@geauga.oh.gov>
Cc: Adrian Gorton (agorton@co.geauga.oh.us) <agorton@co.geauga.oh.us>
Subject: revised ARPA resolution for Chardon Twp Sewer project service connections

Ron;

Attached is the revised resolution that has been prepared for the Chardon Twp Sewer project service connections use of ARPA funds to cover costs. I have highlighted the paragraphs that were changed / added.

Could you please let me know if this meets the process you were looking for so I can get Prosecutor approval and certification? We need to get this on the August 23 session for approval.

Your help in getting this through is greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Gerard "Gerry" Morgan
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APPENDIX O



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James W. Dvorak Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri

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August 23, 2022

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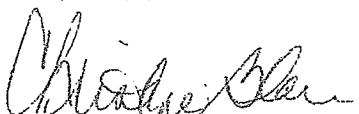
Dear Mr. Morgan:

Please be advised that during session on August 23, 2022 the Board of County Commissioners took the following action:

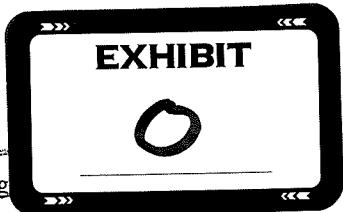
Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant a waiver of the \$25,000.00 limit on Blanket Encumbrances for the American Rescue Plan Fund (#2098) and permit the Auditor's office to open Blankets up to a maximum amount of \$150,000.00 in connection to the Berkshire Heights Subdivision service connections in order to help facilitate the payments to contractors for the installation and associated costs.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Very truly yours,


Christine Blair
Commissioners' Clerk

*c: Auditor's Office
 Budget and Finance Manager*

EXHIBIT

APPENDIX P

Walder, Charles

From: Walder, Charles
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Walder, Charles
Subject: FW: Parkman Sewer customers
Attachments: Article on Chardon Twp sewer properties.pdf

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Morgan, Gerry <GMorgan@co.geauga.oh.us>
Date: Tue, Jul 26, 2022, 4:03 PM
Subject: Parkman Sewer customers
To: hduchschererjr@gmail.com <hduchschererjr@gmail.com>

Trustee Duchscherer;

The attached article discuss a recent County sewer project in Geauga County where the sewer costs were accessed to the properties. In reading the article it appears that the Auditor has determined that properties that are subject to sewer systems whereby the property owners are charged for the cost of the sewer are able to receive a 15% reduction on the value of their home thereby reducing the tax burden on the property owner. I realize this has a detrimental effect on the township because it would reduce the taxes paid on other levies such as roads and schools but this could be a help to the property owners who are having trouble with the sewer charges.

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APPENDIX Q



Auditor
Charles E. Walder
Chief Fiscal Officer

August 26, 2022

Steven Oluic, PhD
Director Water Resources, Geauga County
12611 Ravenwood Drive, Suite 390
Chardon, OH 44024

Re: Parkman Wastewater Treatment Plant

Dr. Oluic:

I have been contacted by the elected officials and customers on the Parkman Township Wastewater Treatment Plant at the suggestion of the Board of County Commissioners (see Attached email), to investigate and suggest available opportunities for relief. To best understand the issues and provide the affected parcel owners with their options, I will need the following public information from your office for the Parkman Township Wastewater Treatment Plant:

1. Number of parcels affected.
2. List of connected parcels.
3. Current customer contact information.
4. Total project costs since inception.
5. Rate increase history.
6. Current and historical periodic assessment of charges for system customers.
7. Current delinquency rate.
8. Current collection & delinquency policy.
9. Annual or periodic accounting of costs provided to system customers.
10. Methodology used to determine charges to customers.
11. Weighting factors or factors used to determine usage volume by parcel.
12. Historical information about the plant in general.
13. Date of plant commissioning.
14. Plant update history.
15. Plant SCADA schematic.
16. All complaints from customers.
17. Any requests for CARES or ARPA relief made by Water Resources for these customers.

Once this information is received, my staff and I will be able to ascertain the type and amount of relief that we can recommend to these customers. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with regards to this request.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Walder
Geauga County Auditor

Attachment
Cc: Parkman Board of Township Trustees
Parkman Fiscal Officer
file

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