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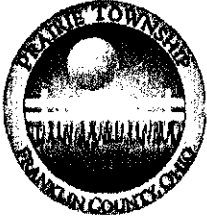
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RESOLUTION NO. 24-11
A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO AND OPPOSING THE
PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES FILED
BY OHIO AMERICAN WATER WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING
SPECIAL COUNSEL TO FILE A MOTION TO INTERVENE IN
THE 2011 OHIO AMERICAN WATER COMPANY RATE CASE

PREMABLE

WHEREAS, residents of Lake Darby Estates Subdivision and Westpoint Subdivision in Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Township") receive water and sewer services from Ohio American Water ("OAW"); and

WHEREAS, sewer rates for residents of these subdivisions have increased 105% and water rates have increased 111% since OAW took over the Lake Darby facility in 2002; and

WHEREAS, OAW is seeking their fourth rate increase request in five years which, if granted, will result in an additional approximate increase of 26% in water rates and 11.5% in sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, as recently as 2009, OAW filed a request with the Ohio Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") to substantially increase rates for all of its residential customers in Ohio, including numerous residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township and other political subdivisions vigorously opposed the 2009 request by OAW as being excessive and burdensome on their residents;

WHEREAS, in its ruling on the OAW's 2009 rate increase request, the PUCO found that increases in OAW's administrative and general expenses far outstripped the rate of inflation and directed OAW to keep future increases in line with inflation; and

WHEREAS, If granted, OAW's requested increase of 26% in water rates and 11.5% in sewer rates will far exceed the rate of inflation since OAW's last rate increase; and

WHEREAS, also in its ruling on OAW's 2009 rate increase request, the PUCO found OAW's business model to be unacceptable and directed that it be changed; and

WHEREAS, there is no indication in the current rate increase application that OAW has taken steps to change its business model; and

WHEREAS, the PUCO mission is to "assure all residential and business consumers access to adequate, safe and reliable utility services at fair prices, while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices;" and

WHEREAS, Township residents receiving OAW water and sewer services already pay a substantially higher and unfair rate for such services when compared with both other Township residents and residents of surrounding jurisdictions that receive such services from other utility providers; and

WHEREAS, due to the current difficult economic times and previous rate increases granted to OAW, the Board of Trustees of the Township believes a rate increase of 26% for water services and 11.5% for sewer services is unjustified and will result in many Township residents not being able to afford water and sewer services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to oppose the proposed OAW water and sewer rate increase filed with the PUCO and to further urge the Commissions of the PUCO to reject OAW's proposed rate increase.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Board") that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is, adopted:

Section 1. The Board hereby objects to and opposes the proposed OAW water and sewer rate increases as filed with the PUCO in July of 2011 in Case No. 11-4161-WS-AIR. The Board believes that OAW's requested increases are unfair, excessive and incapable of justification. The Board further agrees to support, assist and work with other governmental jurisdictions affected by the proposed OAW water and sewer rate increases in opposing such increases.

Section 2. The Board hereby requests that the Commissioners of the PUCO reject the proposed water and sewer rate increase as filed by OAW and secondarily requests that should PUCO grant an increase to OAW, that any increase be equitable to the consumer and be based upon fair and responsible calculations.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes Township Special Counsel, the Law Firm of Loveland & Brosius, LLC, to file a Motion to Intervene, on behalf of the Township, in OAW's rate case and to further take such actions that may be necessary or desirable therewith.

Section 4. The Board authorizes and appoints each of the following persons to appear and speak on behalf of the Board at any meeting and/or hearing to be held by the PUCO in its review of OAW's water and sewer rate increase proposal: each member of the Board, the Township Fiscal Officer, Township Administrator, Special Counsel and/or such other Township employee(s) as each Trustee may deem necessary or desirable.

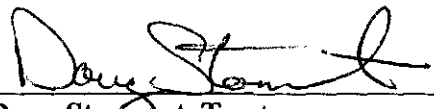
Section 5. The Board of Trustees encourages all Township residents to contact the PUCO, the Ohio Consumers Council, and their state legislators through letters and phone calls voicing their opinion on OAW's proposed water and sewer rate increases. In addition, residents are encouraged to appear before the PUCO at hearings concerning OAW's rate requests and provide direct testimony.

Section 6. All formal actions of this Board, concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution, were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

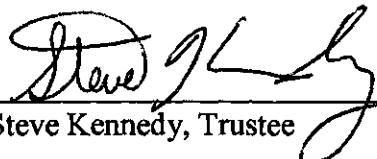
This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: November 16, 2011


PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES,


Doug Stormont, Trustee


Ronald Ball, Trustee


Steve Kennedy, Trustee

ATTEST:


F. Dan McCardle
Township Fiscal Officer