

# Water Committee Minutes

## Mar, 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairman Stephen Eyrich.

Present were committee members Bob Porth and Kellie Ferrell. Mayor Jeff Wise was also present. A Zoom session was opened for the public but no one connected.

### New Business

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and decide on the “sweetheart deals” that had been given to a few businesses in the past.

Chairman Eyrich explained that none of these “sweetheart deals” had been incorporated into the new rate structure adopted by the full Council.

Eyrich explained that he had contacted the following towns in our area:

Milford at some time in the past had special arrangements with some businesses but no longer. All their customers (business and residential) are charged the same rate.

Rossville has one rate for all customers. In the past they had a special lower industrial rate for Conagra but that is no longer in existence.

Paxton does not give anyone any discounts.

Wauseon has one standard rate for everyone with no discounts.

Mayor Wise explained that there was no evidence of any special arrangement anywhere in writing. He further expressed his regrets that the recipients of the special deals had not been personally notified of the changes. Eyrich responded that the Council had held an Open Public Hearing before voting on the changes.

The Committee voted unanimously to take no further action on the matter.

No other old or new business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM.

Stephen Eyrich