

WYSOX TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
WYSOX, BRADFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2022

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER USE**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WYSOX TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, WYSOX, BRADFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IMPOSING RULES, REGULATIONS, CHARGES, FEES, SURCHARGES, AND ASSESSMENTS FOR USE AND BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE WATER SYSTEM OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE WYSOX TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY UPON OWNERS OF PROPERTY BENEFITED, IMPROVED OR ACCOMODATED BY SUCH WATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL AGREEMENTS, COLLECTIONS AND FOR FILING OF LIENS; REGULATING THE DISTRUBUTION OF WATER; PROVIDING FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPANSION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SAID WATER SYSTEM ; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS AND FOR THE ADOPTION OF SAID RULES AND REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, this Authority will be constructing and operating a Water System consisting of facilities for the distribution of water and use of water within Wysox Township, located in Bradford County, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, this Authority, in accordance with the powers vested in it by law, desires to establish a User Charge System fixing charges, surcharges, fees and assessments for use of the Water System and for the services rendered by this Authority in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, this Authority desires to establish Rules and Regulations for the connection to the Water System and for the enforcement of said Rules and Regulations by the Authority and/or Township.

NOW THEREFORE, the hereinbefore stated Authority intending to be legally bound hereby states as follows;

**ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS**

**SECTION 1.01.** Unless the context specifically and clearly indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms and phrases used in this Resolution shall be as follows:

"Authority," as used in this ordinance only shall mean the Wysox Township Municipal Authority, a municipal authority of the Commonwealth, or its successors or assigns;

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

“Backflow Prevention Device,” shall mean a device which will prevent the backflow of water or any other substance into the public water supply system

“Board”, The governing body of the Authority, duly appointed by the Wysox Township Board of Supervisors;

"Commonwealth" shall mean the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

“Consumer” as used in this Resolution, shall be any owner, entity and/or person that uses or is required to use the Wysox Township Municipal Water System for any allowable purpose. For purposes of interpretation and/or enforcement the term consumer, owner, entity and person shall be interchangeable;

“Disconnected Private Water System” where the private water source is located outside the residence, structure and/or Improved Property, a Disconnected Private Water System shall mean the physical severing of the supply line and the filling of said supply line with non-shrink grout to effect a permanent, non-reusable seal at the point in the wall of the structure where the supply line from the private water source enters the structure. Where the private water source is located inside the residence, structure and/or Improved Property, a Disconnected Private Water System shall mean the physical severing of the supply line and the filling of said supply line with non-shrink grout to effect a permanent, non-reusable seal at the point where the supply line enters the branched interior piping of the structure;

“Human Consumption” shall mean the use of water for drinking, bathing, showering, food preparation, cooking, dishwashing, laundry, and/or maintaining oral and/or body hygiene;

"Improved Property" shall mean any property located within the Township of Wysox upon which there is erected a structure within 150 feet of any Water Line intended for continuous or periodic habitation, occupancy or use requiring water by human beings;

"Main" shall mean any pipe or conduit owned by the Authority and constituting a part of the Water System used or usable for water distribution purposes;

"Owner" as used in this ordinance only, shall mean any person or entity vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial, of any Improved Property located within Wysox Township;

"Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, company, association, society, trust, corporation, municipality, municipal authority or other group or entity;

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

“Private Water System” shall mean the assembly of pipes, fittings, valves, equipment, appurtenances and/or facilities that is used for the supply, transmission and/or distribution of water from any source other than the Wysox Township Municipal Water System;

”Authority Service Line” shall mean that part of the Water System, extending from the Main up to and including an External Water Meter Pit, or, if the meter is located within the structure, from the Main up to and including the Curb Box;

“Customer Service Line” shall mean the water line extending from the External Water Meter Pit to and into the structure, or, if the meter is located within the structure, from the Curb Box to and into the structure.

“Residential Dual Check Valve,” (RDCV) shall mean a non-testable backflow prevention device that is used for containment control of residential homes and consists of two independently operating, soft -seated, spring-loaded, consecutive check valves.

“Testable Double Check Valve Assembly,” (TDCVA ) - An assembly composed of two single, independently acting, soft -seated, spring-loaded check valves including tightly closing shutoff valves located at each end of the assembly and suitable connections for testing the water tightness of each check valve.

"Township" shall mean the Township of Wysox, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, acting by and through its Supervisors, or, in appropriate cases, acting by and through its authorized representatives; and,

"Water System" shall mean the waterworks, water supply works and water distribution system facilities acquired or to be acquired or constructed by the Authority, together with all appurtenant facilities and properties the Authority has acquired or hereinafter shall acquire from time to time in connection therewith, including all property, real, personal and mixed, rights, powers, licenses, easements, rights-of-way, privileges, franchises and other property or interest in such facilities, together with all additions, extensions, alterations, improvements and betterments thereof or thereto for the supply, transmission and distribution of water.

## **ARTICLE II USE OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM, CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, AND APPLICATION FOR SERVICES**

**SECTION 2.01** The Owner of any Improved Property within one hundred and fifty (150) feet from any Water Main owned and operated by the Authority shall connect such Improved Property with such Main and use the Water System, in such manner as the Authority may require, within ninety (90) days after notice to such owner from this Township or Authority, to make such connection.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

**SECTION 2.02** The Wysox Township Municipal Authority is given the power and authority to operate, construct and expand the Water System servicing the Township of Wysox, and the Authority is specifically authorized to set rates, regulate the Water System and set minimum standard technical specifications regarding the connection and use of said Water System. Said rules, specifications and regulations of the Authority and amendments thereto shall be effective as to all matters relating to operation of the Water System and shall be binding and enforceable through this resolution.

**SECTION 2.03** Service connections will be made and water service will be furnished upon written application by the prospective Consumer or his/her proper agent, duly authorized in writing, on a form prepared by the Authority for such purpose, and after approval of such application by the Authority. The application for service shall state the purpose or purposes for which water will be used and such other appropriate information as shall be required by the Authority.

**SECTION 2.04** All Consumers receiving water service upon the effective date of the rules and regulations of the Authority by continuing to be thus served shall be bound by the rules and regulations of the Authority and the water rates, rents and charges of the Authority in effect, and which may be changed from time to time pursuant to proper action by the Authority. With respect to future Consumers, the application of such Consumers, by taking of water, agrees to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Authority and the prevailing water rates, rents and charges of the Authority, whether service is based upon contract, agreement, signed and accepted applications or otherwise.

**SECTION 2.05** All owners of any Improved Property benefited by the Water System and subject to connect shall be required to connect and use their water fixtures to the Water System within ninety (90) days of notice to connect. Any owner who shall have his/her own source of Private Water System existing prior to the effective date of the rules and regulations of the Authority upon his premises may, at the complete option of the Authority, continue to use such Private Water System, if such owner makes a written request to continue to use the Private Water System and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Authority that the Private Water System is completely and physically separate from the Authority's source of supply and agrees to any conditions set by the Authority. With the exception of those industries, businesses and farms that use their Private Water System for uses other than Human Consumption, no Private Water System shall be permitted to serve, or be located in, a residence or structure where water is used for Human Consumption or be located in a structure that is connected to a residence or structure where water is used for Human Consumption and further, shall be a Disconnected Private Water System as defined herein. Further, no Private Water System shall be used for any private or public Human Consumption. Any owner who is permitted by the Authority to use such Private Water System must at all times make their internal plumbing available for inspections, at reasonable times, by the Authority or by inspectors approved by the Authority, in order to assure that no cross connection exists and said owner must comply with all conditions and restrictions

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA



as set entirely at the full discretion of the Authority. With the exception of those industries, businesses and farms that are permitted to have a Private Water System for uses other than Human Consumption, no new Private Water System may be developed within the Authority service area (the area within which mandatory connection is required under the applicable municipal code). Any Private Water System that is permitted may only be used and operated as permitted and authorized by the Authority.

**SECTION 2.06** To prevent cross contamination, all customers shall have installed a backflow prevention device.

A Testable Double Check Valve Assembly (TDCVA) shall be required for all Owners who have a Private Water System located on their property, or for any commercial, industrial, manufacturing, or institutional use. Said testable backflow prevention apparatus shall be such as approved by the Authority, and the installation of said apparatus shall be installed at a location as approved by the Authority, being a point as close as possible to the entry point of the Customer Service Lateral to the structure. Each Owner shall have said backflow preventer tested or inspected on an annual basis or on a more frequent basis if circumstances are deemed to be warranted by the Authority in order to confirm the proper functioning of said backflow preventer and to assure the safety of the Water System. Said inspections shall be completed at the sole cost of said Owner and by inspectors as approved by the Authority. The Owner shall provide written test results of the backflow preventers to the Authority on forms provided by the Authority within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the testing. Malfunctioning testable backflow preventers shall be repaired or replaced by the Owner at Owner's expense within fourteen (14) days from the date of the discovery of said malfunction.

A Residential Dual Check Valve (RDCV) shall be required for all Owners who have either a Disconnected Private Water System located on their property, or no Private Water System on their property. Said RDCV shall be such as approved by the Authority, and the installation of said RDCV shall be installed at a location as approved by the Authority, being a point as close as possible to the entry point of the Customer Service Lateral to the structure. Each Owner shall, at Owner's expense, replace said backflow preventer no later than every eight (8) years from the date of installation, or on a more frequent basis if circumstances are deemed to be warranted by the Authority to assure the safety of the Water System.

The Authority shall inspect, with costs borne by the Owner, and approve the installation of all backflow preventers of all types, and shall keep a record of the date of installation, and manufacturer and model number of the backflow prevention device.

**SECTION 2.07** Any violation of any condition or rule associated with the ownership of a Private Water System or any cross contamination or failure to permit inspection shall result in full actions of the Authority and/or Township due to the violation of the rules and regulations and further the Authority shall be permitted to seek the complete closure or abandonment of any Private Water System that is located

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

on said property. The Authority shall also be permitted to receive from the Owner the full reimbursement for any cost incurred or for any damage associated to a violation concerning Private Water Systems including any damages for any cross contamination or any costs incurred by the Authority in the abandonment and proper closure of any Private Water System.

**SECTION 2.08** Any modification, repeal, supplement, or amendment of these Rules and Regulations shall be applicable to and shall govern Consumers receiving water service upon the effective date of such modification, repeal, supplement, or amendment, as well as future Consumers of the Water System.

**SECTION 2.09** A new application must be made to and approved by the authority upon any change in the identity of a Consumer or upon any change in type or purpose of water service required by a Consumer. The Authority, upon five (5) days written notice, may discontinue water service until such new application has been made and approved.

**SECTION 2.10** The Authority shall make all connections to its mains. Upon approval of an application for water service and the payment of the required tapping fee, and upon compliance with these Rules and Regulations, the Authority will tap the main, insert a corporation stop, install an Authority Service Line to the curb, or if no curb, to the property line, install a curb stop with curb box, and install a meter pit with meter of a size as indicated on the application for service, all of which facilities shall be maintained by the Authority.

**SECTION 2.11** All Customer Service Lines from the meter pit, or, if no meter pit, from the Curb Box, to the structure (and through the wall of the structure and housing facility for the meter, if any) to be served shall be installed according to Authority specifications by the prospective Consumer, at his or her own expense, shall be of Type K copper, Copper Tubing Size (CTS) polyethylene tubing (PET) rated at 200 PSI or more and eligible for compression connections, or other material approved by the Authority, shall be laid at least four feet (4') below the surface of the ground and shall be kept in good repair at the expense of the Consumer. No Customer Service Line or other connections between the curb box and the structure to be served shall be covered up in the process of installation until inspected and approved by the Authority. Bored or direct drilled installations of Customer Service Lines shall only be performed upon prior written approval from the Authority upon satisfactory demonstration to the Authority by the Applicant of a hardship or circumstance where it is not physically possible to install the Customer Service Line with an open cut excavation.

**SECTION 2.12** Hookups to the Water System shall be as follows:

A. No Authority or Customer Service Line shall be laid in the same trench with a gas pipe, drain or sewer pipe or any other facility of a public service company, but must be laid in a separate trench not less than five (5) feet from any such facility.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

B. No Authority Service Line from the main to the curb box will be installed by the Authority when street or highway openings are prohibited by the Township or Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, or when, in the judgment of the Authority, working conditions are unreasonable for such installation.

C. There shall be placed on the Customer Service Line, immediately within the wall of the structure to be served and so located as to drain all of the pipes in the building, a stop- and waste cock easily accessible to the occupants, for their protection, enabling them to turn off water in case of leaks and to drain pipes to prevent freezing.

D. Service connections will be made only after the prospective Consumer has completed installation of the Customer Service Line from the structures to be served to the meter pit location, or if no meter pit, to the Curb Box location, or has given assurance, satisfactory to the Authority, of his intention to do so.

E. Only persons properly authorized by the Authority shall be permitted to make any Authority or Customer Service Line and service connection installations.

F. All excavations made within street or road right-of-way lines shall be made only after a permit has been issued by the Authority and either the Township or Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, whichever shall govern street or right of way occupancy, and the work of excavation and backfilling and replacement of pavement shall be done in strict accordance with the specifications of both the Authority and either Township or Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, whichever may govern street or right-of-way occupancy, and shall be subject to Authority inspection and approval.

G. All Consumers shall keep and maintain their Customer Service Lines, backflow prevention, stop-cocks and apparatus in good repair and condition, shall protect the same from frost and shall prevent all waste of water.

H. The size of the service connection from the main to the curb box necessary to serve adequately a Consumer and the location of such service connection shall be determined by the Authority. If any applicant for water service shall request a service connection of a greater capacity than that determined by the Authority to be adequate, or if any such applicant shall request that a service connection be located in a location different from that determined by the Authority, the Authority, in its discretion, may install such service connection in accordance with the request of the applicant.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

I. All leaks in Customer Service Lines to, in and upon the premises supplied with water shall be repaired promptly by the Consumer at his/her own expense. Upon failure of such Consumer to make such repairs, within a period of five (5) days, or a reasonable time determined by the Authority, the Authority, in its discretion, may discontinue water service to such property, after which water service shall not be restored until and after the Consumer shall have completed the repairs and paid to the Authority the full amount of all proper and necessary expenses incurred by the Authority in discontinuing and again restoring water service, which shall include charges in amounts established by the Authority from time to time.

J. The Authority shall not be responsible for maintenance of any Customer Service Line or any other line, pipe or fixture on the outlet side of the meter pit, or in the case of no meter pit, on the outlet side of the Curb Box, nor shall the Authority be responsible for any damage resulting from the escape of water from any Customer Service Line or any pipe or fixture thereon connected. The Consumer at all times shall comply with all state and municipal regulations relating to Customer Service Lines and any pipes and fixtures thereon connected, and the Authority shall not be required to deliver water service thereto unless so approved. The Consumer, at their own expense, shall make any and all changes to such Customer Service Lines, pipes and fixtures connected thereon, which shall be required or made necessary as a result of any change of grade, construction, alteration, demolition, relocation of mains or distribution lines or otherwise. The Authority shall have the right to sever any service connection in order to protect the integrity of the Authority's Mains, Authority or Customer Service Lines, and/or Water System. The costs of reconnection shall be borne by the Consumer.

K. No Consumer shall direct, in any manner whatsoever, water being furnished to such Consumer to any other person, except with written permission of the Authority first having been requested and granted.

L. When it is necessary to replace an existing Authority Service Line, the Authority will replace said connection in the same location as the old service connection; provided, however, that if the Consumer, for his own convenience, desires the new connection at some other location and agrees to pay to the Authority all expenses of cutting off the old service connection at the main and any other additional costs incurred by the Authority in complying with said request, then the Authority will install the new service connection at the location desired, if said location is approved by the Authority.

M. No person obtaining water from a private water supply under any circumstances shall construct or maintain or cause or permit to be constructed or maintained any connection directly or indirectly between such a private water supply and the public Water System.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA



N. A separate service connection, curb box, and meter pit shall be installed for each billing unit; provided, however, that if a building, house or other structure contains two (2) or more billing units and the owner or owners thereof shall so request, in writing, or the Authority shall deem it advisable, the Authority, in its discretion, may install a single service connection and box for such building, house or other structure.

O. The costs of connections shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner who is connecting to the Water System.

P. The Authority may require a tapping fee for connection to the Water System. Said amount of the Tapping Fee shall be calculated by the Authority per EDU pursuant to rates as set forth in the Rates and Fees Resolution.

### SECTION 2.13 - METERS

A. All meters shall be furnished by the Authority, shall be accessible to and under the control of the Authority, and shall remain the property of the Authority. The costs of the meter and costs of installation of said meter shall be the responsibility of the owner.

B. Meters shall be located in a meter pit or vault, external to the structure being served, at a point approved by the Authority, so as to control the entire water supply, and a proper place and protection therefore shall be provided by the Consumer at his expense. Said vault or meter pit shall be frost free, and provided with a suitable cover. Said vault or meter pit shall meet the Authority's specifications and be subject to prior Authority approval as to location and construction. All new customers shall be required to have external water meter pits.

C. The Authority reserves the right to determine when a meter shall be installed and the size of each meter installed.

D. Meters will be maintained by the Authority as far as ordinary wear and tear is concerned, but the Consumer shall be responsible to the Authority for any damage or loss of any meter arising out of or caused by the Consumer's negligence or carelessness or that of the person living upon or being upon his premises, under his employment, or by consent or sufferance, whether such damage or loss shall be caused by freezing, hot water, or any other cause whatsoever. The Consumer shall permit no one, except an agent of the Authority, or others lawfully authorized so to do, to remove, inspect or tamper with the meter or other property of the Authority on his premises.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

E. The charge for reinstallation of meters when removed because of damage in anyway shall be fixed by the Board of the Authority from time to time.

F. The quantity of water recorded by the meter shall be conclusive on both the Consumer and the Authority, except when the meter has been found to be registering inaccurately or has ceased to register. In either case excepted above, the meter shall be repaired promptly by the Authority, and the quantity of water consumed for the billing period when the meter was out of service or registering inaccurately shall be estimated by the average registration of the meter on the three previous corresponding billing periods.

G. Should any Consumer doubt the correctness of the meter measuring the water delivered to his or her premises, he or she may, upon application to the Authority and making deposit to defray the costs, as set forth in the Authority's Rate Resolution, have said meter tested. Should the test show the meter in question to be correct within five (5%) percent, the Consumer shall forfeit the deposit made. On the other hand, should the test show the meter to be registering incorrectly beyond five (5%) percent, said deposit shall be refunded and the account adjusted accordingly, and the entire costs of the test shall be borne by the Authority.

H. The Authority shall have the right of free access at all reasonable times to the premises in or on which a meter is installed for purposes of setting, reading, testing, inspecting and/or repairing the same.

## **SECTION 2.14 - FIRE PROTECTION**

A. Water from public or private fire hydrants or other fire protection systems shall be used only in the case of fires, except that water from public fire hydrants may be used, in a reasonable amount, for the purpose of testing the hydrants and fire fighting apparatus, such tests to be conducted only by the properly authorized agents or employees of the Authority under the supervision of the Authority. No public fire hydrant shall be used for the sprinkling of streets, roads or alleys, for flushing of sewers or gutters or for any purpose other than fire protection unless specifically permitted in writing by the Authority. Annual Fire Protection fees shall be paid pursuant to the Rate Resolution adopted by the Authority.

B. Every Consumer, by the taking of water, understands and agrees that the Authority, by providing public and/or private fire protection service, does not contemplate any special service, pressure, capacity or facility other than that ordinarily provided in normal operation. The Authority declares itself free and exempt from any and all claims for injuries or damage of persons and/or property by reason of fire or water or failure to supply water pressure or capacity.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

### ARTICLE III CHARGES, SURCHARGES AND FEES

**SECTION 3.01** Charges, surcharges and fees as provided herein shall be imposed upon and collected from the Owner of each Improved Property benefited, improved or accommodated by the Water System.

**SECTION 3.02** The charges, surcharges, fees calculations and rates shall be periodically set by the Authority, in their sole discretion, in a separately approved Rate Resolution.

### ARTICLE IV DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

**SECTION 4.01** After five (5) days notice, in writing from the Authority to the Consumer, water service to any Consumer may be discontinued for any of the following reasons:

- A. Misrepresentation of a substantial nature in the application for service, including but not limited to misrepresentation as to the property or fixtures to be supplied or the use to be made of the water supplied.
- B. Failure to make payment of a bill for water service within thirty (30) days after presentation.
- C. Failure to properly maintain the connections, Customer Service Lines and other fixtures of the Consumer or to protect the meter or connections, Authority Service Lines and other fixtures of the Consumer from freezing or other damage.
- D. Use of water for any property or purpose other than as stated in the application for service.
- E. Willful waste of water through improper or imperfect pipes, fixtures or otherwise.
- F. Tampering with or molesting any service connections, pipe, meter, curb box, curb stop or seal, stopcock, valve seat, fire hydrant or any other appliance operated by the Authority in the water supply system.
- G. Failure to pay any bill properly due the Authority.
- H. Vacancy of any premises not reported to the Authority.
- I. Violation of any of the rules and regulations of the Authority or the Wysox Township ordinance.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

J. Violation of these rules and regulations or any resolution which has been or may be adopted in the future by the Authority pertaining to the Water System.

K. Refusal to permit access for inspection of water facilities, backflow preventers, piping, connections on the premises served or for setting, reading, testing and/or repairing the meter.

L. Failure to properly maintain and complete required inspections on any backflow prevention devices.

M. Allowing any cross contamination of a Private Water System with the Wysox Township Water System.

N. Allowing or causing any contamination of the Wysox Township Water System.

**SECTION 4.02** After discontinuance of water service for any of the reasons above, water service shall not be restored until the violation has been corrected, all damage and loss to the Authority occasioned by such violation has been paid and proper assurance, satisfactory to the Authority, has been given that the expenses incurred by the Authority in discontinuing and restoring water service shall be paid by the Consumer in advance of the reestablishment of water service, which include charges in the amounts established by the Authority from time to time.

**SECTION 4.03** Water service may be discontinued to any premises upon written order of the Consumer; provided, however, that the basic minimum fee shall be charged to the Consumer, even though the premises shall be temporarily unoccupied.

**SECTION 4.04** Notice and Collection Procedure for Discontinuance of Service of Tenant Occupied property shall be as follows:

A. Notice of Discontinuance shall be given to the landlord in accordance with the Utility Service Tenant Rights Act (hereinafter "Rights Act") at least thirty-seven (37) days before the date of discontinuance.

B. Notice to each tenant to be affected by the discontinuance and all other entities entitled to notice under the Rights Act at least seven (7) days after notice to the landlord and at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed date of discontinuance. Provided that if the landlord files the Court Petition provided for in the Rights Act, no notice shall be given to the tenant until the Court shall have adjudicated such Petition.

C. The procedure for payment, reconnection, subsequent discontinuance and any other proceedings regarding Tenant Discontinuances shall be conducted in conformity with the Rights Act.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA



**SECTION 4.05** After discontinuance of water service for any of the reasons set forth in the Rule, water service shall not be restored until the violation has been corrected, all damage and loss to the Authority occasioned by such violation has been paid, and proper assurance, satisfactory to the Authority, has been given that the expenses incurred by the Authority in discontinuing and restoring water service shall be paid by the Consumer in advance of the reestablishment of water service, which shall include a charge as established by the Authority's Rate Resolution, for restoring water service. Provided that if required by the Utility Service Tenants Rights Act, service shall be restored as required by said Act.

**SECTION 4.06** Water service may be discontinued to any premises upon written order of the Consumer; provided, however, that the basic minimum fee shall be charged to the Consumer, even though the premises shall be temporarily unoccupied. Provided further, that if the effected structures tenant occupied, all notices and procedures required by the Utilities Service Tenant Rights Act shall be complied with.

#### **ARTICLE V PAYMENT AND LIABILITY OF BILLS**

**SECTION 5.01** All bills are due and payable when rendered and payment is required within (30) days from the date of the bill. As stated above, the Authority reserves the right to discontinue service upon five (5) days written notice whenever bills have not been paid within thirty (30) days after presentation.

**SECTION 5.02** All bills for the use of water are charged against the owner of the premises served and the property where the water is used. Failure to receive bills for water service repairs does not relieve the owner from liability to pay. The burden is upon the owner of the property to keep track of all unpaid water bills. All unpaid bills for water service thirty (30) days or more delinquent shall result in a lien against said property in the amount of said unpaid bills, together with any legal costs and filing fees related to said lien. The Authority also has the option of filing suit with the District Justice for any unpaid bills.

**SECTION 5.03** There shall be service charge imposed for all checks returned for insufficient funds or for a closed account or for any other reason. Said charge shall be as per the Authority's Rate Resolution. The Authority may pursue criminal prosecution under 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4105, Bad Checks, or may treat the bill as unpaid and proceed as provided above whenever a bad check is received as payment of a bill.

**SECTION 5.04** The Authority will mail bills for water service to the owner of the premises because said owner is responsible for any unpaid bill and is subject to all the rules and regulations of the Authority pertaining to the payment of said bill.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

**SECTION 5.05** All water passing through a meter or otherwise used by a Consumer shall be charged for in accordance with the schedule of rates, rents and charges in effect at the time, and no allowance, unless approved by the Authority, will be made for excessive consumption due to leaks or waste.

**SECTION 5.06** For purposes of complying with tenant notice requirements, all landlords owning rental properties served by the system shall notify the Authority within five days of any change in the identity or address of any tenant of such rental property. Failure to provide such notice shall make the landlord liable for all expenses, penalties, fines, costs and other losses incurred by the Authority and the payment to the Authority of a charge as set forth in the Authority's Rate Resolution for each tenant notice not given in a timely manner.

## ARTICLE VI. EXTENSIONS

**SECTION 6.01** The Authority may cause an extension of the Water System for reasons of health, safety and welfare of citizens or for economic reasons or because of mandates by State or Federal regulating agencies, or for other reasonable cause. Costs of said extension shall be assessed on a front foot or other permitted basis against each property benefitted in accordance with the appropriate Borough, Township or Municipal Authority Code, whichever case is applicable.

### SECTION 6.02

#### A. Front Foot Assessments

The Authority, as stated in 6.01 above, may assess the costs of extension to the Water System against the properties benefitted in accordance with the applicable municipal code.

#### B. Benefit Assessments

In lieu of a front foot assessment, a benefit assessment may be imposed by the Authority upon the owners of irregular shaped properties with water frontage when it is determined that a front foot assessment would result in a payment inequitable to the benefit derived from the Water System.

**SECTION 6.03** Whenever application is received by the Authority for water service requesting an extension of or improvement of the Water System to provide such service, the Authority and/or its engineer shall first determine the feasibility of said extension in terms of Water System capacity, pressure and other related considerations. Where the Water System of the Authority is to be extended at the expense of the owner or owners of properties, the property owner or owners shall have the right to construct the extension himself or themselves or through a subcontractor provided the Authority has the right to inspect the construction.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

Construction by the property owner or owners shall be in accordance with an agreement for the extension of the Authority's system and plans and specifications approved by the Authority and shall be undertaken only pursuant to the existing regulations, requirements, rules and standards of the Authority applicable to such construction and shall be further subject to inspection by the inspector authorized to approve such construction and employed by the Authority during construction. When a main is to be extended at the expense of the owner or owners of properties, the property owner or owners may be required to deposit with the Authority, in advance of construction, the Authority's estimate of the reasonable and necessary cost of reviewing plans, construction, inspections and administrative, legal and engineering services. The Authority may require that construction shall not commence until the property owner has posted appropriate financial security. The Authority may prescribe that the property owner or owners shall reimburse the Authority for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred as a result of the extension. If an independent firm is employed for engineering review of the plans and the inspection of improvements, reimbursements for such services shall be reasonable and in accordance with the ordinary and customary fees charged by the independent firm for work performed for similar services in the community, but in no event shall the fees exceed the rate or cost charged by the independent firm to the Authority when fees are not reimbursed or otherwise imposed on applicants. Upon completion of construction, the property owner or owners shall dedicate and the Authority shall accept the extension of the Authority's system, provided that the dedication of facilities and the installation complies with the plans, specifications, regulations of the Authority and the agreement.

**SECTION 6.04** All extensions of the Water System shall be at the sole discretion of the Authority.

**SECTION 6.05** Where a property owner constructs or causes to be constructed at his expense any extension or improvements of the Water System of the Authority, the Authority may provide for the reimbursement of the property owner when the owner of another property not in the development for which the extension was constructed connects or causes to be connected both an Authority Service Line and a Customer Service Line directly to the extension within ten (10) years of the date of the dedication of such extension to the Authority. Said terms of reimbursement will be pursuant to the terms agreed upon by the Authority in the Authority's sole discretion.

## **ARTICLE VII GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

**SECTION 7.01** All waste of water is prohibited. No Consumer shall allow water to run to waste or to run merely to prevent freezing. Each Consumer shall keep his faucets, valves, Customer Service Lines, hose, etc., in good order and condition at his own expense.

**SECTION 7.02** As necessity may arise in case of break, emergency or other unavoidable cause, the Authority shall have the right to temporarily cut off or limit water supplied in order to make necessary repairs and connections and for other

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

necessary purposes. The Authority will use all reasonable and practicable measures to notify the Consumer in advance of such limitation of service, if possible. (In emergency situation, such notifications may not be possible). The Authority shall not be liable for any damage or inconvenience suffered by the Consumer nor in any case for any claim against it at any time, for interruption in service, for lessening of supply, for inadequate pressure, for poor quality of water or for any cause beyond its control.

**SECTION 7.03** The Authority shall have the right at all times to restrict or regulate the quantity of water used by Consumers in the case of scarcity or drought or whenever the public welfare may require such control. The Chairman of the Authority or, in his absence, any duly designated member of the Board of the Authority may declare a water emergency under this rule.

**SECTION 7.04** The Authority will not be liable for any claim or damage arising from a shortage of water, the breaking of machinery or other facilities or by any other cause beyond its control.

**SECTION 7.05** Water shall not be turned on in any premises by any person not an agent or employee of the Authority, except temporarily by a plumber to enable him to test his work, provided it shall be turned off again immediately after the test is made.

**SECTION 7.06** In case of vacancy, the Consumer must notify the Authority, in writing, of such vacancy, and upon his failure to do so will become responsible for any damage to the property of the Authority arising from such failure.

**SECTION 7.07** No interconnection or cross-connection shall be made or permitted between the Water System and any other water supply, either existing or future. No fixture, device or fitting shall be installed which will permit or provide a backflow connection between the Water System and any well, drainage system, soil pipe or waste pipe which would permit or make possible the backflow of sewage into the Water System.

**SECTION 7.08** No person, unless specifically authorized to do so, shall open or close any of the stopcocks, valves, fire hydrants, etc., in any public waterline owned and maintained by the Authority.

**SECTION 7.09** Any duly authorized representative of the Authority, whose identification as such duly authorized representative has been established in a reasonable manner, upon reasonable cause shown shall be authorized upon and to have full access to the premises then being supplied with water from the Water System for the purpose of inspecting all parts of the Water System, including but not limited to, all Mains, Authority and Customer Service Lines, meters and connections in order to assess the proper use of the Water System according to these Rules and Regulations as set forth by the Authority. Said inspections shall include the right to inspect all Private Water Systems and connections and/or disconnections thereof. Further, said inspections

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA



shall include the right to inspect in order to determine that the use of said Water System is in compliance with all of the Rules and Regulations set forth by the Authority.

**SECTION 7.10** Contractors, builders or others will be required to obtain a written permit from the Authority before using water for building or construction purposes. The Authority may require a deposit upon application for building and construction purpose.

**SECTION 7.11** Consumers using the water supply for steam boilers which depend upon the hydraulic pressure in the pipe system of the Water System for supplying such boilers will do so at their own risk. The Authority will not be responsible for any accidents or damage to which such devices may be subjected. The water supply line to the boiler shall be provided with a stopcock to shut off supply.

**SECTION 7.12** House boilers for domestic use must be provided with vacuum valves in all cases in order to prevent collapsing when water is shut off from the distribution pipes. The Authority will not be responsible for accidents or damage resulting from imperfect installation or operation of such valves. House boilers shall be provided with a stopcock to shut off supply.

**SECTION 7.13** No water will be furnished to any premises where any possibility exists of mingling of the water furnished by the Authority with water from any other source; nor will the Authority permit its mains or service pipe to be connected in any way to any piping, tank, vat or other matter which may flow into the Authority's service pipes or mains and consequently endanger the water supply. An exception may be made to this rule, at the option of the Authority, provided that proper safeguards are installed, which shall be inspected and have the approval of the Authority, appropriate insurance underwriters and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, if required.

**SECTION 7.14** The Authority shall not be liable for any damage resulting from leaks, broken pipes or any other cause occurring to or within any house or building; and it is expressly stipulated by and between the Authority and the Consumer that no claims shall be made against the Authority on account of the bursting or breaking of any main or service pipe or any attachment to the Water System.

**SECTION 7.15** The Authority shall be under no obligation at any time to make any extension to its then-existing water mains, but may do so upon the written request of one (1) or more prospective Consumers, either wholly or in part, at the expense of said prospective Consumer or Consumers, at the option of the Authority. Insofar as possible, all water mains owned and maintained by the Authority shall be constructed within a public road or street right-of-way or within an easement to allow access provided for such purpose across private property at any time to inspect, repair, replace or construct the necessary facility.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

**SECTION 7.16** The Authority reserves the right to change, revise and amend their rules and regulations and the rates for the use of water, to make special rates or to enter into contracts to provide water to Consumers, provided that such special rates and/or contracts shall be in the public interest of users of the Water System.

## **ARTICLE VIII VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

**SECTION 8.01** Proper officers of the Authority and/or Township are authorized and directed to do all things and to take all action necessary and proper to enforce provisions hereof in the manner permitted by law. The Authority and/or Township is further permitted to properly seek penalties for any violation of these Rules and Regulations consistent with the penalties as contained within the Wysox Township Ordinance concerning the connection and use of the Wysox Township Water System.

**SECTION 8.02** The Authority and/or Township may seek the reimbursement of any costs or damages incurred for any violation of these Rules and Regulations including but not limited to any damages done to the Water System, any amounts or damages incurred for any contamination or cross contamination, any costs of inspections, any costs incurred for enforcement and any costs for any damages to any person or property that results as a result of any violation of any Rule or Regulation.

**SECTION 8.03** The Authority and/or Township is permitted to file a lien against the Owner for any violation of any of these Rules and Regulations or for the failure to pay any cost or damage incurred or any amounts owed for the use of the Water System.

**SECTION 8.04** The Authority and/or Township shall also be permitted to seek civil penalties for any violation of these Rules and Regulations not to exceed Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per violation for each day of violation. Every day that a violation remains shall be considered a separate violation and occurrence in order to seek civil penalties of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per day.

**SECTION 8.05** The Authority and/or Township shall also be permitted to seek the assessment of any court costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred in any enforcement proceedings.

## **ARTICLE IX APPLICABILITY, AMENDMENT AND OTHER PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 9.01** This Resolution shall become effective on the date of its adoption by the Authority, and shall be applicable to all Consumers then connected or thereafter to be connected with and served by the Water System.

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

**SECTION 9.02** The Authority reserves the right to repeal, amend or modify these Rules and Regulations or any part thereof in such manner and at such times as, in the opinion of the Wysox Township Municipal Authority, shall be necessary and/or desirable, all after due legal procedure, and to be in the public interest of the residents of the system service area.

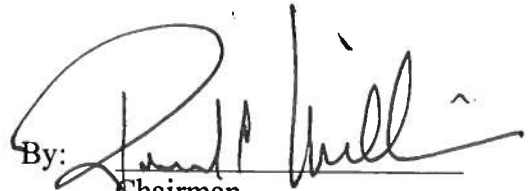
**SECTION 9.03** In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution, it being the intent of this Township that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9.04** It is declared that the enactment of this Resolution is necessary for the protection, benefit, and preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of Inhabitants of this Township.


**SECTION 9.05** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions that are inconsistent with this Resolution shall be, and the same expressly are repealed.

**SECTION 9.06** Notwithstanding any provision in this Resolution to the contrary, the Authority shall have the right to enter into special agreements with the Owner of any Improved Property with respect to terms and conditions regarding the Water System and with respect to payments to be made to the Authority in connection therewith. In such event, such service and payments shall be governed by the terms and conditions of such special agreement.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, by the Wysox Township Municipal Authority, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

By:   
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

(seal)

**GDDJ**

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wysox Township Municipal Authority held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.



Secretary

**GDDJ**

---

GRIFFIN  
DAWSEY  
DEPAOLA  
JONES, PC

---

LAW OFFICES  
TOWANDA, PA  
SAYRE, PA