

**Mercersburg Water Authority  
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA  
Thursday, September 21, 2023  
7:00 PM**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Ed Twine.

Present were Joe Creighton, Jacob Morgan, Mayor Pederson, Ed Twine, Borough Manager Melissa Price, Borough Secretary Donna Irons-Zimmerman, and Sewer Plant Operator Donny Keefer. Jason Frey was absent.

**Public Comment/Guests:** None.

**Treasurer Report & Bills Payable:**

On a Morgan/Creighton motion, the Authority unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report for month ending August 31, 2023.

Creighton asked about what charges being billed against grants. A discussion followed regarding codes.

On a Pederson/Morgan motion, the Authority unanimously approved the Bills Payable for month ending August 31, 2023.

**Minutes:**

Approval of the minutes of August 24, 2023, was moved to the October 19, 2023, meeting as there were not enough members present at that meeting to comment or approve.

**Solicitor:** Not in attendance.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mercersburg Application Review for PENNVEST Categorical Exclusion, provided for informational purposes from Borough Engineer Lance Hoover. Creighton said Buck Run Water Treatment Plant and Zimm well were identified as requiring more extensive environmental reviews which Glase will handle.

Pace Analytical Services, LLC work order and letter to PADEP regarding lab samples that were damaged.

Pace Analytical is accepting responsibility for the late submission to the PADEP, but a NOV is possible. Geotechnical Reports for the Mercersburg Water Tanks: perc test holes were drilled at Buck Run and Park Avenue, and everything should pass.

**Plant Manager Report:**

Keefer updated the Authority on the status of operations at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) due to the drought. Two turbidimeters are installed and numbers are good. PADEP wants the Alum spill containment system by itself; and the seals on the bottom of the clear well aluminum doors need replaced. Mud well cleaning needs to be scheduled.

Twine asked Keefer to prepare two proposals to address water pooling at the clear well. Creighton suggested contracting the work.

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Price referenced a request from KCI Technologies regarding a survey of hydrants and water mains. Twine said that the Borough Engineer should take the lead on this at the recommendation of Glase.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Resolution approving a loan modification for the loan maturing on October 16, 2023.

On a Creighton/Pedersen motion, the Authority unanimously approved that they table this until the next meeting.

Emergency Water Permit #2823510E was approved.

Twine asked if the Authority could bill Mercersburg Academy for fifty percent of the costs to haul water into the borough due in part to their usages during the drought.

On a Pedersen/Morgan motion, the Authority unanimously approved sending Mercersburg Academy an invoice for fifty percent of the T.A. Fulmer bill for hauling water because (the borough) had to have emergency water put in place.

Twine said the borough met with Mercersburg Academy to discuss water usage. He said an agreement was reached with Brian Nordyke to notify Borough Engineer Lance Hoover in advance when they need large amounts of water and they will be limited to 20,000 gallons per day for their water tank, with no additional water draw for two days. He asked that the agreed upon terms be put on paper.

After discussion by those present, it was decided that the data collected by the sewer plant weather station would be observed and then a determination made as to what type of station can be installed for the water plant.

Price asked to confirm that Mercersburg Academy would be billed for fifty percent of the entire water hauling bill (water and labor) and Twine said yes.

Ed Twine asked if the Authority could move forward with proposals for the Ford F-350 to replace the bed and make engine repairs for a total of \$18,700 from B&M Diesel and Statler Brothers.

On a Morgan/Pedersen motion, the Authority unanimously approved moving forward with repairing the truck and replacing the bed at the quotes provided by Statler Brothers on the bed and Deisel Systems on the engine for about \$19,000.

On Morgan/Pedersen motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

**Calendar:**

Council: October 9, 2023, 7 p.m.

Personnel: October 16, 2023, 7 p.m.

Sewer: October 12, 2023, 7 p.m.

Streets: September 27, 2023, 7 p.m.

Water: October 19, 2023, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Irons-Zimmerman  
Borough Secretary

***\*\*\*ALL GUEST/CORRESPONDENCE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER PER REQUEST/RECEIPT\*\*\****