

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority  
Borough Garage, Mercersburg PA  
July 9, 2020  
MINUTES**

**Attending at Borough Garage:** Chairman Dan Chayes, Jim Malone, Catalin Bonciu, Gene Headley, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Golden

**Absent:** John Rose

**Guest(s) / Press:** Dr. Elizabeth George

Chairman Dan Chayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Dr. Elizabeth George spoke to the authority about MACWELL Trail requesting a “spur” trail be placed off the existing Johnston’s Run Trail. Dr. George referred to a photo showing the proposed location. Manager Derek Stoy noted in his report that the exit would not be ADA compliant and would traverse across the access road to the reed beds and solar panels and then continue west moving onto the West Penn Power property. Stoy suggested that MACWELL take any and all cost burdens including but not limited to, Right of Way acquisitions, construction cost, signage and any liability due to the trail not being ADA compliant reminding the authority that the existing access road is used to clean the reed beds along with accessing the solar panels. The trail installation caused a loss of a secondary access to the solar panels for the Water Authority. Dr. George also requested permission to paint a mural on wall by the trail. Authority members discussed liability issues and the need to inspect the area before a decision is made. Borough Manager Derek Stoy said he would email solicitor Steve Coccorese. The Authority decided to place under Old Business for the next meeting.

Chairman Dan Chayes asked that a correction be made to the May 14, 2020 minutes. The correction would be for a motion that read: **“MOTION: To retroactively approve PSI invoice for \$25,150.00 for installation of decant valves and actuators was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, motion carried”**. Chayes asked for the correction to say **“MOTION: To retroactively approve PSI invoice not to exceed \$4500.00 for installation of decant valves and actuators was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, motion carried.”**

Jim Malone asked if revenue was being lost due to no activity at the Mercersburg Academy. Manager Stoy replied “yes” but noted that people being home has increased residential use.

**MOTION: To accept the Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable month ending May 31, 2020 & June 30, 2020 was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jim Malone. All ayes, motion carried.**

Authority moved into the Borough Manager’s Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy’s report started with sewer plant updates. A new quote was received to purchase influent valves, Manager Stoy said the item was under new business and is checking with companies for installation price. The waste transfer pump has been installed. Digester Blower #2 Timer Board has failed and needs looked at. Internet has been installed at the Main Pumping Station and is

ready for an alarm system to be installed. The generator at the Main Plant will need an automatic startup. The heater at the control panel at the Main Pumping Station needs repaired. Blower #2 electric motor has been repaired. SBR#2 Mixer motor has been repaired and installed. Manager Stoy said a price for VFD for blowers is listed under New Business for review. Stoy reported on the MACWELL Trail and a request from Liz George to paint the concrete walls along Johnstons Run on the sewer property with a mural. Manager Stoy urged the Authority to check into liabilities and request a sketch of what is to be painted. Personnel meeting was cancelled for July. Office staff has resumed normal business hours. Due to COVID 19, the quarterly billing shut offs will be delayed 30 days, a decision was made by both water and sewer authorities over the telephone but Stoy requested a motion be made to accept.

The authority read over Jon Piper's (Plant Manager) Report. Mr. Piper reported that there was a violation of NPDES permit for D.O. in effluent. DEP was contacted to solve the issue. Plant Manager Piper also noted that he has had ongoing biological obstacle which occurred with SBR's during entire month of June. Piper said "bottoms line, the troublesome biology is abundant..good biology is lacking". Piper concluded his report by saying he is continuing to learn and do his best and is in constant consultation with the engineer to make the best operational decisions.

No Old Business.

Authority moved into New Business.

**MOTION: To have the Borough Manager, Derek Stoy, check with the Solicitor on ADA compliancy for Dr. Elizabeth George's request to put a spur trail on the MACWELL trail was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jim Malone. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve an extension of thirty days for water and sewer shut offs was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve the following quotes under New Business to include; A. VDF purchase quote of \$5589.15 and not to exceed \$7,000.00 from S&S Electric Motors, Inc., which includes installation, B. Valve/Actuator quote from DeAURIK and North East Technical Sales, Inc. of \$13,658.00 and not to exceed \$25,000.00 which includes installation, D. Sensaphone quote of \$1,364.42 (volunteering time to install was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jim Malone. All ayes, motion carried.**

Authority reviewed committee meeting dates.

**MOTION: To adjourn at 7:54 PM was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, motion carried.**

*These meeting minutes have been transcribed and respectfully submitted for approval by Stacey Golden with the use of her meeting notes and audio recording.*

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_