

**Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
January 18, 2018
MINUTES**

Attending: Chairman Ed Twine, Vice-Chairman Larry Nair, Jason Frey, Doug Hoffman, Acting Borough Manager Derek Stoy

Absent: Member Gregg Davis

Guests/Press: Lance Hoover, Dennis E. Black Engineering

Chairman Twine called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with no public comments made at this time.

MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2017 was made by Larry Nair, second by Doug Hoffman, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve the Bills Payable/Invoice List for the month ending December 31, 2017 was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve the December 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Larry Nair, second by Doug Hoffman, all ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Twine recognized Lance Hoover from Dennis E. Black Engineering. Mr. Hoover explained that GMS Funding would like permission to apply for the Commonwealth Financing Authority grant in the amount of \$340,000 to give the Authority more flexibility and opportunity to leverage more grant money and to implement more improvements. Derek Stoy explained that a resolution stating such is on the agenda under new business.

Mr. Twine moved on to the Borough Managers report. Acting Borough Manager Derek Stoy reported that on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 we experienced a water service leak at 52 South Main St. The valve at center square was not holding and it was letting water go through. Opening up valves in subzero temperatures proved to be a challenge due to water and road "grime" being frozen 3' above the valve. Whitetail loaned us 2 torches and we were able to melt the ice and shut other valves off. This proved fruitless as we still had water in the ditch. He made the decision to open up the hydrant at the bank and let water run on to Main St. Although it caused icing conditions we were able to finally take the pressure off the line to repair it. The roads were treated and service was turned back on 19 hours after initial excavating started. We will need to address the valve issue at center square at some point in 2018. It may be an expensive venture but I feel it is a necessity after what we experienced. This valve is a key valve in the system and needs to isolate blocks at a time.

On Wednesday, January 10 we experienced a main break at Derek Martin's residence on Loudon Rd. We were able to isolate the leak as the valves held. Service was turned back on to Mr. Martin, the legion and Food lion within 4.5 hours after his initial response.

Also during the cold snap we found several vacant houses with frozen pipes and leaks. Paul Sharrow stated he was not gaining like he should at the tank and Mr. Stoy made the decision to go read meters

on all vacant houses. We found 2 broken pipes and 1 faulty toilet (in 3 different dwellings) that caused roughly 40,000 gallons to leak since the meters were read around December 21.

Chairman Twine moved on to new business.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2018-01-W approving the PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant Application was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To keep Ed Twine as authority chair person, Jason Frey as vice chair of the authority and Larry Nair as Treasurer was made by Doug Hoffman, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To go into executive session for personnel reasons at 7:49 was made by Larry Nair, second by Doug Hoffman. All ayes, motion carried.

Resumed regular session at 8:19.

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:26 was made by Larry Nair, second by Doug Hoffman. All ayes, motion carried.

These meeting minutes have been transcribed and respectfully submitted for approval by Derek J Stoy with the use of his meeting notes and audio recording.

Date approved: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____