

**Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
March 19, 2020
MINUTES**

Attending: Chairman Ed Twine, Michael Pedersen, Jason Frey, Larry Nair, Engineer Lance Hoover, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Golden

Absent: None

Guests/Press: Lance Sourbier

Chairman Ed Twine called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with no public comments made.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 29, 2020 was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Bills Payable/Invoice list for the month ending February 29, 2020 was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the February 20, 2020 meeting minutes as presented was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

Authority moved into the Plant Manager's Report.

Engineer Lance Hoover gave an update on plant operations. Hoover stated that general "housekeeping" things have been done to include core sampling, chemical feed pumps have been changed and the Ph meter was started up and back online.

The Authority moved into the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy started his report with mentioning that the feasibility study and FPPE could be discussed later. Stoy addressed the March 30th water shutoffs in conjunction with the COVID-9 outbreak. Stoy stated that there will be no door postings or shutoffs due to the pandemic. Property owners will receive letters. Manager Stoy said that Lantz Sourbier would be talking to the authority about contracted operations for the plant. DEP is requiring that the borough have an operator of record. Stoy noted that Keefer has worked every weekend since January 1, 2020. Two check valves were found to be failing causing scouring issues which was allowing too much air into the filters. Retroactive approval will be needed for the purchase of two new ones. Borough Manager Derek Stoy reported that the Ph meter was found to be incorrect and broke during the FPPE evaluation. Another meter was purchased and will also need retroactive approval. Stoy said he shut the office down to the public due to the COVID-9 outbreak, office staff is continuing to work behind closed doors until March 30, 2020.

No Old Business.

Authority moved into New Business.

Chairman Twine turned the floor over to potential contracted operator Lantz Sourbier who gave an overview of his experience and his intentions for operating the water plant. Sourbier commented that he would interact with DEP and would be "part of the team". Sourbier noted that he would be working closely with public works employee Donald Keefer Jr. to get familiar with plant operations and would relieve him two weekends per month. Sourbier said he

expects three hours per day and would contact Borough Manager Derek Stoy if more time was needed. Councilman Michael Pedersen asked about monthly cost for operations, Manager Stoy said he budgeted \$42,000 but can adjust the line item in the budget for next year.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2020-01-W, Schedule of Fees, was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To retroactively approve LB Water quote for two check valves at \$4,400.32 was made by Larry Nair, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy stated that he spoke with Solicitor Steve Coccorese about water shutoffs.

MOTION: To extend water shutoffs without advertising due to the COVID 19 viral pandemic was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To retroactively approve USA Bluebook quote for a pH meter in the amount of \$965.35 was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To move into executive session at 7:50 PM for possible litigation and personnel matters was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 9:58 PM.

MOTION: To approve Falling Springs Environmental Services Inc. for contracted operations was made by Larry Nair, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:59 PM was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Date approved: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____