

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg PA
August 12, 2021
MINUTES**

Attending: Chairman Dan Chayes, Jim Malone, Gene Headley, Lena Eckstine, Plant Operator Jon Piper, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Golden

Absent: None

Guest(s) / Press: None

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

No public comments.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report & Bills Payable for month ending July 31, 2021 was made by Jim Malone, second by Lena Eckstine. All ayes, motion carried.

The Authority accepted the July 8, 2021 minutes as written.

Authority moved into the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy reported on the Findlay Park Pump Station upgrades. Stoy explained that in 2006 an escrow account was created under borough control when Dorsey Builders left the subdivision in "disarray". The account was used for repairs such as water valve box elevations, clean outs and curb and sidewalk. Council agreed to reimburse the Sewer Authority for the work as recommended in the needs assessment. Engineer Lance Hoover is working on the package and is expecting to have it for the next meeting. The remaining balance on the escrow account has been approved by council to put towards the purchase of the new Ford F-350. Manager Stoy moved onto Reed Bed #2 Excavation updates saying that a permit is in place to remove the sludge. Stoy noted that with the resignation of Daryl Helman, he asked David H. Martin to hire Daryl as an operator of the machine that will be rented, Stoy said that it is in the budget to cover this cost. Stoy said there is no need to have a personnel meeting but asked for an executive session to discuss the vacant public works position. A quote for the F-350 replacement from Keystone Ford to include the upfit of the spreader box and plow quote from US Municipal was attached for the authority to review. Stoy said the total cost is \$56,000 with council including an additional \$2,000 for price increase on the US Municipal side, however Stoy said he was in contact with US Municipal and that price will not change. Letters have been sent out for water/sewer online billing. Stoy reported that so far nobody has made a payment online. Manager Stoy continued in his report to give updates on the Main Pumping Station and Generator. Pump #3 was removed and sent to AR&E to be rebuilt. Claylick Welding is fabricating a new bracket for the pump due to the other one being broken. New tires have been put on the generator trailer and is now mobile again. Stoy reported that wires may have been crossed and fried the tv part of the flusher. A quote from US Municipal to repair the existing flusher was attached, Stoy noted that the flusher works fine but the camera is no longer working.

Authority moved into the Plant Manager's Report.

Plant Operator Jon Piper reported that there was one violation of the DO (dissolved oxygen) with a reading of 2.97 mg/l, the permit limit is 5.0 mg/l. Piper said that was the highest flow reading in the last three months and the reason for the violation. The monthly UV system sampling and monitoring continues to be compliant. Piper reported that for the second month in a row each SBR is operating “very well with excellent settling, healthy biologic activity, higher than permit required levels of DO in the effluent and a clear effluent discharge into Johnson’s Run”. Valve repairs at the reed beds were successfully completed by borough staff and now allows single bed/isolated disposal of waste which Piper reported as a good thing. No after hour alarm calls were reported during the reporting period. Plant Operator Jon Piper reported that an electrical failure was caused by a squirrel at the main pump station, the backup generator was “effectively put into use” while power was being restored. A blower shut down in the digestors happened as a result of the power failure which Piper reported was dealt with in the following days. Piper concluded that in the past thirty days the plant has been maintained with “minor weekly adjustments” saying he is pleased with plant operations and hoping to continue for the next month.

No Old Business.

Authority moved into New Business.

MOTION: To approve the AR&E quote for pump #3 repair at the Main Pump Station in the amount of \$4795 was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.

Manager Derek Stoy commented that there would be some additional costs from Claylick Welding Fabrication for a new bracket and Marshall Stuff for rewiring of pump #3 but did not need a motion for approval.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of the new 2022 Ford F-350 to be paid out of the Joint Equipment Fund, figure to be determined, was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To allow Engineer Lance Hoover & the Administration to move forward with researching and getting prices for the needs assessment was made by Jim Malone, second by Lena Eckstine. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve a sewer credit at 119 South Park Avenue in the amount of \$86.57 for a pool fill was made by Jim Malone, second by Lena Eckstine. All ayes, motion carried.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy gave an update on public works staffing saying that Donald Keefer will be working the public works side two days a week. Chairman Chayes asked about liability issues with having former employee Daryl Helman operating the rented equipment for Reed Bed #2 Excavation. Manager Stoy answered that the liability would be covered by David H. Martin for Helman’s services.

MOTION: To adjourn regular session at 7:41PM and enter into Executive Session for personnel matters not to reconvene was made by Gene Headley, second by Jim Malone. 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: _____