

Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
December 15, 2022

MINUTES

Council President Ed Twine call the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Councilpersons present: Ed Twine, Jacob Morgan, Jason Frey, Dr. Michael Pedersen, Public Works Manager – Donnie Keefer, Borough Secretary
Melissa Price

Absent: Robert Small

Guest/Press Presents

Public Comment – N/A

Treasurer’s Report.

Motion to approve Tressures Report ending November 30, 2022

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Jason Frey	Jacob Morgan	All Favored – Motion Carried

Bills to be Approved.

Motion to approve Bills ending November 30, 2022

Motion by:	Second by	Voice Vote
Jason Frey	Michael Pedersen	All Favored – Motion Carried

Minutes for Approval.

Motion to approve Borough Minutes November 21, 2022

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Jacob Morgan	Jason Frey	All Favored - Motion Carried

Solicitor’s Report – NA

Engineer’s Report – NA

Plant Manager Report – Water Plant is due for their bi-yearly Filter Plant Performance by DEP 1st Quarter of 2023, Plant Operator is trying to keep cost down as much as possible, but it is getting difficult as the plant and equipment continues to get old,
Leaking valves and actuators – no back up chemical pump, no back up mixer, these will need to be addressed eventually, there was a water leak on park Ave on Nov 01, 2022, valve had to be replaced.

PRV was inspected by Rusty's H2O for its 6th month check-up, and the pressure was reduced after a new pressure gage was installed, we dropped pressure from 95lbs to 86lbs. Zimm Well still off but planning on turning on after the first of year. Personnel Issues discussed, working on training new employees.

Borough Manager Report – currently working on the H2O grant, and the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant and we can start working on getting reimbursement. H2O Grant to be awarded in 2023, we were granted the \$199K Franklin County – researching how we obtain these funds, pushing for the 1 quarter of 2023. The Water Reserve Fund needs to have a balance of \$2,500.

Old Business – N/A

New Business -

MOTION: To Authorize Solicitor Office to review the Draft Resolution regarding PENNVEST Application, allowing Chair and Vice Chair to execute the Resolution once it's been completed.

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Jason Frey	Jacob Morgan	All Favored – Motion Carried

Motion: To Approve 2023 Water Authority Operating Budget with a 50% Water Rate Increase raising rates from \$9.14 per Thousand Gallon to \$13.71 per Thousand Gallon reflecting on Jan 10, 2023, Water Bills.

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Jason Frey	Jacob Morgan	All Favored – Motion Carried

Motion to Approve 2023 Calendar Meeting Schedule, meeting to be held 3rd Thursday of every month.

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote
Michael Pedersen	Jason Frey	All Favored – Motion Carried

MOTION: To go into Executive Session @ 7:43pm for Personnel Matters with possible action to be taken

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Jason Frey	Michael Pedersen	All Favored – Motion Carried

Motion: to come out of Executive Session @ 8:00pm

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Jason Frey	Michael Pedersen	All Favored – Motion Carried

Motion: that we no longer require Jacob Piper services at the Water Plant as of

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Jason Frey	Jacob Morgan	All Favored – Motion Carried

Plant Manger reported ICS chainsaw is 6 years old, keeps shutting off, LB Water Saw sold us this saw, however that company has went under and we can not get this saw serviced, Smith Implements has a Steele Saw for \$2,300 dollars Plant Manager is have a demo done from the Steel Representative.

We are looking to purchase a Walk Behind Saw and a Tamer – to get an estimated cost to be divided between all Authorities.

Motion to adjourn meeting @8:25pm

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote
Michael Pedersen	Jacob Morgan	All Favored – Motion Carried

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

Date approved: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____