

Mercersburg Water Authority  
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA  
July 20, 2023

# MINUTES

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

**Councilpersons present:** Ed Twine, Jason Frey, Jacob Morgan, Joe Creighton, Borough Manager -  
Melissa Price

**Absent:** Donnie Keefer- Public Works, Michael Pedersen

**Guest/Press Presents** –Hunter Webster, Andy Able

**Public Comment** – Hunter Webster was present to talk about the property on Keefer Drive behind Food Lion, at this time he does not have an exact number of units to be build, they have approximately 150-160 total count of Town houses they would like to put in. Hunter’s question is what the current water capacity is to add to that many units, and how and when can that many come online. Ed Twine (chair) asked Hunter if he was aware that he had to meet the land square footage for each unit, and to review the Zoning Ordinance Book, a design layout is in place, Hunter is seeking answers to see if there is enough water capacity for 150 units, Ed Twine (chair) replied within the next two years “yes” this project is going to be done in 2 or 3 phases.

**Treasurer’s Report.**

**Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report ending June 30, 2023**

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Jacob Morgan	Joe Creighton	All Favored – Motion Carried

**Bills to be Approved.**

**Motion to approve Bills ending June 30, 2023**

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

**Minutes for Approval.**

**Motion to approve minutes for June 15, 2023, with the minor addition of discussion of the Sewer Authority Land Logistic Quote – was tabled.**

Motion by:	Seconded by:	Voice Vote
Jason Frey	Joe Creighton	All Favored – Motion Carried

**Solicitor’s Report – NA**

**Engineer’s Report –**

**Motion for Approval -- Water System Demand vs. Source Capacity advertise to conserve water for the Borough of Mercersburg with the assistance of Lance Hoover – Engineer**

<b>Motion by:</b>	<b>Second by:</b>	<b>Voice Vote:</b>
Jacob Morgan	Jason Frey	All Favored – Motion Carried

**Pre-Construction Meeting – Monday – July 31, 2023, “PSI” this meeting will take place at the Borough Office for the PRV Project – all Water Authority Member are invited to attend.**

**Guidelines for the Uniform Environmental Review Process in PA, Mercersburg Park Ave Well PWS Application, Hightide Environmental Submittal Review Letter #1 & #2, PSI Pumping Solutions – Submittal Notice – all informational notices were included to keep the Water Authority informed.**

**Plant Manager Report – There has been several Power Outages this month, with Trees & branches falling on lines coming up through the state park, one of these outages caused a power surge when power was restored which cause one of our chemical pumps to fail, and is not repairable, back up chemical pump was installed – so we were left without a back up pump after talking to Lance Hoover and Melissa Price, it was decided to order another pump for a back up giving the issues that have been going on. The plant has been running well, with only a few minor operation issues due to the electrical problems, which we were able to work around. Demand in town is still up and production is down, due to dry weather, reservoir is barley trickling over the dam, and we are running all 3 sources daily. Core sampling is scheduled for 7-24-23 at Iron Removal Plant Site and Nitrate removal site. There was a service line leak on BTW, with a estimated loss of 14, 000 gallons, The leak was repaired and back in service the same day.**

**Borough Manager’s Report – we are continuing to get revenue from Knollwood from Solar Panels after monthly reading, I spoke with Kim Eaton – Community Connection Division Director confirming the Grant Award amount, I am continuing to work with our accounting dept regarding the coding of invoices, and to prepared to next year’s budget. Updated the Authority on the water bills that went out on time, there was a minor mistake with the printing of the water bills. But all the information on the utility bills was correct.**

**Old Business – Land Logics Group Quote, the Water Authority agreed if they need to use the Land Logic GPS System, they will rent it from the Sewer Authority.**

**New Business –**

**Motion to remove Michael Pedersen from the Orrstown Bank as a Check Signer and to add Joe Creighton as an Authorize Check Signer**

<b>Motion by:</b>	<b>Second by:</b>	<b>Voice Vote:</b>
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Jacob Morgan	Joe Creighton	All Favored – Motion Carried
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**Motion that we accepted PSI Notice of Award to complete the PRV Project**

<b>Motion by:</b>	<b>Second by:</b>	<b>Voice Vote:</b>
Joe Creighton	Jason Frey	All Favored – Motion Carried

**Reviewed the GMS – Memorandum Project for Pennvest/Grants with the Authority.**

**Motion to Adjourn meeting at 8:20pm**

<b>Motion by:</b>	<b>Second by:</b>	<b>Voice Vote:</b>
Jacob Morgan	Joe Creighton	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.**