

**Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
Thursday, August 24, 2023
7:00 PM
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Twine at 7 p.m.

Present were Chairman Ed Twine, Joe Creighton, Jason Frey, Borough Manager Melissa Price, and Borough Secretary Donna Irons-Zimmerman. Borough Engineer Lance Hoover joined the meeting via telephone to provide the Engineer's Report.

Public Comment/Guests:

Rich Yale asked if a returned check fee could be waived due to issues with a closed account. Price explained that the check was returned through their bank and that she was following Borough policy, per the solicitor. Twine said the customer could pay with checks.

Treasurer Report & Bills Payable:

On a Creighton/Frey motion, the Authority unanimously approved the Treasurer Report for month ending July 31, 2023.

Twine asked what charges were included in the *Maintenance-Plant and Wells* for \$2,754.60. Price said she was working on a spreadsheet with greater detail and would email it to members.

On a Frey/Creighton motion, the Authority unanimously approved the Bills Payable for month ending July 31, 2023.

Minutes:

On a Creighton/Frey motion, the Authority unanimously approved the July 20, 2023, meeting minutes.

Solicitor: Not in attendance; no report submitted.

Engineer's Report: See attached email. Lance Hoover also provided updates via telephone.

Lance Hoover Report provided via telephone:

Permit has been received for the nitrate removal plant. Sewer and water permits remain outstanding. The contractors are done on the PRV project; still waiting on equipment. The PRV project is projected to begin in October or November. The water plant continues to struggle with demand versus supply and is running 24/7 accordingly.

Twine asked if notification should be made to residents to conserve water, and Hoover said that Price had already posted notices in the *Journal*, Post Office, Borough Hall, and website.

Twine asked about the second valve in the reservoir. Hoover said the reservoir uses a three-valve system. Production at the reservoir continues to go down (120 GPM to 110 GMP) and the second valve appears to be locked closed, and it needs to be determined whether it can be repaired. A similar situation occurred previously due to a clogged intake screen. Twine said he would reach out to Donnie Shaeffer to see if he recalls what happened previously.

Twine asked if the drought status could be shared with the PADEP regarding the issuance of E&S permits and Hoover said he had done so already. To date the PADEP had taken no further action.

Creighton asked what type of camera would be used and Frey asked where or how the valve would be opened. Frey said he may be able to do the dive.

Frey asked if Hunter was told what he needed to provide the Water Authority to move forward, and Hoover said a Letter of Intent is needed stating how many units will be put in initially and what the total units will be.

Plant Manager Report: Included in member packets.

On a Frey/Creighton motion, the Authority unanimously approved a motion to install the two turbidimeters on the shelf.

Borough Manager's Report: Report items already discussed throughout the meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Confirm Meetings:

Council: August 28, 2023, 7 p.m.

Sewer: September 14, 2023, 7 p.m.

Personnel: September 18, 2023, 7 p.m.

Water: September 21, 2023, 7 p.m.

Streets: September 27, 2023, 7 p.m.

On a Frey/Creighton motion, the Authority meeting moved into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

On a Creighton/Frey motion, the Authority meeting came out of Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

On a Creighton/Frey motion, the Authority meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna E. Irons-Zimmerman
Borough Secretary

**ALL GUEST/CORRESPONDENCE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER PER REQUEST/RECEIPT*



Borough of Mercersburg

Date: 8-24-2023
Meeting: Water Authority

Sign-In Sheet

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