

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg PA
September 12, 2019
MINUTES**

Attending: Chairman Dan Chayes, Jim Malone, Gene Headley, Catalin Bonciu, John Rose, Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Golden, Borough Manager Derek Stoy

Absent: None

Guest(s) / Press: Lena Eckstine, Jon Piper (JWP Environmental Inc.)

Chairman Dan Chayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with no public comment received. Chairman Chayes said he invited Lena Eckstine as she is interested in serving on the authority. He then went on to the agenda items.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable Invoices for the months ending August 31, 2019 was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jim Malone. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the August 8, 2019 minutes with modifications to the motion for compensating Dan Chayes for his time to read: *To reimburse Sewer Authority Chairman Dan Chayes for his time spent at the waste water plant was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Gene Headley. Motion was carried with Dan Chayes abstaining due to conflict of interest.* was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, motion carried.

The Authority moved into the Borough Manager's Report. Manager Derek Stoy reported that the plant is coming along nicely with lots of work being done in the past month. DEP was invited to look at the improvements but a meeting has not been set up yet. Stoy noted that Chairman Dan Chayes has been an "integral part of this and deserves a lot of credit!". Lance Hoover has been contracted to oversee the operations at the plant with Public Works personnel doing testing on the days that Lance is not on site. DEP has been very patient as they required a licensed operator to be on site within 10 days of Paul Sharrow's departure. Stoy said there were three proposals for contracted operations with JWP Environmental providing the best fit. The proposal would allow daily operations for up to three days a week and one weekend for every three weeks. JWP does not have a license for the transfer stations but is planning to take a test at DEP on September 18th. DEP has promised to expedite his license upon satisfactory results. Engineer Lance Hoover agreed to "hang" his license for the transfer stations. Manager Stoy noted that approval for a licensed operator will need to happen as soon as possible per DEP's request. Manager Derek Stoy spoke to the authority about a notice of violation the was received from DEP. Stoy said a reply is required by September 20, 2019. A personnel committee meeting will be held on September 16, 2019 at 7 PM. Manager Stoy said that council chipped in \$10,000K out of liquid fuels for the purchase of the new truck. The truck is currently at US Municipal and should be ready by mid-November. Stoy gave an update on Johnston's Run Trail noting that it is 90% completed noting that sewer signed off on a right of way. Council gave an in kind donation of \$20,400 and the rest was funded by DCNR grant and MacWell funds.

The Authority discussed issues at the sewer plant and then moved into New Business.

Moving into New Business Manager Derek Stoy said there currently is no operator for the plant however Lance Hoover has been working with the borough. Jon Piper is planning to obtain his certification, hang his license and will do three days a week with public works personnel helping.

MOTION: To accept the proposal from Jon Piper, JWP Environmental Inc., was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jim Malone. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Dan Chayes gave a detailed report on plant operations and explained the process. Chairman Chayes spoke to the authority about his time spent at the sewer plant.

The Authority discussed the 2020 budget.

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:30 PM was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

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: _____