

**Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
March 21, 2019
MINUTES**

Attending: Chairman Ed Twine, Vice-Chairman Jason Frey, Larry Nair, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Golden

Absent: Doug Hoffman

Guests/Press: Michael Pedersen

Chairman Ed Twine called the meeting to order at 7 PM with no public comments made.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2019 was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Bills Payable/Invoice list for the month ending February 28, 2019 was made by Jason Frey second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve the February 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair, all ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Ed Twine moved into the Engineer's Report. Engineer Lance Hoover reported that the WQM permit from DEP is 95% complete and is expecting to have it notarized and submitted within a week. Hoover said he and Borough Manager Derek Stoy met with Leopold to see the change/modification on the filter project. Engineer Hoover gave a demonstration on how the 5x5 automated filter system would work noting that the system would clean better and faster with less backwash. The lifetime expectancy of the system is 20-30 years. The grant will allow purchasing through the Costars program at a price of \$249,800.00. Hoover said the permit would be submitted in March and projected getting back by July or August with ordering the equipment around October/November and starting construction around February 2020. The project should be completed by July 2020. Borough Manager Derek Stoy noted that Leopold would send two employees for the initial installation. Public Works would also be helping with the installation. Stoy noted that there won't be a need to outsource much work at all saying "we have the capability and the people to do it all in house".

Chairman Twine continued into the Borough Manager's Report. Borough Manager Derek Stoy reported on Grandview Tank saying the plan was to open up Grandview Tank but due to the continued cold temperatures there is still a chunk of chlorinated ice driving the residual back up again. Stoy said the plan is "hopefully next week". The backhoe needs rear tires, Stoy said the Council and Sewer Authority made a motion to use Byers noting that the purchase would come out of the Joint equipment Fund. Manager Stoy gave an update on the electricity usage saying West Penn recommended shopping around for electricity. Stoy said he would be checking around to see if there are better rates available. One bid was received for the Johnston's Run Trail for \$162k. Manager Derek Stoy concluded his report with saying damage was done at Grandview Avenue Tank yard when a male subject got stuck in the grass. Manager Stoy said the damage would require a skid steer to get back to grade without causing uneven areas for mowing. A quote was received from Hunter Webster for the project and was sent to the District Attorney's office for restitution. Also, Public Works will seed before the April court date, weather permitting, and that will be sent to the District Attorney as well for restitution.

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 7:40 PM was made by Larry Nair, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To resume regular meeting at 8:20 was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To hire Engineer Lance Hoover to look at past filter plant performance evaluation in conjunction with the DEP letter to see how we are shaping up pending 2019-2020 Filter Plan Performance Evaluation was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the water tower restoration proposal made by Hunter Webster with Circle H Services, LLC was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To use Byers to purchase the backhoe rear tires was made by Larry Nair, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy noted that a public works employee was terminated and advertisement was made through Indeed and the Mercersburg Journal. Stoy commented that interviews would take place the first week of April with hopes to have recommendations for the April 8th Council meeting. Stoy also noted that Public Works employee Donald Keefer obtained his Class B CDL License.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM was made by Larry Nair, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Date approved: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____