

**Mercersburg Water Authority  
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA  
September 17, 2020  
MINUTES**

**Attending:** Chairman Ed Twine, Michael Pedersen, Jason Frey, Larry Nair, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Golden

**Absent:** None

**Guests/Press:** None

Chairman Ed Twine called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**MOTION:** To retroactively approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2020 was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To retroactively approve the Bills Payable/Invoice list for the month ending July 31, 2020 was made by Larry Nair, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2020 was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve the Bills Payable/Invoice list for the month ending August 31, 2020 was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To accept the July 16, 2020 meeting minutes as presented was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

Authority moved into the Engineer's Report.

Engineer Lance Hoover provided a written report. Hoover addressed Mountain Well saying there has been a variety of issues for over a year now but has taken a "turn for the worse". Hoover gave a detailed outline of the issues starting with August of 2019 with the well pump and motor failing and after removing it was suggested that the well had partially collapsed causing the motor and pump to become covered and fail. A new pump was installed and elevated 40' to avoid the same problem. In August 4, 2020 the well pump and motor failed again from an electrical issue which caused the pump to "burn up", again a replacement was purchased and installed. August 12, 2020 the operating water level was determined to be 18" above the intake for the pump and the production was approximately 50% of permitted capacity. It was recommended at that time to have the well taken off line to protect the pumping equipment. Mountain Well has been off-line since August 12, 2020. Hoover went on to explain that a feasibility study was completed and it was recommended that a "substantial" amount of work was needed. Hoover stated that he has been in contact with PADEP numerous times regarding the situation and PADEP agreed to expedite critical work required to replace the Mountain Well. Hoover continued in his report with reporting on the PRV Station Upgrade reporting that the authority was awarded DCED grant funding in 2019 for improvements at the water treatment plant and upgrades to

the PRV station. Hoover completed his report with the Buck Run Water Treatment Plant upgrade project and saying the feasibility study has been provided to PADEP for review and comments but hasn't received a response yet. Hoover also said there have been discussions with Glance Associates of Camp Hill regarding assistance with the design engineering and permitting for the required work. "A proposal will be prepared and provided for the authority review at the October meeting."

Authority moved into the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy reported that Solicitor Sam Wiser would give direction for which way to go with the financing RFP. The authority went over options from Middletown Valley Bank. Stoy continued in his report saying DEP will not budge on leaving the other three filters alone until a new plant is built, Stoy said new media for each filter will cost approximately \$6,500.00. DEP signed off on the COA, Stoy said a resolution will need signed and sent to DEP as soon as possible. Manager Stoy attached a quote from Negley's to drill a new well. Stoy said Negley's is to be onsite September 21<sup>st</sup> to start drilling as "time is critical". DEP is requiring a hydrologist to be on board with the well drilling process, Stoy asked for approval on the firm, Read Associates LLC. Stoy noted that the contracted operator failed to report the last three days of data to DEP which resulted in a violation, Stoy said he had a discussion with the operator and was told this will not happen again. A resolution will be needed due to the well drilling, the resolution will basically say there was not enough time to bid the project out, this will also satisfy the auditors. Manager Derek Stoy concluded his report with going over water rates for the budget.

No Old Business.

Authority moved into New Business.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 2020-03-W to accept approving Middletown Valley Bank for three different loans as described in the resolution was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve media purchase from Unifilt in the amount of \$6,500.00 was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 2020-02-W, a resolution of the Mercersburg Water Authority authorizing the authority to enter into a consent order and agreement by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection and the Mercersburg Water Authority was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To declare the existence of an emergency threat to the Water Authority's public water system as a result of the sudden collapse of the Mountain Well on August 1, 2020 and to ratify the actions of the Water Authority staff to procure the emergency engagement of Negley's and Read Associates to provide the necessary services to mitigate the emergency, in accordance with Section 5614 (d) of the Municipality Authorities Act, which authorizes the emergency procurement of services without advertisement of public notice was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve the quote from MC STUFF Electric in the amount of \$950.00 for the clearwater pump repair was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION: To approve a 10% water rate increase over a three year plan was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. 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: \_\_\_\_\_