

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority Meeting
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA 17236
April 13, 2023
MINUTES**

Attending: Chairman Dan Chayes, Vice-Chairman Jim Malone, Lena Eckstine, Gene Headley, Cory Matthews and Borough Manager Melissa Price

Absent: Borough Secretary Tessa Holtry, Solicitor Steve Coccoresse,

Guest(s)/Press: NONE.

Chairman Chayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened the floor for Public Comments. No members of the public were present, he moved on to the other agenda items.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS PAYABLE

MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending November 30, 2022, Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2022, Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending January 31, 2023, Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending February 28, 2023, and the Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending March 31, 2023 was made by Jim Malone, Lena Eckstine, a notation that there was one invoice that they need to discuss whether they wish to authorize payment of, it was agreed that the Authority would revisit the Bills Payable list separately and only the Treasurer's Reports were included in this motion for approval, all ayes, motion carried.

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MOTION: to approve the revised February 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes was made by Jim Malone, seconded by Jim Malone, seconded by Gene Headley, all ayes, motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Not scheduled to be present/no report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Not scheduled to be present/no report.

PLANT MANAGER'S REPORT

Chairman Chayes noted that they have entered into an Agreement with Glace and have scheduled a kickoff meeting on April 18th at 10:00 am to review the design plans for the plant upgrades. Chairman Chayes reviewed that Lance, approximately a year ago, provided an analysis as to what upgrades were needed on the plant. Dan noted that the Sewer Authority needs to be sure that they are meeting their Nitrogen Effluent Limits, so they will be adding a chemical feed system to the plant. He reviewed that they will also be replacing the SBR Controllers. In addition to these items, the Engineer is looking at using part of the old Sewer Plant to assist with flow equalization.

Chairman Chayes said that they discussed whether they wish to continue to use the reed beds moving

forward. Dan reported that the current state of the reed beds is not good, despite previous notations that it was fine. He reviewed that he and Lance discussed that they would really like to see a process that would get them a Class A Biosolid. Which is basically bagged fertilizer, he noted that a presser or dryer might be an option.

Chairman Chayes noted that another item that the Authority will be looking into is the Commuter aka Grinder described as an oversized garbage disposal. He reviewed that any solids that travel through the line get ground up.

He reviewed that they have had some concerns regarding the DO level (dissolved oxygen) falling too low during the decanting process. This is an item that they are looking to address as part of the project.

Chairman Chayes noted that Jon Piper's report was included in the Authority Member's packets. The Authority Committee reviewed Mr. Piper's schedule of fees / JWP proposal that the Authority had with him through April 2023 with an option to extend the contract. The Authority did not wish to renew the contract.

Melissa Price calculated the total overpayment to JWP. Chairman Chayes reviewed that this matter should be discussed further in Executive Session.

The Authority Members reviewed JWP's report which included a notation that DEP did contact him on 3/29/2023 DEP showed up on site. Sarah Wrigglesworth was one of the members from DEP who was present.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Nothing to Report.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: to approve the Sewer Credit for the address of 24 Church Street, Mercersburg in the amount of \$1,379.80 due to a pipe freezing with no water traveling through the Sewer System was made by Jim Malone, seconded by Gene Headley, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Hightide Environmental Professional Services beginning on May 1, 2023, was made by Jim Malone, seconded by Gene Headley, and all ayes motion carried.

MOTION: to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Proposal for Engineering Services with Glace for the Waste Treatment Facility Upgrade was made by Jim Malone, seconded by Gene Headley, and all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve the NPDES Permit for the WWTP – renewal Application package due April 30, 2023, was made by Jim Malone, seconded by Gene Headley, and all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve Hightide Environmental to prepare and submit the PA DEP 2022 Chapter 94 Municipal Wasteload Management Report was made by Jim Malone, seconded by Gene Headley, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to adjourn into executive session for potential litigation matters with possible action to be taken at 7:49 pm.

The Authority resumed the regular session at 8:15 pm with all Authority Members present.

MOTION: to approve the Bills Payable list as presented was made by Jim Malone, seconded by Gene Headley, all ayes, motion carried.

One member noted a recent sewage backup occurrence on Linden Avenue and two of his other neighbors also had challenges.

MOTION: to adjourn at 8:22 pm was made by Jim Malone, seconded by Gene Headley, all ayes, motion carried.

These meeting minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Melissa Price for the Authority's review and approval.

Date approved: 5-11-23 Motion made by: Jim Malone Second by: Gene Headley

