

Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
October 20, 2022

MINUTES

Council President Ed Twine call the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Councilpersons present: Ed Twine, Jacob Morgan, Jason Frey, Dr. Michael Pedersen, Public Works Manager – Donnie Keefer, Borough Secretary
Melissa Price

Absent: Robert Small

Guest/Press Presents – N/A

Public Comment – N/A

Treasurer’s Report.

Motion to approve Tressures Report ending September 20,2022

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Jason Frey	Jacob Morgan	All Favored – Motion Carried

Bills to be Approved.

Motion to approve Bills ending Sept 30, 2022

Motion by:	Second by	Voice Vote
Jason Frey	Michael Pedersen	All Favored – Motion Carried

Minutes for Approval.

Motion to approve Borough Minutes September 15, 2022, with the Revisions

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Michael Pedersen	Jason Frey	All Favored - Motion Carried

No Solicitor’s Report.

1. **Engineer’s Report –
Distribution System PRV Project – \$180,000**

The general design schematic has been completed (attached) and the “permit package” has been provided to Glace Associates for review and engineer’s seal. This package will be submitted to PADEP prior to October 21st.

2. **Iron Removal WTP Project - \$2,150,000**

Glance Associates has completed the general design and the “permit package” was submitted to PADEP on October 6, 2022. Glance Associates is working on providing updated project costs, and I have requested this by the end of October.

3. Nitrate Removal WTP Project - \$3,500,000

Glance Associates is working on the preliminary design for the facility.

4. Current Grant Funding Available

- a. PA Small Water and Sewer Grant – approximately \$141,370.90 (September 2021)
- b. Need to request extension (expires June 2023)
- c. Also need to request modification to scope to allow entire use of remaining funds for accrued drilling costs as well as Distribution System PRV Project

5. Potential Funding Sources

- a. Community Project Funding (Senator Casey / Congressman Joyce)
 - Requested \$2,500,000
- b. Franklin County ARPA
 - Requesting \$500,000
- c. LSA Statewide Grant
 - Requested \$335,700
- d. H2OPA Program
 - Program has opened and GMS is working to prepare the necessary application. Submission is required in December
- e. PA Small Water & Sewer Prog
 - Program has also opened for applications. Authority staff are working with GMS to determine if submission for this grant program is suitable, given the other grant applications currently being submitted.
- f. PennVEST
 - Try for application submission in FEBRUARY 2023 or APRIL 2023

Motion to approve Chart Recorder and Laptop as recommended by our Certified Operator:

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote
Jason Frey	Jacob Morgan	All Favored – Motion Carries

Plant Manager – Reconditioning of Zimm Well is complete, appears to have been successful, currently running well into the plant with minimal problems, well levels continue to drop but is being monitored weekly, 72 hour pump test was completed on park street, both mud wells have been cleaned for the year, next scheduled cleaning in April or May 2023, extended backwashes, per consent order have been completed for the month and we are “tweaking” plant to try to cut back on chemical usage.

Borough Manager’s Report – N/A

Old Business -

September 17, 2020, made a motion to raise the water rates 10% for three years from (\$6.91 to \$7.61 a year) on October 26, 2021, an increase was made of a 20% rate increase from (\$7.61 to \$9.14) – 30% rate increase in 2 years instead of 3 years. 2023 we are looking to have a rate increase of 10% (from \$9.14 to \$10.06) – 4th Quarter billing starts January 4 2022 – 10% increase \$10.06

1st Quarter billing starts April 10, 2022 –

New Business – Quote from LB Water Service – for Touch Read Handheld Device - will store up to 100-meter reading –

\$10K quote is the reader, guns, and software set up – the AutoGun can be used as a standalone unit to read and store up to 99 electronic reading, or as a mated device that interrogates, encodes, and sends data to a handheld device which collects and stores it in memory.

Water Authority President Ed Twine to meet w/Lance Hoover & Public Works Dept” field trip” to look at the New Site Plan at the Water Plant & Park Street on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 @ 8am

Motion to have Derek Stoy submit the 2023 Water Authority Budget for \$750.00 to produce the Budget with all the supporting notes and documentation.

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Michael Pedersen	Jason Frey	All Favored – Motion Carried

Motion to change the Water Authority Meeting to Wednesday, November 9, 2022 @ 7pm

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Michael Pedersen	Jason Frey	All Favored – Motion Carrier

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Michael Pedersen	Jacob Morgan	All Favored – Motion Carried

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

Date approved: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____