

Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
May 18, 2023

MINUTES

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

Councilpersons present: Ed Twine, Jacob Morgan, Dr. Michael Pedersen, Joe Creighton, Tessa Holtry, Borough Manager -Melissa Price

Absent: Jason Frey, Donnie Keefer

Guest/Press Presents –N/A

Public Comment – N/A

Treasurer's Report.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report ending April 30, 2023

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

Bills to be Approved.

Motion to approve Bills ending April 30, 2023

Motion by:	Second by	Voice Vote
Jacob Morgan	Joe Creighton	All Favored – Motion Carried

Minutes for Approval

Motion to approve minutes for April 20, 2023,

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote
Jacob Morgan	Joe Creighton	All Favored – Motion Carried

meeting

Solicitor's Report – NA

Plant Manager Report – Over the last month I have been tweaking the plant for better and smoother operation at present time I am feeling more water from the reservoir than in the past, which means less soda ash is required to boost PH inside the plant, and should be less stress on Zimmwell, this also means we are slowing the filters down by adding more chemicals – we are now feeding less soda ash and less alum and have been able to turn the flow up to 13 gpm – Extended backwash and filter bed

evaluations have been completed for 2nd quarter along with turbidimeter calibration. New countertop chlorine analyzers have arrived and turned out to be more accurate than past analyzers and we were also able to cut back on Chlorine usage and should also bring out quarterly averages down in our systems.

Borough Manager's Report – There may be a lot of information in the packet to keep you informed of the correspondence between – GMS - Lance Hoover & Glace Associates, Inc with upcoming Water Plant Project – unfortunately Lance Hoover was in an accident and was out of the office for a couple of weeks. May 31, 2023, will be the Impact Grant Photo Acceptance Award for those who would like to participate.

Old Business – N/A

New Business –

C - DEP Reporting Back up Plan - DEP Violation - Because of Lance's accident we did not get our reporting finished on time, causing us to get a warning from DEP, we were informed by DEP to get a Back Up Plan in place in case of any issues. - Ed suggested that Donnie Keffer be the backup and be taught the basic to get the reporting done, the computer system at the sewer plant will be the location where the reporting is done, however we need to upgrade this computer to a newer system – I will meet with Sewer Authority Chair "Dan Chays" for this request, moving forward I will be as well as Joe Creighton learning the reporting in case of any emergency.

A. Land Logics Group Quote – High Accuracy GPS Unit – to review for purchase - This is for the possible purchase of a high accuracy GPS unit, Bad Elf Flex Extreme w/ range pole, bi-bod & accessories.

This is a onetime purchase for the unit, hopefully to be split w/ the water authority)

This will allow us to collect survey grade locations of our sewer and water infrastructure — manholes, curb boxes, valves.

The collection of the locations is the first step of building accurate base maps. The jury is still out on how we can integrate this data with the "County Wide" GIS system, as it presently stands that is a bit of an unknown both in terms of recurring costs and need for technical abilities available in in the office at Mercersburg.

Regardless of the mapping options we choose in the long term, we'll need to collect the locations of the data (manholes, curb boxes, shut-off valves etc.) and as an interim solution we can plot that on paper and have a set of updated maps.

Should we opt to ask an engineer to do that for us I'd suspect we'd be looking at a minimum charge of \$15,000 each for water and sewer.

This unit was demonstrated to me by Jake from the Land Logistics unit, it's easy to use, quick to set up and worked flawlessly using the correction network (CORS) available from the WV Dept. of Transportation. The WV DOT has a base station located in Hagerstown MD and we were receiving accuracies on the order of 2cm in the horizontal direction. Access to the WV DOT correction network is presently free of charge.

Land Logics Group Quote – Motion that we table this discussion for now.

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote
Michael Pedersen	Joe Creighton	All Favored – Motion Carried

B. Mercersburg Water Authority – Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the Boro Hall- Mercersburg PA for the PRV Project on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 @ 10:00am with Lance Hover – High Tide Environmental the Bid Opening will be held at the Boro Hall – Mercersburg Pa on Wednesday, June 31, 2023 @ 10:00am with Lance Hoover – High Tide Environmental.

D. Core/Main Information from Ben Leonard – would like to come to a set up a demonstration with Public Works (Sewer/Water) - Smart Water Meters & Remote Reading Systems. Discussion on changing the out the old meters to newer meters. (Date to set up later in the summer)

Motion to go into Executive Session@8:28pm with possible action to be taken.

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

Motion to go back into Public Session.

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

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add Municipal Services training with Ben Thomas for Melissa Price to the Agenda to be approved.

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

Motion to approve the Municipal Contact with Ben Thomas to provide training with Melissa for the next 4 months.

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 9:08pm

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote
Joe Creighton	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: 6-15-23 Motion: Michael Pedersen Second: Joe Creighton

