

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
August 10, 2023
7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Dan Chayes.

Present were Chairman Dan Chayes, Vice Chairman Jim Malone, Gene Headley, and Borough Manager Melissa Price. Board member Corey Matthews was absent. Also present was incoming board member Joe Creighton.

Public Comment/Guests: See attached sign-in sheet.

Elissa Nyer, 309 Beech Lane asked about potential development of three lots adjacent to her property. Chairman Chayes suggested she do a deed search with Franklin County.

Chairman Chayes introduced Joe Creighton, a potential board member.

Treasurer Report/Bills Payable

Chairman Chayes asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report/Bills Payable List en masse.

On a Headley/Malone motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve all Treasurer's Report/Bills Payable Lists as listed on the agenda.

Malone asked if the budget was on track for mid-year and was told it was. Meters were then discussed.

Minutes:

None created for May 11, 2023, meeting; there were no action items.

Solicitor: Not in attendance and no report provided.

Engineer's Report:

August Engineer/Licensed Operator report provided to Board which was then discussed by those present. Chairman Chayes provided the Board with updates provided by the engineer including operational improvements, maintenance repairs, the ongoing engineering evaluation, and the Comprehensive Plan for plant upgrades.

Manager's Report

No report submitted.

Plant Manager's Report:

Report for July 2023 submitted to the Board. Chairman Chayes reported that new lift pumps are scheduled to be replaced next week with updates to the control panel. Apparatus Repair & Engineering, Inc. has been asked to provide a proposal for preventative maintenance proposal. Discussion also included the sale of a generator, a lateral line repair behind Park Avenue, and a proposed development behind Food Lion. Chayes said the sewer authority has the capacity needed for the proposed development.

Old Business:

Engineering process continues and tank evaluations will happen within the next several months.

New Business

Chapter 302 Operator Certification Annual Service Fee of \$100 will be paid.

Annual Wasteload Management (Chapter 94) NPDES Permit No. PA0022179 was submitted and considered acceptable.

Sewer credit request for the following:

- Sewer Credit – Swimming Pool \$43.80
- Sewer Credit – Garden & Swimming Pool \$21.90
- Sewer Credit – Swimming Pool \$273.75
- Sewer Credit – Swimming Pool \$109.50

On a Malone/Headley motion, the Board unanimously approved all four sewer credits.

On a Headley/Malone motion, the Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Lena Eckstine thanking her for her time, efforts, and enthusiasm.

Chairman Chayes asked about terms of existing board members and Price said Malone's term ends December 31, 2023, and Headley's term expires December 31, 2024. Chayes and Price agreed to reach out to Matthews about his interest in staying on the Board.

The appointment of Joe Creighton, replacing Eckstine, to finish out her term expiring December 31, 2025, was tabled to the August 14 Council meeting.

On a Malone/Headley motion, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a DeZurik Butterfly Valve replacement seal quoted at \$1700.

On a Malone, Headley motion, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a YSI IQ SensorNet equipment quoted by Xylem at \$5,622.

On a Malone/Headly motion, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a Davis Vantage Pro2 WeatherLink USB Data Logger and Heated Cone Rain Collector quoted at \$1,425.

Meeting Dates:

- Council: August 14, 2023, 7 p.m.
- Personnel: August 21, 2023, 7 p.m.
- Property: August 06, 2023, 7 p.m.
- Sewer: September 14, 2023, 7 p.m.
- Water: September 21, 2023, 7 p.m.
- Streets: August 23, 2023, 7 p.m.

Chairman Chayes directed Nyer to provide deed information to Price for further review and potential action by the Board.

A discussion occurred regarding testing of effluent discharge from Mercersburg Academy which incurs a surcharge based on results. Chairman Chayes said he would reach out to Brian Nordyke at the Academy to notify him that testing will be done once school reopens for the year and that the Borough will pay for that testing. The testing protocols outlined in the 2009 agreement will then resume.

Creighton asked about the difference in processing totals between the Water Authority and the Sewer Authority and Chairman Chayes said it reflects a difference in inflow and infiltration.

The meeting adjourned to an Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

On a Malone/Headley motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Irons-Zimmerman
Borough Secretary

*****ALL GUEST/CORRESPONDENCE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER PER REQUEST/RECEIPT*****