

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority Special Town Hall Meeting**  
**MMP & W Activity Center, 132 North Main Street, Mercersburg, PA 17236**  
**May 14, 2024**  
**MINUTES**

**Attending:** Chairman Jim Malone, Ed Twine, Joe Creighton, Tim Stanton, Stephanie Brindle, Solicitor Sam Wisner, Engineer Lance Hoover, Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, and PWD Employee Donnie Keefer

**Absent:** None

**Guests/Press:** See sign in sheet.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Chairman Malone thanked everyone for coming and provided a brief overview for the purpose of the meeting which was to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects and why they are needed. A handout was available to all members of the public with a summary of the projects. Chairman Malone turned the meeting over to Engineer Hoover who provided additional detail on the status of the plant and additional information about why the improvements are necessary. Attorney Wisner was present to review the PENNVEST process and noted that only cost estimates were provided for tonight's meeting.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Andy Able, Mercersburg Journal, expressed concern regarding costs to the community. He noted that although each board is making independent decisions, he is concerned whether the community can afford such costly projects. Mr. Able asked about the timing of the projects.

The Authority reviewed that unfortunately the Sewer Authority is under consent order and must complete the projects. The Authority noted that the construction timeline would be about two years. It was noted that the Authority would need to complete the designs, permits, and then obtain financing for the project. Each Member of the board had the opportunity to speak regarding the project and which option they felt would be best for the community. The additional items discussed included pumping station improvements, the decommissioning of the reed beds, the UV System Improvements, and a Solids Management System.

**MOTION: to approve to move forward with Option #2“New System Outside the Fence”, the UV System, and a Solids Management System was made by Twine, second by Creighton, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to approve a 20% increase on October 10, 2024, Utility Bills was made by Creighton, seconded by Brindle, all ayes, motion carried.**

Two additional items were added to the agenda. This was permissible as they fall under the purview of a public safety matter. It was noted that these items were added after the agenda was posted and would need to be ratified at the next Sewer Authority Meeting.

**MOTION: to approve GenServe Quotes Number 00011473 in the amount of \$2,697.69 and Quote 00011474 in the amount of \$2,276.00 was made by Creighton, seconded by Brindle, Twine opposed, remaining ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to adjourn at 8:10 pm was made by Creighton, seconded by Twine, all ayes, motion carried.**

*These meeting minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted for approval by Dawn Scheller with the use of her meeting notes and audio recording.*

Date Approved: 6/13/2024 Motion: Brindle Seconded: Creighton



Dawn L. Scheller, Borough Manager/Secretary

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