

Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
June 15, 2023

MINUTES

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

Councilpersons present: Ed Twine, Jason Frey, Jacob Morgan (Via Phone), Dr. Michael Pedersen, Joe Creighton, Borough Manager -Melissa Price

Absent: Donnie Keefer- Public Works

Guest/Press Presents –Dan Chayes (Sewer Authority Chairperson) - Land Logic Group – Bad Elf Flex Extreme handheld GPS unit with tripod, The Bad Elf Flex delivers customers a comparative advantage in a total geospatial solution. A single GNSS receiver removes the need for deploying multiple devices in the field. Surveyors and their crews now have a scalable accuracy, survey-grade receiver. GIS managers focus on flexible field choices for work crews with varying skill levels. Businesses obtain operational and financial efficiencies. Bad Elf Flex effectively offers you several products in one package through flexible software and configuration. Dan explained the Sewer Authority needs an updated map of the Borough that was not included in the prior map layouts, this GPS unit would allow the Sewer Authority to locate Manholes and store this information local to the unit. This GPS System would allow the Authority to get accurate latitude and longitude of Geographic positions of all the pieces of our infostructure. There are Manhole covers that are not on our current map, Sewer Authority purchased the unit@ \$6,539.99, It would be nice if the Water Authority could share the cost.

Public Comment – N/A

Treasurer’s Report.

Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report ending May 31, 2023

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

Bills to be Approved.

Motion to approve Bills ending May 31, 2023

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

Minutes for Approval.

Motion to approve minutes for May 18, 2023 – Jason Frey abstains.

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

Solicitor’s Report – NA

Engineer’s Report – Official Bid Was Reviewed – Distribution System PRV Project, Addendum No. 1 To Contract Documents PRV Project, Mercersburg Water Authority Bid Results

Plant Manager Report – Plant Operations are going well, Work has been completed on filter #2 Effluent A value by PSI, Zimmwell is holding its own even with the dry weather, along with the reservoir we are running at 135gpm thru the plant, which is the most we’ve been able to run in the past 3 years. Chemical usage is way down due to mixing the 2 sources and using more from the reservoir than in the past. I would like to ask the authority to approve the purchase of a backup soda ash pump as we do not have one.

Borough Manager’s Report –

As of Wednesday, June 15, 2023, the Water Authority still needs to collect approximately \$25,000.00 in late Utility Bills – I was happy to attend the Impact Grant Meeting in Chambersburg on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, to receive the Impact Grant Certificate and get my photo taken with the County Commissioners, and to thank them for all their support. I need to follow up with some administrative tasks so they can move our contract forward. I have added copies of the Daily Water Withdrawal/Instream Flow Requirements Report for BuckRun on the table for anyone to review. On Tuesday, June 27, 2023 – EPA FY23 Community Grant – Mercersburg Water Authority has a Microsoft Teams Meeting with Kira Wright & Marissa Price (GMS) Lance Hoover (TideHide Environmental) Sam Wisner & Dawn Scheller (Salzmann & Hughes) Ed Twine and me. –

We can use this time to talk about your project and any concerns/questions you might have about the grant process. Feel free to forward along to others that should be included. We look forward to meeting you!

*Joe Schulingkamp
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I am hoping to have heard back from Lance Hoover regarding the easement requirements at the Mercersburg Elementary School by tomorrow - we are waiting on the response from Glenn Watson (Dennis E. Black Engineering, Inc)

Old Business –

Motion to Purchase a Back-Up Soda Ash Pump for \$1K.

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

New Business –

Motion to accept the Bid Proposal from PSI – in the amount of \$149,810.00. for the PRV Project

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote:
Jason Frey	Joe Creighton	All Favored – Motion Carried

Motion to accept Lane Hoover – Hidetide Environmental. LLC to act as official of the Water Authority for Project Administration & Project Advancement for the Distribution System PRV Project.

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

2022 Consumer Confidence Report has been posted to the Borough Website and Borough Board & Post Office for the Public to view.

Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:10pm

Motion by:	Second by:	Voice Vote
Michael Pedersen	Jason Frey	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 07/20/2024 motion by Frey Seconded by Creighton

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