

Mercersburg Sewer Authority
Borough Hall, 113 South Main Street, Mercersburg
January 9, 2025
MINUTES

Attending: Chairman Jim Malone, Member Joe Creighton, Member Stephanie Brindle, Member Ed Twine, Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, Administrative Professional Pete Stotemyer and Water & Sewer Plant Laborer Donnie Keefer

Absent: Member Tim Stanton

Guests/Press: Abigail Keefer 1488 Glen Elen Dr Chambersburg PA 17202

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Not Available in time for the meeting

MINUTES

MOTION: to approve the December 12, 2024, meeting minutes as presented, this motion was made by Twine, seconded by Creighton, all ayes, motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

There were several delinquent accounts, but they have all paid and service has been restored. The next billing cycle begins on January 10, 2025, and the total was 1,044 bills. This is the last billing cycle before the rate increase.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

None

OPERATOR'S REPORT

The composite samplers did not pull samples on Wednesday January 8, 2025, which may have been caused by a power surge. Control Systems 21 was called to see if they could determine what went wrong, or if the system samplers need to be reprogrammed. The flow meter was not damaged during the power surge. The control panel at the main pumping station was damaged and cannot be repaired so it will need to be replaced. PSI has it running temporarily until a new control panel can be installed. PSI provided a quote of \$15,056 to supply and install a new control panel along with a back-up float system. Manager Scheller will reach out to the insurance provider to see if any of the damage will be covered, and if West Penn Power shares any responsibility for the power surge. PSI was able to get the Penn Valley pump to work despite the seal still being damaged. As a result, digester #1 was able to be pumped out. PSI is planning to return January 10, 2025 to replace the damaged seal. The VFD was also damaged during the power surge, but, with a new relay for \$500, it should be able to operate until the new sewer plant is completed. A check valve for digester #1 needs to be replaced. Once this is replaced, digester #1 should be back to normal.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: to approve PSI quote #1664 for \$15,056 to supply and install a new VFD controller setup with an added back-up float system was made by Creighton, seconded by Brindle, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve a swimming pool credit for 1,000 gallons of water for 5966 Buchanan Drive was made by Twine, seconded by Brindle, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to enter into executive session for possible land acquisition with no action to be taken was made at 7:24PM by Brindle, seconded by Twine, all ayes, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 7:59PM with no action taken.

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM was made by Brindle, seconded by Creighton, all ayes, motion carried.

These meeting minutes have been transcribed by Pete Stotelmyer with the use of his meeting minutes and audio recording and have been respectfully submitted to the Authority for approval.

Date approved: _____ **Motion:** _____ **Seconded:** _____

Signature: _____

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