

Mercersburg Water Authority Meeting
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA 17236
May 21, 2026
MINUTES

ATTENDING: Chairman Ed Twine, Vice-Chairman Jason Frey, Member Joe Creighton, Member Jacob Morgan, Mayor Michael Pedersen, Water & Sewer Plant Laborer Donnie Keefer, Borough Manager Matthew Moxley, Administrative Professional Angela Alleman

GUEST(S)/PRESS: Reference Sign in Sheets

Chairman Twine called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened the floor to Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tiffany Black – Inquired about the Water Authority vacancy and was advised that, at this time, it remains only a potential vacancy, as a formal resignation has not yet been received.

TREASURERS REPORT

MOTION: To approve April 2026 Treasure’s Report was made by Morgan, seconded by Frey, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve April 2026 Bills Payable Report was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve April 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes was made by Frey, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Not scheduled to be present. Report provided for review.

WATER AND SEWER LABORER’S REPORT

Donnie Keefer reported that higher temperatures earlier in the week and over the weekend caused the filters to slow as water temperatures increased. With cooler temperatures expected, he anticipates maintaining a plant flow rate of 120 gallons per minute.

PUBLIC WORKS

Written report included.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Not scheduled to be present.

Manager Moxley will follow up with Sam Wiser regarding the scheduling of a meeting with PADEP concerning the Buck Run Project.

GMS REPORT

Kelly O’Connor reported updates on ongoing grant efforts, including the joint \$3.6 million water and sewer line grant application submitted with the Sewer Authority. Support has been received from Senator McCormick, Congressman Joyce, and Senator Fetterman through an additional funding

category, creating a second potential funding opportunity. The grant process is expected to take approximately one year.

An update was also provided on Congressman Joyce's grant request, which is currently in the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee process. Results from the initial markup meeting were expected soon.

Chairman Twine thanked Kelly for her continued support of the grant initiatives.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Moxley reported on a letter that has been prepared for MMP&W regarding tank levels and emergency use regulations. He also shared a map identifying all fire hydrants within the Borough. He will work with the PWD to verify which hydrants are in working order.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: To extend the Water Conservation Notice was made by Creighton, seconded by Frey, all ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Moxley reported that Mercersburg Academy is planning a Central Utility Plant project that will include approximately 6,000 linear feet of heating water pipe. A land use permit application has been submitted, though the applicant requested a one-month delay due to the project's estimated \$40 million cost and associated fees. The applicant also wanted to keep the Borough and Water Department informed of the project. Members agreed that a letter of intent must be received and reviewed prior to permit approval.

MOTION: To approve High Tide Invoice #719 (\$1,070.32) was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Joint Equipment Fund Transfer payment (\$1,500.00) was made by Frey, seconded by Creighton, all ayes, motion carried.

Manager Moxley reported that representatives from LB Water Services provided a demonstration of a meter attachment system offering automated readings, leak detection, tamper alerts, and high-flow monitoring. Quotes were presented for review. Members agreed to prioritize completion of the existing Neptune meter reader upgrade project before considering additional technology systems. LB Water Services will be advised that the Borough is not prepared to pursue the proposal at this time but may revisit it in the future.

Approval of the Negley's Water and Well Drilling estimate for Buck Run well level instrumentation was tabled for further review.

Vice Chairman Frey expressed interest in exploring the Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP), offered through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), which provides grant funding to assist municipalities with long-term financial and management planning. The effort would require coordination between the Borough Council, MWA, and MSA.

MOTION: To make Borough Council aware that the MWA supports pursuing the STMP program and to request Council's consideration in participating was made by Morgan, seconded by Creighton, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To execute Economic Development & Community Development Initiatives Program Invoice (\$150,000) was made by Morgan, seconded by Creighton, all ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The new service request from Blue Trindel was discussed. Member Creighton reported that during the Sewer Authority meeting on May 14, 2026, Mr. Trindel was advised to consult with an engineer to research costs associated with the extended connection distance to the main sewer line, as well as any alternative options, and report back with findings.

Members reviewed a letter from Pinnacle Ridge Lumber expressing interest in purchasing timber. Member Morgan reported that he is exploring additional timber sale opportunities.

An email from Richard Yale requesting a letter from MWA confirming permission to disconnect from the water system was discussed. Members advised that Mr. Yale should contact Peters Township regarding the request. Members agreed that MWA could provide a statement clarifying that he is not required to remain connected to the MWA water supply.

Mayor Michael Pedersen shared that, after considerable thought, he was submitting his letter of resignation from MWA. He stated that, while the decision came with mixed emotions, he believed it was the appropriate course of action in order to focus on other priorities. He further noted that he believed other qualified candidates would be well-suited to assume the role and continue the work effectively. Mayor Pedersen also stated that he is willing to continue assisting in any way he can in his capacity as Mayor. Mayor Pedersen requested that the resignation be made official so that the process of identifying and appointing a replacement could begin. Members expressed appreciation for his years of service and thanked him for his contributions.

Members agreed not to enter Executive Session.

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:25 PM was made by Morgan, seconded by Frey, all ayes, motion carried.

Date Approved: 6/18/26 **Motion Made By:** Creighton **Seconded:** Morgan



Borough Manager

