

**Mercersburg Water Authority Meeting  
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA 17236  
June 18, 2026  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** Chairman Ed Twine

**GUEST(S)/PRESS:** Reference Sign in Sheets

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**TREASURERS REPORT**

**MOTION:** To approve May 2026 Treasure's Report was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

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

**MINUTES**

**MOTION:** To approve May 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Not scheduled to be present. Report provided for review.

Vice-Chairman Frey presented a supplement to the engineer's report noting that MWA is awaiting a DEP meeting and continues to express concern that the Buck Run plant project is overly expensive and unaffordable. He suggested considering value engineering options to reduce costs while maintaining required functionality, including review of plant size, layout, and equipment. High Tide Environmental and Martin & Martin proposed completing a value engineering review of the permitted Buck Run plant at an estimated cost of approximately \$10,000. It was also noted that the DEP will question why MWA did not proceed with PennVest funding. The value engineering review, along with the Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP), may help with support documentation explaining why the PennVest offer was not accepted. Members voted to proceed, with the matter to be reviewed by the Solicitor and brought back for another vote at the next MWA meeting in July if necessary.

**MOTION:** To perform a value engineering study on the Buck Run Treatment Plant with full transparency was made by Morgan, seconded by Creighton, two ayes, one abstention (Frey), motion carried.

### **WATER AND SEWER LABORER'S REPORT**

Donnie Keefer reported that a recent issue occurred after the vendor changed the brand of soda ash, resulting in line blockages due to suspected recrystallization. The existing rigid supply line became clogged and was ultimately replaced with a direct flexible line from the pump to the injection point to prevent future buildup. The vendor (Univar) will be contacted to determine if similar issues have been reported and whether an alternative product is needed.

He also reported that plant operations remain stable, with Buck Run experiencing reduced demand compared to the same period last year while maintaining adequate storage levels. The reservoir was recorded at approximately 37 feet, above flood-level capacity. He noted optimism about current conditions but expressed concern about sustaining performance through the peak summer months.

Donnie also requested authorization for mud well cleaning and biannual inspection and maintenance of both the new and old PRVs. After review of costs and budget allowances, he was authorized to proceed with the maintenance items.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Written report included.

### **SOLICITORS REPORT**

Not scheduled to be present.

### **GMS REPORT**

Not scheduled to be present.

Vice-Chairman referenced ongoing STMP information and noted prior motions by the MWA and MSA to explore potential assistance from GMS and DCED, including managerial, accounting, staffing, and operational review support. GMS has agreed, under the MWA retainer, to assist with the effort. Borough Council involvement at this stage would primarily be to authorize GMS and DCED to present available options rather than commit to implementation.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Moxley suggested setting timeframes and deadlines for accepting billing disputes.

**MOTION:** To add billing dispute discussion item to the June 18, 2026 agenda was made by Frey, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To establish a rule that no bill can be disputed after the last day of the billing cycle and update MWA Rules and Regulations was made by Frey, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

Manager Moxley reported that he approved the purchase of a water separator for Public Works Department vehicles after discovering water contamination in diesel fuel.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

**MOTION:** To approve mailing of the Tractor Supply unmetered usage letter was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve mailing of the edited Emergency Water Usage Policy letter to MMP&W was made by Frey, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

The topic of reinstating delinquent account shut-off notices has been tabled until the July meeting allowing members and staff to review MWA Rules and Regulations.

**MOTION:** To approve mailing of the Richard Yale disconnect letter was made by Frey, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

After brief discussion, it was decided to table the letters of interest for the vacant MWA seat until the July meeting when the full panel will be present.

**MOTION:** To approve PSI Pay Application 9 - Invoice 1431-Park Ave. WTP (\$386,092.58) was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve PSI Pay Application 10 - Invoice 1442 Park Ave. WTP (\$214,352.27) was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve PSI Pay Application 4 - Invoice 1443-Park Ave. WTP (\$105,750.00) was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve PS1 Park Ave Contract Change Order 2024-A-2 Wage Rate Adjustment (\$55,671.66) was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve PSI Park Ave Contract Changer Order 2024-B-1 Wage Rate Adjustment (\$3,470.70) was made by Morgan, seconded by Creighton, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve JHA Invoice #47020 (\$5,698.50) was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve High Tide Invoice # 731 (\$1,317.20) was made by Morgan, seconded by Creighton, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve Laboratory Services Proposal was made by Frey, seconded by Morgan, two ayes, one nay (Creighton) motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve 2025 Annual Drinking Quality Report was made by Frey, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve EPA Grant Certification Form was made by Morgan, seconded by Creighton, all ayes, motion carried.

Members acknowledged receipt of the Mercersburg Academy Central Plant Proposed Water Usage Intent Letter. They requested that a water consumption comparison be prepared. The next step in the process will be for the Academy to submit a request for a Will Serve Letter.

Member Creighton reported that the Park Avenue Water Treatment Plant project remains on schedule, with connection to the water main anticipated in early July. Once water is introduced into the plant, startup and testing activities will continue. A change order is being prepared to address fire hydrant and piping modifications, sidewalk restoration, and other site improvements, with completion anticipated by August. The 300,000-gallon storage tank has been completed and will undergo hydrostatic testing prior to being placed into service. Members discussed options for filling and testing the tank and associated piping, noting that hauling water for testing would be costly and is not preferred. Electrical work remains pending coordination with West Penn Power to complete the facility's power connection.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Members reviewed the results from the Nationwide Views of Small Community Water Systems on Partnerships and Partnership Related Policies.

**MOTION:** To enter Executive Session at 8:43PM was made by Morgan, seconded by Creighton, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To resume regular meeting session at 8:55PM was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 8:56PM was made by Creighton, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

**Date Approved:** 7/16/26

**Motion Made By:** Frey

**Seconded:** Morgan

  
Borough Manager

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