

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority  
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA  
January 10, 2013  
MINUTES**

**Attending: Chairman Catalin Bonciu, Vice-Chair William Gaunt, Secretary Treasurer Dan Chayes, Jim Malone, Engineer Lance Kegerreis, Manager Tammy Oberholzer**

**Absent: Doug Hoffman, Solicitor Sam Wiser, Assistant Manager Dawn Scheller**

**Press: None**

**Guests: None**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bonciu

Chairman Bonciu passed the gavel to William Gaunt, 2013 Sewer Authority Chair

There were no public comments.

**MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2012 and the Bills Payable for the month of December 2012 and Bills Payable list January 2013 was made by Dan Chayes, second by Jim Malone, all ayes, motion carried.**

The Meeting Minutes from the December 12, 2012 meeting were accepted as presented.

The Solicitor was not present and there was nothing to report.

The Engineer was present and reviewed the Park Avenue Sewer Line Rehabilitation project. Mr. Kegerreis discussed with the Board the possibility of allowing the winning contractor to be able to select when he would do the project as a way of getting more competitive bids. The Authority would give a "must be done by" date. Extending the bid time to a month to a month and a half will be helpful in receiving more competitive bids. The Board discussed with Lance the laterals as well. The Public Works staff would be able to use their sewer camera to inspect the laterals. The laterals can be done at any time per Lance. Lance also stated the current HOP permit from PennDOT will require being renewed. It currently expires March 15, 2012. Member Dan Chayes discussed storm water drainage on Park Avenue. Engineer Kegerreis indicated that the storm water really won't be a part of the sewer rehab project. He supported perhaps the Borough sending a letter along with letters from Park Avenue residents to the Maintenance Department of PennDOT requesting the storm water issue be addressed by PennDOT. The Engineer stated however, it was highly unlikely that the state would actually come in to repair, as it was the Borough's storm water runoff coming onto Park Avenue.

**MOTION: to authorize to proceed with the Bid Documents for the Sewer Rehabilitation project on Park Avenue and to put the project out for bid was made by Catalin Bonciu and seconded by Dan Chayes, all ayes, motion carried.**

Manager Tammy Oberholzer in her Manager's report informed the Authority that the Sewer Flusher was in need of repair as a fitting blew during the unblocking of a sewer line. The required repair will be approximately \$650.00. The Manager also reported that the Public Works supervisor Don Shaffer needed to investigate a tree root problem that he feels was the cause of the sewer line blockage at 19 South Fayette Street.

The Manager also reported to the Authority that Borough Council is in the process of a street rehab project and will keep the Authority informed of which streets are selected so that the Authority will be able to evaluate their lines on the selected streets.

The Manager reported of a sewer blockage at 307 – 309 North Main Street. At that location Public Works staff was able to video to 16 feet just before the curb. At that point they encountered a huge mass of mud, indicating perhaps the pipe has been broken. Manager Tammy Oberholzer reviewed the video with the Board. The discussion after seeing the video was that this could be a shared problem between the Sewer Authority and the property owner. The Board recommended the Authority investigate from their end first to determine the entire situation. The Manager will forward that information to the Public Works Staff and will have completed as soon as the flusher has been repaired.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

**MOTION to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. was made by Dan Chayes, seconded by Jim Malone, all ayes, motion carried.**

*These meeting minutes were transcribed by Tammy M. Oberholzer's meeting notes.*

*Respectfully submitted by Tammy M. Oberholzer Borough Manager.*

Approve Date: \_\_\_\_\_