

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority Meeting  
Borough Hall, Mercersburg PA  
January 8, 2015  
MINUTES**

**Attending:** Chairman Dan Chayes, Vice-Chair/Treasurer Jim Malone, Catalin Bonciu, Jonathan Kittredge, Borough Manager, and Assistant Borough Manager Derek Stoy

**Absent:** John Rose, Solicitor, and Engineer

**Guests:** Tim Rockwell, 153 Johnstons Lane, Mercersburg; Tom Heefner, 22 E. Fairview Ave, Mercersburg; Doug Hoffman, 331 North Main Street, Mercersburg; Ed Meyers, 12242 Johnstons Lane, Mercersburg

**Press:** None

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, one addition to the agenda was made for appointing officers, and then the floor was opened for Public Comment.

Tim Rockwell spoke to the Authority asking whether there would be a solicitor present for the meeting. Dan Chayes responded that the Solicitor is only present for the meeting if it is anticipated that they would need one.

Doug Hoffman spoke about his years of service on the Authority and his disappointment that he was not reappointed to the Authority Board. He offered his assistance to the Authority members. Doug spoke about it being difficult to find members to serve on the boards because it takes a lot of time and he was willing to serve again but for unknown reasons he was not reappointed.

Dan Chayes and Jim Malone both thanked Doug for his years of service especially from a financial standpoint. They too were surprised to hear that Doug Hoffman was not reappointed to the Authority.

Mr. Heefner spoke that he feels that there is an ulterior motive to Councils action.

Mr. Rockwell asked if there are stipulations on the makeup of the Authorities, and if the matter is being discussed with the Solicitor.

Doug Hoffman spoke about being a business person in town and Council wanting more business in town and wanting to work with business. He stated that he is not sure that he feels that way.

Ed Meyers posed the question and asked Jon what his interest is in serving on the Sewer Authority. Jon Kittredge stated that he was doing his civic duty. Ed Meyers asked if Jon would be applying for all the vacancies on other boards. Jon Kittredge said that he will see.

The discussion continued to occur about Jon's reasoning behind why he wanted to serve on the Sewer Authority and what his legal name is. The Authority also spoke about it being difficult to fill the vacancies on Boards and Authorities and why Council would not reappoint someone who was interested in continuing to serve. Jon Kittredge responded that it was a democratic process where the vote was 4-2 and that it rests there.

The Sewer Authority moved on to the appointment of Officers. Dawn Scheller provided review of the rotation that would typically occur on the Sewer Authority annually.

**MOTION: to approve to appoint the following officers; Dan Chayes as Chairman, Jim Malone as Vice-Chairman and Catalin Bonciu as Treasurer was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Jim Malone, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Jim Malone, second by Jon Kittredge, all ayes, motion carried.**

There was discussion if Catalin Bonciu was the Treasurer of record for the Borough could he/should he be the Treasurer for the Sewer Authority.

**MOTION: to rescind the motion appointing the officers was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to appoint the Officers for 2015 as follows; Dan Chayes Chairman and Jim Malone as Vice-Chair and Treasurer was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to approve the Bills Payable and Invoice List as presented was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jim Malone, all ayes, motion carried.**

Minutes were accepted as presented.

There were no items from the Solicitor or Engineer.

Chairman Chayes asked for the Manager's Report.

Dawn Scheller reported on the Sewer Sales information provided the Authority Members with a contact sheet, along with the 2015 Meeting Calendar.

Derek Stoy reported on the Mercersburg Academy recent test results, after discussion the Authority asked that the calculation and testing information be brought to the next Sewer Authority Meeting. He presented information regarding a chainsaw for the PWD along with information regarding a location camera pricing from HTMA. After discussion the following motions were made.

**MOTION: to approve 1/3 of the cost of the chainsaw estimate to be paid from the joint equipment fund was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Jim Malone, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to authorize Derek Stoy to contact HTMA to schedule them to locate and camera the Sewer Authorities Sewer Lines on East and West Seminary Streets not to exceed \$7500.00 was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jim Malone, all ayes, motion carried.**

The Authority spoke about the Reed Beds and the annual maintenance required. It was reviewed that the PWD Report was included in the packet for their review.

**MOTION: to adjourn at 8:08 pm was made by Jim Malone, second by Jon Kittredge, all ayes, motion carried.**

*These meeting minutes were transcribed with the use of Dawn Scheller's notes and have been respectfully submitted for approval.*

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_