

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg PA
March 8, 2018
MINUTES**

Attending: Vice-Chairman Jim Malone, Catalin Bonciu, John Rose and Acting Borough Manager Derek Stoy

Absent: **Chairman** Dan Chayes, Solicitor and Engineer

Guest(s) / Press: Jodi Martin 5631 Oakwood Drive, Gene Headley 9 Steiger Avenue

Vice Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Jodi Martin, on behalf of Anna Louise Kuhn spoke to the authority about a recent water leak in front of Ms. Kuhn's residence. During excavation of the water service, the sewer service to the main was compromised. Ms. Martin is requesting payment of \$1,164.41 to reimburse Ms. Kuhn for the costs of repairing the sewer service underneath the sidewalk in the area of the water curb stop. Vice Chairman Malone stated they would discuss this later and get back to Ms. Martin as soon as possible. Gene Headley was present and stated his desire to serve on the Sewer Authority. The committee members welcomed him and hoped that the Mercersburg Borough Council would appoint him to fill the vacancy left behind by Jon Kittredge's resignation. With no other public comment, Chairman Malone went on to the remainder of the agenda.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable Invoices for the months ending December 31, 2017, January 31, 2018 and February 28, 2018 was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by John Rose, all ayes, motion carried.

The December 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes were accepted as presented.

Derek Stoy presented his report which included information on the Karper Road lining project. Mr. Rehab completed the lining on February 9th and the length of the sewer run was longer than priced. There was an overage of the approved estimate of \$1,729. He stated he will need a motion to approve the extra cost.

MOTION: To approve the \$1,729 cost increase to the Karper Road lining project was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by John Rose. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Stoy continued his report by giving the authority an update on the reed bed excavation. He is hoping to move this project forward in June or July. He also stated that DEP performed a surprise inspection at the Sewer plant in December and the report was very good with no major issues. He went on to state that there was an issue at 106 East Seminary Street on January 29th. The issue was a clogged sewer service. The owner, Avery Cook, called the borough after hour's phone but it did not alert Mr. Stoy to a voicemail. When he came into work that following day (Monday) he got the message. Mr. Cook hired Steve Eberly to check into the issue the day prior. He found a clog out in the street. The Public Works Department dug up the street and found the pipe had pulled out and was causing the back up. Mr. Cook requested reimbursement to the amount of \$187.50 the cost of Mr. Eberly's bill. Mr. Stoy explained that the phone system needed software update at that was completed the same week and there shouldn't be any further issues with the afterhour's emergency line. The schedule of fees

resolution was next on his report and he stated he increased the labor rates 5% to cover wage and benefit increases.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2018-1-S Schedule of Fees was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by John Rose. All ayes, motion carried.

He also explained that the billing clerk's computer hard drive was failing and he ordered a new computer immediately. The cost was shared between Sewer, Water and Council and he received approval from all 3 chairmen prior to purchase. The shared cost for each entity was \$383 which included set up.

Vice Chairman Malone went on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: To approve a sewer credit of \$50.37 to Vada Green at 8 North Park Ave. was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by John Rose. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve a sewer credit of \$290.45 for Maria Brouse at 210 Linden Ave. Was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by John Rose. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve reimbursement in the amount of \$187.50 to Avery Cook for a sewer back up under the street. This is to cover the costs incurred by Mr. Cook, who's plumber discovered the leak was in the street, was made by John Rose, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to adjourn into executive session for possible litigation with action to be taken at 7:32 pm was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by John Rose. All ayes, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 7:51 p.m.

MOTION: to approve a payment of \$582.20 to Anna Louise Kuhn, 54 South Main St. to reimburse her for cost incurred during a water leak excavation. Also to ask the Water Authority to provide the same payment to Ms. Kuhn was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by John Rose. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to adjourn at 7:52 was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by John Rose. All ayes motion carried.

These meeting minutes have been transcribed and respectfully submitted for approval by Derek J Stoy with the use of his meeting notes and audio recording.

Date approved: _____