

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg PA
December 12, 2020
MINUTES**

Attending: Chairman Dan Chayes, Jim Malone, Gene Headley, Jon Piper, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Golden

Absent: Catalin Bonciu

Guest(s) / Press:

Chairman Dan Chayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Borough Manager explained that there is a balloon payment to pay off the sewer loan (Park Avenue Project) in the amount of \$28,147.82 and asked for a motion to pay.

MOTION: To approve a balloon payment of \$28,147.82 was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable month ending November 30, 2019 was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve November 14, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.

Authority moved into Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy reported that the 2020 budget has been advertised with a 3% rate increase and would need adopted at the meeting. Stoy also noted that the meeting dates would need approved for advertisement. Johnston's Run Trail is completed and a final inspection from DCNR is needed. Manager Stoy requested retroactive approval on a new paper chart recorder on the effluent side, Stoy contacted LRM to get a price and decided it made sense to replace the influent paper recorder as well. Stoy said the new recorder has been installed and DEP was notified of the failure. Manager Stoy will be out on vacation December 11th through the 16th. A Personnel meeting will be held on December 16, 2019. A Volunteer Luncheon will be held on January 15, 2020 from 11:30-1:00 PM at the MMP&W Activity Center.

Authority moved into Plant Manager's Report.

Jon Piper reported that he has been on his own since December 1, 2019 and is learning new things. Piper stated that he had three alarm calls. The testing time is taking twice as long as anticipated and he is doing twice the work. Piper also noted that the water level is high in the digester which is just a matter of getting the timing worked out.

Chairman Dan Chayes moved into New Business.

Chairman Dan Chayes gave an update on plant operations. AR&E has rebuilt the sludge pump for digester #2. AR&E provided a quote for \$2,975 to rebuild a spare pump for the reed bed under drain return, a substantial savings over a new unit and will provide a spare pump as a backup. Chairman

Chayes noted that a \$75,000 cap was approved for major repairs to offset the operations and maintenance line item.

MOTION: To approve expenditures from AR&E in the amount of \$2975 was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To retroactively approve LRM purchase for two chart recorders was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.

Jon Piper commented that SBR #2 was fully cleaned out and said the valve pops off. Chairman Chayes said the actuator can't be taken off the valve and the valves would need replaced. Chayes noted that these two items are the \$8000 quote from North East Technical Sales. Chayes said \$10,000 was approved in past for drives on the three primary blowers and would like that in the budget. Chairman Chayes commented pump #2 at the main transfer station is not functioning, this pump is a backup for the backup.

MOTION: To accept the proposed 2020 budget was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the proposed 2020 meeting dates the same and to advertise was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.

Gene Headley asked about a leak near the Presbyterian Church. Borough Manager Stoy confirmed that it did not go through the meter and got shut off and fixed.

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 7:33 PM with no intention to reconvene was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.

These meeting minutes have been transcribed and respectfully submitted for approval by Stacey Golden with the use of her meeting notes and audio recording.

Date approved: _____