

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority
Via Zoom, Mercersburg PA
September 10, 2020
MINUTES**

Attending Via Zoom : Chairman Dan Chayes, Jim Malone, Catalin Bonciu, John Rose, Gene Headley, Jon Piper, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Golden

Absent: None

Guest(s) / Press: None

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

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable month ending July 31, 2020 & August 31, 2020 was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, motion carried.

Authority discussed changes to the July 9, 2020 minutes for the last motion before adjournment motion to read:

MOTION: To approve the following quotes under New Business to include; A. VFD purchase quote of \$5589.15 and not to exceed \$7,000.00 from S&S Electric Motors, Inc., which includes installation, B. Valve/Actuator quote from DeZURIK and North East Technical Sales, Inc. of \$13,658.00 and not to exceed \$25,000.00, which includes installation, D. Sensaphone quote of \$1,364.42 (volunteering time to install) was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jim Malone. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept amendments to the July 9, 2020 minutes was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, motion carried.

No Solicitor or Engineer Report.

Authority moved into the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy reported on sewer plant updates to include: Service Influent Valves- Quote needs approved for installation; Waste Transfer Pump- Addressing several issues; Digester Blower #2 Timer Board- Board has failed and needs looked at; Main Pumping Station Alarm- Awaiting installation; Generator at Main Plant Operations- Automatic startup needed; Control Panel Heater- Heater at control panel at Main Pumping Station is in need of repair. Manager Derek Stoy continued in his report with presenting two requests from MACWELL that were later discussed under Old Business. Manager Stoy noted that contracted operations with JWP Environmental, Inc. has expired and asked for a decision on how to proceed with sewer plant operations saying that JWP Environmental, Inc. would like to continue operations. 34 Loudon Road resident called Manager Stoy on Saturday, July 18th to report his sewer was backing up and not properly draining, the resident contacted Mann Plumbing and Heating who discovered the problem was at the main line on Loudon Road and his house was the first house to receive the backup wastewater. Manager Stoy listed the request to pay the resident's expense for the plumber under New Business and explained that the resident didn't feel responsible for the bill. The air

conditioner at the sewer plant stopped working, the unit is over twenty years old, Stoy included two quotes to replace the unit with an option to add a heat pump and listed under New Business for review. Manager Stoy reported that he is working on three budgets for 2021 and asked the Sewer Authority to give him input on rate changes and recommended having the engineer prepare a needs assessment late this year for the plant moving forward. Manager Stoy concluded his report by saying the Personnel Committee will be interviewing for a school crossing guard prior to the council meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6 PM, the Water Authority is not planning to be present.

Authority moved into Old Business.

Authority discussed MACWELL's requests to extend the trail and to paint a mural on a wall on the Sewer Authority property.

MOTION: To deny MACWELL's request to extend the trail and any additional access to the southwestern portion of the Sewer Authority's property was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Gene Headley. Motion was carried on a 4 to 1 vote. Dan Chayes- Yay; Catalin Bonciu- Yay; John Rose-Yay; Gene Headley- Yay; Jim Malone- Nay.

MOTION: To deny MACWELL's mural painting request on a wall on the Sewer Authority's property due to the authority's decision to remove the wall in the future was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by John Rose. All ayes, motion carried.

Authority moved into the Plant Manager's Report.

Plant Manager Jon Piper reported there was an air line installed into the effluent weir and bubbling oxygen with residual solids was causing growth and slime to build up on the UV lights. The UV sensor was cleaned by Chairman Chayes which made readings to go from 2 to 7-8 which is where they should be, Chairman Chayes said the bulbs need cleaned on a regular basis. Chayes recommended that a controllable valve be installed on the 1.5" air line and it be set up to open only during the decant process. Plant Manager Piper gave an update on SBR #2 and SBR #1.

Authority moved into New Business.

The authority discussed options for replacing the air conditioning unit at the sewer plant.

MOTION: To accept the quote from McCleary Heating & Cooling LLC., Option 3, in the amount of \$5,779.00 was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jim Malone. All ayes, motion carried.

Sewer Authority discussed contracted plant operations since Jon Piper's contract expired. Chairman Dan Chayes suggested looking into other candidates, Jim Malone stated that sounded fair. Borough Manager Derek Stoy recommended staying with Mr. Piper since he is local and mentioned the concern of affecting the budget for a RFP and reaching out to the solicitor. Authority agreed that they were okay with extending Mr. Piper's contract.

MOTION: To extend existing terms of service with JWP Environmental, Inc. to April 1, 2021 and then

explore other options was made by Jim Malone, second by John Rose. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the invoice from Mann Plumbing and Heating for 34 Loudon Road in the amount of \$907.50 was made by John Rose, second by Jim Malone. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the quote from Musser Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$11,897.00 to change (2) 10" electronic valves in the pit was made by Jim Malone, second by Jim Malone. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve sewer credit in the amount of \$177.31 for pool filling at 128 Loudon Road was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve sewer credit in the amount of \$135.59 for pool filling at 14 North Main Street was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve sewer credit in the amount of \$135.59 for pool filling at 225 Beech Lane was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. All ayes, motion carried.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy explained that he would like to reduce the transfer pumps from two to one as suggested from Penn Valley Pump since repairing is not an option.

MOTION: To replace the two transfer pumps with one transfer pump not to exceed \$20,000.00 and for Borough Manager Derek Stoy and Chairman Dan Chayes to review the quotes was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jim Malone. All ayes, motion carried.

Borough Manager Stoy asked how the authority felt about the engineer doing a needs assessment for the future and also which direction to go with raising sewer rates. Chairman Dan Chayes said he felt good about the engineer doing a needs assessment but would like to know the cost and did not see a need to raise sewer rates. Manager Stoy said he would keep the rates the same for the budget and have a proposal from the engineer for next month's sewer meeting to look at approving an assessment of the plant moving forward.

Chairman Dan Chayes said there has been an issue with the heat tape and that there is a need to get all of the heat tape replaced with the thermostats as soon as possible. Manager Derek Stoy said he could reach out to Lance Hoover to see if he knows of any companies for quotes.

MOTION: To approve replacing all of the heat tape with the thermostats not to exceed a price of \$18,500.00 was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jim Malone. All ayes, motion carried.

Authority reviewed correspondences and committee meeting dates.

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:25 PM was made by Jim Malone, second by Catalin Bonciu. 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: _____