

**Mercersburg Water Authority
Council Hall, Mercersburg, PA
January 11, 2010 RESCHEDULED for January 18, 2011
7:00 PM
Minutes**

Attending: Michael Myers-Chair, Ed Twine – Vice-Chair, Larry Nair-Secretary/Treasurer, Gregg Davis, Issa Ziadeh, Tammy Oberholzer-Interim Borough Manager, Dawn Scheller-Interim Assistant Borough Manager

Press: None

Guests: None

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Myers asked the Water Authority for any questions or concerns regarding the Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable-Invoice list for the month of December.

MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report month ending December 31, 2010 and Bills Payable-Invoice list for the month of December 2010 was made by Larry Nair and second by Gregg Davis, all ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Myers asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the December 14, 2010 meeting minutes.

MOTION: to approve the Minutes from December 14, 2010 was made by Ed Twine, second by Larry Nair, all ayes, motioned carried.

Tammy Oberholzer presented the Engineer's Report. Tammy Oberholzer stated that the Mud Well Project is on hold until financing is secured.

Tammy Oberholzer provided an update on Findlay Park. She stated that McCullough would be checking the water valve boxes. Tammy Oberholzer stated that Borough Council has approved to accept the Streets from Dorsey Builders pending that the Water and Sewer Authorities accept the water and sewer lines. Tammy Oberholzer stated that Garry Brennan is awaiting the as built drawings for the water and sewer lines from a contractor. Once these are received, she will update the Authority and recommend that they accept the water lines in Findlay Park.

Chairman Myers asked if anyone had any questions. Ed Twine asked if we had received the results from the paint samples that were tested. Tammy Oberholzer stated that we did receive the results and the results were very favorable. She stated that the lead concentration was less than 0.010%. Tammy Oberholzer stated that she forwarded the report to Garry earlier in the day for his review and verify before the Authority proceeds with the next steps.

Tammy Oberholzer presented the Manager's Report. She stated that Sam Wiser received the counter offers from all of the Banks and F&M Trust offered the best rate at 3.37%. Tammy Oberholzer stated that all of the banks were informed of the lowest rate received and were provided a second opportunity to match or offer a better rate. Tammy Oberholzer stated that First National Bank of Mercersburg had stated that their lowest rate was 3.50%. Tammy Oberholzer stated that F&M Trust's offer was not contingent upon deposit account transfer and would not affect the accounts with First National Bank of Mercersburg. Tammy stated that Sam Wiser asked for two motions, the first motion to accept the offer and authorize the Chairman to sign a commitment letter, and the second to adopt a resolution granting the Water Authority permission to borrow \$210,000 from F & M Trust at a rate of 3.37% for the Mud Well Project. Once the commitment letter is signed, the closing date will be scheduled with the bank.

Chairman Myers asked for the Secretary/Treasurer's opinion. Larry Nair stated that 3.37% was a good rate and he stated that he contacted Bob Fignar from First National Bank of Mercersburg. Larry stated that First National Bank of Mercersburg was willing to match F & M Trust's offer of 3.37%. The Water Authority continued discussion. A concern of why First National Bank of Mercersburg did not offer to match the rate earlier was discussed. The Authority reviewed both Banks offers.

Larry Nair abstained from the vote as he is on the board for the First National Bank of Mercersburg.

MOTION: to authorize the Chairman to sign any and all documents for financing of the Mud Well Project preferably with the First National Bank of Mercersburg obtaining a rate equal to or less than 3.37%, should First National Bank of Mercersburg not offer a rate equal to or less than 3.37% the Water Authority then authorizes the Chairman to accept and sign any and all documents from F&M Trust securing the financing for the Mud Well project was made by Ed Twine, second by Gregg Davis, all ayes, motion carried.

Tammy Oberholzer stated she would keep the Authority informed of what she finds out.

Tammy Oberholzer stated that the Water Plant Trees were beginning to be marked. Tammy stated that no information for the Solar Panel Grant is available at this time. Tammy stated that the Authority received the insurance reimbursement for the replacement of the Buck Run Well Pump, and that the total expense was a \$1000.00 deductible. Tammy Oberholzer stated that Ed Twine recommended a company, which provided the Authority with an estimate for a surge protector. This estimate was a \$300.00 savings compared to another company's estimate.

Tammy stated that she spoke with DCNR about the Water Plant Bridge and has forwarded documents to Sam Wiser for review. Tammy stated the documents received did not include an ownership transfer but merely permission for the Authority to maintain and use the Bridge, which is not what she believed, was the intention. Tammy Oberholzer stated that she would contact DCNR and clarify some concerns that she has and keep the Authority informed.

Tammy stated that she received and provided three quotes for the Mountain Well Pump replacement. The Authority reviewed and discussed all three quotes.

MOTION: to act on the estimate from Eichelbergers in the amount of \$ 7,047.21 to replace the Mountain Well Pump was made by Issa Ziadeh, second by Ed Twine, all ayes, motion carried.

Tammy Oberholzer provided the Authority with information about accepting debit and credit card payments. Tammy Oberholzer believes that this would be a beneficial product and provide the residents with an alternant method for payment looking to decreasing the number of delinquent accounts. Tammy stated that she would continue to provide the Authority with additional detail should they wish to proceed. The Authority members stated that this would be beneficial and asked Tammy to continue to look into this product.

MOTION: to act on quote from MC Stuff Electric for the surge protector purchase and installation for the Buck Run Well Pump was made by Ed Twine, second by Larry Nair, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to appoint Ed Twine as the third check signer for the Water Authority Banking Accounts was made by Larry Nair, second by Gregg Davis, all ayes, motion carried.

Ed Twine asked if Tammy could request bids for painting the tanks at the Water Plant. Ed Twine recommended that the painting be completed before it gets to warm and that we may want to get a quote including epoxy paint. Ed asked Tammy to check with Garry on what he would suggest.

MOTION: to enter into executive session at 8:06 p.m. for personnel issues with possible action to be taken was made by Greg Davis, second by Larry Nair, all ayes, motion carried.

Resumed regular session at 8:19 p.m.

MOTION: to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. was made by Larry Nair, second by Gregg Davis, all ayes, motion carried.

Interim Assistant Borough Manager Dawn L. Scheller transcribed these minutes from her meeting notes and tape. Respectfully submitted by Interim Assistant Borough Manager Dawn Scheller.

Approved:
Date 2/8/11 1st Larry Nair 2nd Gregg Davis Carried

Dawn L. Scheller