

**Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
August 15, 2019
MINUTES**

Attending: Chairman Ed Twine, Larry Nair, Doug Hoffman, Jason Frey, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Golden, Solicitor Steve Coccorese

Absent: Michael Pedersen

Guests/Press: None

Chairman Ed Twine called the meeting to order at 7 PM with no public comments made.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report for the months ending May 31, 2019, June 30, 2019 and July 31, 2019 was made by Doug Hoffman, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Bills Payable/Invoice list for the months ending May 31, 2019, June 30, 2019 and July 31, 2019 was made by Jason Frey, second by Doug Hoffman. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the May 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Larry Nair, second by Doug Hoffman. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To enter into executive session at 7:04 PM was made by Doug Hoffman, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To come out of executive session at 7:59 PM was made by Doug Hoffman, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

Travis Amsley talked to the water authority about operations at the water plant and necessary upgrades/improvements needed. Amsley raised concern about the chlorine saying it needs to be under control and said the cost would be \$6500. Quotes from Heritage Environmental were provided.

The authority moved onto the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager, Derek Stoy, requested retroactive approval for GHD, a firm that Travis Amsley had assess the current situation at the water plant. Manager Stoy reported that DEP performed a dam inspection on July 11th, Stoy provided a copy of the report for review. Stoy briefed the authority on Grandview Tank stating that the new altitude valve is working well and has been set to the desired operating range however the tank is experiencing drops in chlorine levels during the operation cycles. Stoy gave two possible reasons for the drop and noted that the best option to remedy the situation is to install an electrically actuated solenoid valve on the new altitude valve. A quote for the valve was included in Stoy's report. The mountain well is currently not running due to iron issues, Stoy noted that the problem is trying to be solved but may need to look at other options. Pricing was provided for a new chlorine injector that is leaking and needs replaced. Manager Derek Stoy reported that Plant Manager, Paul Sharrow, resigned from his position on July 22nd. Travis Amsley from the Borough of Chambersburg and Public Works employee Donald Keefer have been assisting with plant operations. Stoy mentioned that "numerous issues" with the plant have been found and issues with DEP mandates that he wasn't aware of until July. Stoy said a MOU would need to be signed to have Mr. Amsley continue his work. Borough Manager Stoy moved on in his report to discuss the replacement of the 1997 F 350 mini dump/plow truck, saying the truck is using a quart of oil a day. Four quotes were provided with Keystone Ford giving the best price on the chassis and US Municipal giving the best price on the dump bed/plow. The total price for the truck is \$77,086. The Mercersburg General Purpose Authority contributed \$10,000 towards the purchase and council agreed to put \$10,000 of excess liquid fuels funds towards the purchase bringing the cost down to \$57,086.00 which would be

pulled from the Joint Equipment Fund. Both sewer and council approved the purchase. Stoy concluded his report with suggesting that well #3 be revisited to see if it can be put back online with a storage and treatment facility on site and possibly taking the filter system offline saying "nitrate treatment has come a long way".

MOTION: To approve the water authority's portion of the 1997 truck replacement purchase out of the Joint Equipment Fund was made by Larry Nair, second by Doug Hoffman. All ayes, motion carried.

Solicitor Steve Coccorese explained the conflict waiver and MOU between the Borough of Chambersburg and the Borough of Mercersburg to the authority. Coccorese stated that the conflict waiver was needed since they represented both the Borough of Chambersburg and the Borough of Mercersburg and noted that neither party would be favored but rather both be represented. Solicitor Steve Coccorese went on to explain the MOU which simply states that Travis Amsley would serve as the operator of record at the water plant as long as each party desires and either party could terminate that agreement at any time. The agreement would give Travis Amsley the authority to make a repair, replacement or upgrade to the water system if necessary to protect public safety, operator safety, or the environment, and the estimated cost of such repair, replacement, or upgrade estimated at \$10,000 or less.

MOTION: To approve Chairman Ed Twine to sign the conflict waiver from Salzmann Hughes and MOU between the Borough of Chambersburg and the Borough of Mercersburg was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve spending \$6500 from Heritage Environmental was made by Doug Hoffman, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To retroactively approve GHD to perform a plant evaluation report with possible improvements was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of a 3-way universal solenoid valve from MLK & Associates and installation in the amount of \$1760.00 was made by Larry Nair, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM was made by Doug Hoffman, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Date approved: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____