

**Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
September 19, 2019
MINUTES**

Attending: Chairman Ed Twine, Larry Nair, Jason Frey, Michael Pedersen, Plant Operator Travis Amsley, Engineer Lance Hoover, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Golden

Absent: Doug Hoffman

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 August 31, 2019 was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Bills Payable/Invoice list for the months ending August 31, 2019 was made by Larry Nair, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the August 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

The Authority moved into the Engineer's Report.

Engineer Lance Hoover reported that there was a meeting with DEP to discuss several things. Hoover discussed the Chapter 109 violation and discussed options in regards to the permit and recommended dropping back, taking the filter plant part back and asking DEP to move forward with issuing some PRV at this point in time. Borough Manager Derek Stoy said he felt that it was time to look at well #3. Engineer Lance Hoover said there is a lot of space at the well #3 site commenting that it has tremendous potential but would need treatment. Chairman Ed Twine said that it may be better to use funds to do upgrades at the water plant instead of getting well #3 online, Twine continued saying he thought the idea was great but the authority tried before and spent a lot of money in the process. Manager Stoy noted that it could take 2-3 years to get it online and said there is a meeting scheduled on October 15th with DEP and with plant operator Travis Amsley to discuss in further detail with them if it is a possibility noting that it doesn't hurt to ask. Engineer Lance Hoover explained that with the Chapter 109 violation there are a certain series of alarms needed to be able to shut the entire plant down and notify the operators. Plant Operator Travis Amsley recommended both options, focusing on the filter plant but also looking at well #3 for the future. Hoover reported on the grant saying when ready, GMS should be contacted and invoices submitted to get a reimbursement for the engineer fees. Borough Manager Derek Stoy concluded with saying that he will have a report from the meeting with DEP for the October's meeting.

The Authority moved onto the Plant Operator's Report.

Plant Operator Travis Amsley said chlorine levels have been cleaned up. Amsley gave an update on the wells and said the next step is to look at the pumps because some of them are overfeeding/underfeeding chemicals. Amsley noted that the filters are limping along. Chart recording changes were made from seven days to one day as mandated by DEP.

The Authority moved into the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy reported that the well pump at the mountain well locked up and had to be replaced on September 17th, Stoy requested retroactive approval for the purchase. The chlorine injector that was approved at the last meeting has been completed. Manager Stoy gave each authority member a copy of the GHD Report (Water Source and Filtration Plant Evaluation). The new 2019 Ford 550 chassis is at US Municipal and is expected to be in service by

mid-November. Manager Stoy noted that Falling Springs Environmental has given the authority a proposal to do DEP mandatory reporting. Stoy said that he feels that eventually this can be done in house. Stoy also said he has starting working on the budgets and would be taking the 3% wage increase to council, 1.5% for cost of living (COLA) and 1.5% for merit. Manager Stoy said he has a meeting with Benecon to get the 2020 health insurance rates.

MOTION: To retroactively approve Negley's proposal for a well pump for Mountain Well was made by Larry Nair, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To authorize GMS to initiate the initial submission for engineering fees with the CFA was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To move forward with the PRV Pit portion of the DEP permit was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To rescind the filtration upgrade part of the permit was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

Manager Derek Stoy noted that there will be a personnel meeting next month.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM was made by Larry Nair, second by Michael Pedersen. 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: _____