

**Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
October 17, 2019
MINUTES**

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

Absent: None

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 month ending September 30, 2019 was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Bills Payable/Invoice list for the month ending September 30, 2019 was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the September 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Larry Nair, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.

The Authority moved into the Plant Manager's Report.

Plant Manager Travis Amsley reported on the updates at the water plant noting that with DEP's permission Musser Mechanical will be making two repairs, to move a combined filter effluent tap to a location where a representative combined effluent tap sample can be taken and to fix issue with valves coming off the reservoir on Mountain Well. Amsley reported that the chlorine feed system is working well. Lead and copper testing was completed with twelve different samples from the community. The chart recorder was changed from a 7 day rotation to 24 hours. Amsley also noted that he started covering every other weekend for Donald Keefer Jr. Michael Pedersen asked if he could take a tour at the plant. Plant Manager Travis Amsley reported on a meeting with DEP about violations stating that as far as the drinking water there were no issues, DEP reporting was late for a few months but is current now. Amsley is creating spreadsheets and Secretary Stacey Golden will be helping to enter data. Amsley talked to the authority about chlorinating Buck Run Well noting that something needs figured out for the most cost effective, efficient way to treat it noting that a plan will be submitted to DEP. Amsley said the authority is at a "crossroads" for what needs done with the water system. The authority discussed options. Borough Manager Derek Stoy concluded said that what DEP wants is a letter from the board saying that the authority recognizes that they were in violation, requesting a time extension with a rough idea of a time line to fix the existing issues or have something else online. The authority agreed to bring engineer Lance Hoover into November's meeting to discuss options. Jason Frey suggested having an executive session prior to bringing the engineer in. Borough Manager Derek Stoy said executive session will begin at 6:30 PM and at the start of the regular meeting an announcement will be made that executive session was held.

MOTION: To amend the September 19, 2019 meeting minutes showing that Doug Hoffman was absent was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

The Authority moved into the Borough Manager's Report.

Manager Derek Stoy reported that the Buck Run meter is working again saying that at some point it will need replaced. Stoy noted that a quote from LRM was included in the packed to replace all the recorders with one unit that can be downloaded to a thumb drive. Marshall Stuff has been at the water plant trying to repair the panel boxes. Stoy reported that a new panel box to replace two existing ones may be needed. Stoy also reported on the meeting with

DEP recommending that Engineer Lance Hoover do a thorough feasibility study. Manager Stoy noted that a solution is being made to get into compliance with DEP regarding the chlorination with Buck Run Well. The loan at Orrstown Bank will be paid off at the end of 2019 freeing up \$10,000 a month which is reflected in the 2020 budget. Stoy reported that the last time water rates were raised was 2015. Stoy reminded the authority that funds will be need set aside for the PRV station project. Manager Stoy spoke to the authority about ideas to honor Doug Hoffman saying that an idea of a plaque to hang in borough hall commemorating Doug's service to the community was mentioned. An announcement of a Personnel meeting to discuss changes to the employee handbook and to talk about the health insurance surplus funds on October 21st at 7 PM was made.

MOTION: To allow the authority to donate \$250 to Hospice of Franklin County on behalf of Doug Hoffman was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

The authority moved into New Business.

MOTION: To accept the Aegion/Corrpro Maintenance Agreement Proposal was made by Larry Nair, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept Musser Mechanical, Inc. quote to replace valves, tee, pipe and meters which includes labor and materials at \$8,330 was made by Larry Nair, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept LRM Inc. quote for a paperless recorder/data logger in the amount of \$3500 was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy went over the 2020 budget saying it reflects a 3% increase in rates.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:50 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: _____