

**Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
April 16, 2020
MINUTES**

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

Absent: None

Guests/Press: None

Chairman Ed Twine called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM with no public comments made.

Chairman Ed Twine announced that for the record there was an executive session/conference call on April 9th and April 16th.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2020 was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Bills Payable/Invoice list for the month ending March 31, 2020 was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the March 19, 2020 meeting minutes as presented was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

Authority moved into the Engineer's Report.

Engineer Lance Hoover talked about operations at the water plant. Hoover stated that operationally everything was good. Check valves have been replaced and core sampling is completed and submitted to DEP. Engineer Lance Hoover said that he will be compiling data every Friday and submitting to DEP for core sampling. Hoover will evaluate and put the data on a sheet he has created for submission. Hoover continued by saying that there are two filters that need maintenance and DEP requires a permit to address the maintenance issues. Lance has started the permit process on behalf of the authority. Flow study is completed, numbers are in hand. Log in activations are being calculated accurately. Hoover explained that this determines the peak flow rates for the plant. Hoover stated "all in all, things are moving along in a good fashion". Chairman Ed Twine thanked Lance Hoover and commented that he was doing a great job.

Authority moved onto the Plant Operator's Report.

Plant Operator Lance Sourbier gave a brief update on the plant saying it is running well. Sourbier thinks that submitting daily information is satisfying DEP and concluded by saying that after this month there will be a real routine established.

Authority moved onto the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy started his report by saying that Lance Hoover addressed the plant updates that was on his report. Stoy moved onto trespassing issues at the water plant. Manager Stoy says he is concerned that the "Stay at Home" order issued by Governor Wolfe may have an impact on trespassing due to individuals being home more. Several individuals were seen on camera trespassing. Manager Stoy said he had Donald Keefer count the no trespassing signs and that there were eleven that say "No Trespassing" at the plant and there is no reason for anyone to say they

didn't know. The police department has issued citations. Manager Stoy updated the authority on the COVID 19 pandemic stating that there is still a revised schedule for employees. Stoy commented that hopefully by May if the weather breaks more projects can be completed such as painting curbs, grass mowing, weed control, etc. Stoy asked the authority to make a decision on which direction to go as it pertains to the existing water plant so reporting can be completed to DEP. Manager Stoy attached a correspondence for the loan payoff and said he would check when the current loan matures. Manager Derek Stoy completed his report by commenting that Mary Musser and son installed the check valves and that it took a total of eleven hours with an invoice of \$1100.00. Stoy spoke highly of Musser and said that he is a great asset to the authority and deserves a lot of credit due to his continue efforts to help the borough at low costs. Stoy noted that Musser sometimes doesn't even charge for work that is completed.

No Old Business.

Authority moved into New Business.

Chairman Twine opened the floor up for discussion about the direction of the water plant. Authority members gave their votes on how they would like to proceed. Twine asked Engineer Lance Hoover about chlorine injection, Hoover explained that Buck Run well bypasses the water plant and goes directly to the storage tank. Hoover stated that he has started the permit process with DEP to chlorinate. Hoover explained that all three wells would be pulled together and combined, then ran through a series of Iron and manganese filters and finally everything disinfected before reaching the storage tank. It was unanimously agreed that the authority would like to keep the existing plant and make upgrades. The project is estimated to cost \$1.44 million dollars. Engineer Lance Hoover explained that the option to upgrade the existing water plant included keeping Mountain Well and redevelop it, Keep Buck Run Well as is, do away with the reservoir at well not using and use everything around it. Chairman Twine asked Engineer Lance Hoover if the \$1.44 million dollar price included redrilling another well in the same vicinity if Mountain Well were to collapse. Hoover confirmed that the price did include that.

MOTION: To upgrade the existing water plant by pulling all three wells together (Mountain Well, Buck Run and well not currently using- do away with the reservoir and use everything around it) and build a new facility to get the iron out at an estimated cost of \$1.44 million dollars was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Ed Twine asked Borough Manager Derek Stoy about water rates. The authority discussed rate increases and how to implement them. Twine asked Stoy to get together with Engineer Lance Hoover and put their heads together to get a percentage schedule and added that any input would be graciously accepted.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM was made by Michael Pedersen, 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: _____