

**Mercersburg Water Authority
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
October 15, 2020
MINUTES**

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

Absent: None

Guests/Press: None

Chairman Ed Twine called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2020 was made by Larry Nair, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Bills Payable/Invoice list for the month ending September 30, 2020 was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the September 17, 2020 meeting minutes as presented was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.

Authority moved into the Engineer's Report.

Authority discussed naming the new well that was drilled "Zimm Well" after Clyde Zimmerman who did the work. Borough Manager Derek Stoy placed a phone call to Engineer, Lance Hoover during the meeting and discussed the name change. Hoover stated it could be changed. Engineer Lance Hoover went over the details of drilling the new well stating the initial drilling was completed with a 10" well and a 98' casing. Hoover said the well has a depth of 438' and a blown yield of 250 GPM. Engineer Hoover reported that the next step would be the aquifer testing which has been prepared by Read & Associates and has been submitted to PADEP for approval. The testing will have two phases, the step test and the 72-hour pump test. The step test determines the potential sustainable yield and the 72-hour pump test pumps the aquifer at the identified sustainable yield to verify acceptable capacity within the aquifer. Hoover stated in his report that once the tests are completed a new source sample will be collected for analysis. Hoover anticipates completing the testing within the next two weeks. Hoover also noted that when connection of two wells DEP usually doesn't allow both to be used at once however a request could be made. Chairman Twine expressed his concern for the pump to be ruined if it sits due to iron.

Authority moved into the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy reported on the water leaks on October 1st. Manager Stoy said there was another pressure spike on October 6th and a leak that occurred in front of the Mercersburg Elementary School. Stoy said the problem was the 3" pressure reducing valve which failed. Currently the valve is turned off and the 8" valve is on. Stoy said due to the leaks he was working with a company named

Swift Reach, an all call system recommended by the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association. The system will alert residents to emergencies. Stoy commented that he would like for all 3 entities to split the cost of the program. A 3-5 year contract is required with an initial startup cost of \$500 plus the annual charge of \$2,000. A mass mailing to customers would also be needed at a cost of approximately \$800 which would be the initial contact to alert customers. Manager Stoy continued in his report with the new mountain well update, the well has been drilled and Engineer Lance Hoover provided an update. Stoy discussed the special meter reading charge that is in the schedule of fees, Stoy said the charge has never been used but lately there has been a slam of numerous delays at closing which causes more work for Billing Clerk, Cindy Piper and the Public Works department to go back out and read the meter again. Stoy recommended charging the fee anytime after the initial final meter reading has been processed. Stoy reported on the 2021 proposed budget saying he created the "best guess budget for 2021". Stoy said the budget would need approved for advertising. Both potable water pumps are down due to faulty floats, two were purchased from a company in Newville called DSI which will need retroactively approved. CorrPro Cathodic Protection Contract is under New Business for approval, this is a annual contract to inspect the water supply tanks. Stoy said a backwash pump will need replaced, DSI provided a proposal to purchase one from them. Manager Stoy concluded his report with noting that in bringing #3 filter back online a new 10" valve will be needed, USA Bluebook is the only vendor that could provide this special valve. Stoy attached a proposal from USA Bluebook saying once received the filter can be brought back online.

No Old Business.

Authority moved into New Business.

MOTION: To accept the 2021 preliminary budget and approve for advertising was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the all call system, Swift Reach, as recommended by Pennsylvania Rural Water Association was made by Larry Nair, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To retroactively approve the purchase of the potable water pumps from DSI not to exceed \$2800 was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of the backwash pump and all accessories from DSI not to exceed \$4800 was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To implement/begin to act on the special meter reading charge of \$20 after the initial final meter reading has been processed was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To reinstate CorrPro one more year to inspect the water supply tanks was made by Larry Nair, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To proceed with the purchase of the 10" filter valve from USA Bluebook was made by Jason Frey, second by Larry Nair. All ayes, motion carried.

Stoy noted that Dennis E. Black would have an engineer proposal for review at next month's meeting.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:26 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: _____