

**Mercersburg Sewer Authority  
Borough Hall, Mercersburg PA  
October 14, 2021  
MINUTES**

**Attending:** Chairman Dan Chayes, Jim Malone, Gene Headley, Lena Eckstine, Plant Operator Jon Piper, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Golden

**Absent:** None

**Guest(s) / Press:** None

Chairman Dan Chayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

No public comments.

**MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report & Bills Payable for month ending August 31, 2021 & September 30, 2021 was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.**

The Authority accepted the August 12, 2021 minutes as written.

Authority moved into the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy commented that the authority financial figures were "looking good" with \$6000 over in the budget.

Authority moved into the Plant Manager's Report.

Plant Operator Jon Piper reported that for the fourth month in a row there were no violations and the UV monthly sampling & monitoring continues to be compliant. The SBR's for the fourth month in a row are operating well with excellent settling, healthy biological activity, higher than permit required levels of DO in the effluent and a clear effluent discharge into Johnson's Run. The plant went into storm operation twice in the reporting period, the second storm event the plant would not reset schedule as necessary. A "hairball" collecting around a float was causing it to fail, it was removed and the problem was resolved. There was one alarm call for high water and digester issues.

Authority moved into the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy gave an update on the camera/flusher saying he only got one price so far. Stoy provided a quote, Pow-R-Mole Sales, LLC of \$11,142.00. Stoy said the camera could be "in hands" by November. Manager Stoy provided a quote for the sensaphone alarm system for Findlay Park Pump Station Control Systems 21. Stoy said the price didn't include labor to install but would try to wrap the install in another visit as they work on a regular basis at both the water and sewer plants. DEP has requested a sample from the decant pit when a decant is actually happening over a 24 hour period. Manager Stoy said a quote from Control Systems 21 to do the install to adjust the flow pacing capabilities to allow this to happen has been received. Manager Stoy explained that for the current year's budget neither Water or Sewer Authorities have reimbursed the council for pension plan payments. Stoy said normally the state pension covered those fees but that did not happen for 2021

and it isn't expected for 2022. Manager Stoy presented the board with a budget without a rate increase stating that the budget is not balanced and a 3% rate increase will be needed. The budget will need approved for advertisement for a minimum of thirty days with a final approval in December. There will be a Personnel meeting to go over health insurance and a possible change to the employee handbook.

No Old Business.

Authority moved into New Business.

**MOTION: To approve expenses for both A & B for Control Systems 21 to install an alarm system at Findlay Park Pump Station and to set up timed sampling as mandated by DEP was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve an RFP for consulting engineering services to upgrade the waste water treatment plant upgrade project was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.**

Engineer Lance Hoover will reach out to consultants as well and upload it to the website and around December or January approve.

**MOTION: To approve sewer credit for 102 Oregon Street in the amount of \$83.44 was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. Motion carried with one abstainee. Dan Chayes abstained due to knowing the owner.**

**MOTION: To approve the quote from Pow-R-Mole Sales LLC for the purchase of a camera/flusher in the amount of \$11,142.00 was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve a 3% rate increase budget advertisement was made by Jim Malone, second by Gene Headley. Motion failed on a 3 to 1 vote. Lena Eckstine-Nay; Gene Headley-Nay; Jim Malone-Nay; Dan Chayes-Yay.**

The authority discussed inflation and possibilities.

**MOTION: To approve the budget for advertisement with no rate increase was made by Jim Malone, second by Lena Eckstine. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To adjourn at 7:57 PM was made by Lena Eckstine, second by Gene Headley. All ayes, motion carried.**

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

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_