

**Mercersburg Water Authority  
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA  
December 16, 2021  
MINUTES**

**Attending:** Ed Twine, Jason Frey, Dr. Michael Pedersen, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Secretary Stacey Golden

**Absent:** None

**Guests/Press:** None

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

No Public Comment.

Authority moved into the Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable.

**MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report for month ending November 30, 2021 was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve the Bills Payable for month ending November 30, 2021 was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To accept the October 26, 2021 meeting minutes as written was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.**

Authority moved onto the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy reported that the 2022 budget was advertised for several months without any comments and will need approved under old business. Stoy also presented the authority with the 2022 meeting date calendar asking for approval noting that the authority meets the third Thursday of the month. Manager Stoy recommended to the authority to purchase a pipe locator explaining that parts are not available for the current locator and that markings were made incorrectly on a 10" water main on Buchanan Trail West which caused West Penn Power to hit it slightly with a pole auger. Stoy commented that it could have been "catastrophic" if they would have center punched the main. Stoy said he obtained pricing for three different units from Pow-R-Mole Sales, LLC and the Sewer Authority has approved the purchase pending the Water Authority split the cost 50/50. The proposal will include four hours of onsite training with the locator. Stoy asked the authority to review the proposal form GMS Funding Solutions. GMS has been beneficial in obtaining the grant from CFA years ago. Stoy said he would like to look at applying for Franklin County COVID money and GMS would play a vital part in that. Engineer Lance Hoover joined the meeting via telephone to explain to the authority the current status of searching for a new well along with the status of the Zimm well. Hoover's report to DEP was also attached. Manager Stoy asked for a motion to approve water rate increasing for the fourth quarter billing period which will be sent out January 10, 2022. Manager Derek Stoy concluded with dates the office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holiday.

Authority moved into the Engineer's Report.

Engineer Lance Hoover spoke to the authority via telephone. Hoover explained that two wells were drilled with no success and Shippensburg University grad students would be willing to come at no charge to the water authority to do a detailed hydrogeologic study of the area to determine a suitable location for a new groundwater source. Hoover stated that the authority is also in discussions with Read & Associates for a similar study should Shippensburg University not be able to provide assistance. Hoover reported on the Zimm Well saying it is operating under the new emergency permit. Hoover said the department inspected the site on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and found three items that need addressed, the items were addressed and a "Certificate of Construction Completion" was submitted on December 8<sup>th</sup> with hopes of obtaining an operating permit in the very near future. Hoover said Buck Run Well is luckily providing what is needed. Engineer Hoover concluded with saying there are several avenues for grant funding.

Authority moved into Old Business.

**MOTION: To adopt the 2022 budget as written was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

Authority moved into New Business.

**MOTION: To approve the Pow-R-Mole quote in the amount of \$4,696.00 for a new pipe locator with the cost being split 50/50 between the water and sewer authorities was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve the meeting calendar dates as proposed was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve the water rate increase for the fourth quarter billing was made by Jason Frey, second by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To allow Shippensburg University to get a detailed hydrogeologic study to determine suitable locations for a new groundwater source with telling DEP that there is interest in obtaining a permit to evaluate Test Well #5 was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Jason Frey. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To retain GMS Funding Solutions for the proposed project assignment #2 for 1.5-2.14 million dollar grant was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

Manager Derek Stoy said the county was not close to putting any information out about when they are putting money out and it could be next year until anything is owed.

**MOTION: To go into Executive Session at 7:55 PM for personnel matters not to reconvene was made by Jason Frey, second by Michael Pedersen. 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_