

MABE Meeting Minutes August 25, 2015

In Attendance:

Absent:

Others In Attendance:

Rick Shaw
Floyd Jennelle
Jose Colon
Mike Popow
Darrell Gibble
Charlotte Gehman
Joe Boldaz

Stephen Kalis

Dave Friedman
Andrew DiProspero, PIRMA

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mike to approve the Meeting Minutes of the July 28, 2015 Board Meeting. Second by Darrell. Motion Approved.

Public Comment

Andrew DiProspero reviewed the action items from Stephen's PIRMA coverage analysis. He described insurance coverage and possible extensions. Additional flood insurance may possibly be purchased for an estimated \$1000-1500 a year in combination with the Borough. This would only cover high hazard areas which includes the Corbett Pump Station. He explained that Earthquake is a technical term for underground shifting of plates and is not referring to earth movement. Earth movement is specifically excluded, so there is no coverage in the current policy. Andrew has not tried to seek coverage for this in the past, but will inquire. Current policy does not include decontamination. Aside from Flood and Earthquake, there are no policy add-ons available. Discussed the liability coverage also. MABE is obligated to report any potential claim. Andrew suggested MABE forward him the Selective denial letter and let him review to see if he can add any coverage and put the Board's mind at ease. Charlotte will send the final Selective denial letter to Andrew for review.

Correspondence

Barbacane Thornton Audit Quote – Review of all quotes received based on a three year contract. **Motion by Rick to approve Reinsel as MABE auditor for the next three years based on costs as quoted. Second by Floyd. Motion Approved.** Charlotte will reply to all firms with results.

County Check Presentation – Rick suggests having a ceremony at the September or October MABE Meeting. Borough Council will be invited. Charlotte will try to arrange with the County.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Rick to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Floyd. Motion Approved.

Admin Update

Collections Update – Update on status of accounts in collections.

Carbonite Update – Actual cost of yearly cloud back-up is \$80.00. Charlotte will purchase the most basic plan for \$47.00.

Dehumidifier Purchase – Charlotte is looking for approval to purchase a dehumidifier for the office attached to the garage at the treatment plant entrance. The dehumidifier will reduce dampness where files are stored. It will have a hose going directly to the drain, so the unit will not have to be emptied manually. Estimated cost is around \$200.00.

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Floyd recommends a 70 pint size based on the size of the room. **Motion by Darrell to approve purchase of dehumidifier and drain hose at a cost not to exceed \$300.00. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Operator's Report

Plant is running well. No violations. HVAC system is running well. Continuing to make minor adjustments. Stopped lagoon pumping. New pump has been installed for Pump Station 5.

Jose said a neighbor complained of the smell at the plant, but the boards feeling is that it is the manure being spread at the neighboring property. Dave confirms that the plant would only smell with a major problem, which would result in violations.

Engineer's Report

Disinfection Upgrade – The HVAC system has been running consistently for the last 2 months. The Operator has stopped flushing the strainer and is experimenting with the flow rate through the system. Joe feels the problem with the system may have been resolved and is likely related to a programming error in the control panel. Eastern will be contacted to finalize the project cost.

Lagoon Closure Project Completion Schedule, Interim Closure Project – Joe has responded to the County with the project timeline. HtP has prepared proposals for an interim project to drain the upper lagoon and place the on-site fill into the impoundment. Joe expects to bring bids for the interim project to the September meeting. Also discussed some options to increase the pressure and flow of water to the treatment plant. Options consider drilling a new well or extending public water in a 6 or 8 inch pipe from the Springfield development. Joe will provide an evaluation of the options.

CEFC Sewer Connection – Hydraterra witnessed the connection for the church. This required two days on site.

Solicitors Report

Consent Order – Approval and initial payment of \$6,900.00 will occur at the September meeting.

Springfield Village Dedication-no activity to report.

Insurance Review – Will see what Andrew can offer for Earth movement and cost.

Old Business

WWTP Landscaping – Rick asked Dave and John to do a review of the plant and the landscaping areas at the plant and whether any changes need to be made.

New Business

Capital Improvement Plan – Dave's contract includes a wish list and Joe is asking the Board to consider items that may need to be replaced. Blowers, emptying and cleaning the two reactor tanks, lakeside screen, water line (included in grant), pump replacement plan. Will discuss again in September.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16 p

Next meeting will be on September 29, 2015 at 7:00p at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by Charlotte Gehman