

# MABE Meeting Minutes February 27, 2018

## In Attendance:

Rick Shaw  
Darrell Gibble  
Jose Colon  
Lori Sifford  
Joseph Boldaz  
Stephen Kalis  
Charlotte Gehman

## Absent:

Floyd Jennelle

## Others In Attendance:

Steve Fegan, EEMA  
Bob Preston, Hydraterra

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

### Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Lori to approve the Meeting Minutes of the January 30, 2018 Board Meeting. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

### Public Comment

None

### Correspondence

### Treasurer's Report

**Motion by Darrell to approve the Payables for February as presented. Second by Jose. Motion approved.**

### Admin Update

Plant Water Claim – Charlotte submitted a claim to the insurance company to get coverage after discovering the underground leak in the garage area at the entrance to the Plant. The well pump has been inspected and is working. Joe presented some options for possible connection to public water and some temporary measures to get water to the lab area and restroom in the meantime. Joe will talk to Dave and do some further investigating. Joe as spoken to Elverson Water Company and Fidelity Contracting to explore the costs of connecting to public water. The cost of the project will likely require public bidding. After the Main St. water project replacement of the water pipes, MABE will be able to connect without disturbing the road area, which will result in reduced costs. Joe will talk to Dave about the water system and determine if a tote of potable water is needed.

### Operator's Report

Had several exceedances due to the extreme cold in January. Performance has improved in February. The EQ tank pumps were clogged with debris, cleared and reinstalled.

I & I – See Old Business

Disk Filter Acid Cleaning – The valve has been installed. Cleaning should be done shortly.

Chemical Feed Pump Housing –

Equipment Inventory –

Blower Building Electrical Panel – Breakers in the Blower Building trip frequently. They were replaced today. We still do not have a quote for the Blower Panel Replacement. Rick asked Steve to let Charlotte know the status of the panel quote and the number of exceedances for the month. Steve met with David Wolfinger from DEP for an inspection and DEP appears to understand the challenges.

### Engineers Report

Private Lateral Inspection/Borough Discussion-Place holder until action is taken by Borough – Joe recommends having a representative from the MA attend an upcoming Borough Council meeting to discuss the problems being encountered and the urgency of correcting the problems.

Rules, Specifications and Details – Joe reviewed a document he produced for another township as a potential template for creating a set of Rules and Regulations for MABE that can be used with the Zoning and SALDO Ordinances.

Master Casting Agreement - Bob will measure and present a quote for the 5 Ladtech riser rings needed at the March meeting. These should be purchased and provided to the contractor prior to construction of the road improvement project along Main St.

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Manhole A-6 – COSTARS Registration has been completed and Hydraterra needs to request quotes.  
Chapter 94 Report –The report is due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Joe will send the draft to Rick for review.

## Solicitors Report

EEMA Services Agreement – Stephen reviewed the revised agreement. **Motion by Darrell to approve the Operation and Maintenance Agreement with EEMA. Second by Lori. Motion approved.** Dave will pick the copies up for signature when he is back in town next week.

Zoning/SALDO – Stephen reviewed the recommendations to the Zoning and Saldo and suggests they be communicated in a letter to Borough Council with a copy to the County including a request to attend the Zoning/SALDO Committee meeting.

## Old Business

Sign for WWTP – Discussion of the quote for a sign for the plant. **Motion by Darrell to approve a blue sign per the quote from March Creek Signs plus installation costs. Second by Jose. Motion approved.**

Plant Insulation – Joe has reached out to Purestream to get some ideas for insulating the plant to prevent the freezing issues. Purestream does not recommend insulating the tanks. Joe discussed some options, but believes that the true solution to the problem is reducing the I & I. Under current conditions the cold surface water that enters the sewer collection system has a major impact on the temperature in the treatment tanks. . Joe reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan, televising project as a method to identify I & I issues and the cost of the project. Stephen suggested that the project would have to go out for bid. Hydraterra is reviewing the pump run times to see if sources of I & I can be pin-pointed to a given area(s).

## New Business

Landscaping Quote Renewal – The Board approved Heilner Landscaping again at the same rates as 2017. Charlotte will get the quote in writing.

Penn DOT Main St. Project – Charlotte shared the schedule from the Penn DOT meeting and will contact our vendors in May to notify them of the detours.

Eye Wash Station – **Motion by Rick to purchase an eye wash station for the plant until the water problem is solved. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:27p

Next regular Board meeting will be on March 27, 2018 at 7:00p at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by Charlotte Gehman