

MABE Meeting Minutes April 30, 2019

In Attendance:

Floyd Jennelle
Darrell Gobble
Steve Keech
Jose Colon
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Lori Sifford

Others in Attendance:

Dave Friedman, EEMA
Jeff Grassley, EEMA
Bob Asper, Property Owner

Meeting called to order at 7:03p

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Darrell to Approve Minutes of March 26, 2019 Board Meeting. Second by Jose. Motion approved.

Public Comment

Bob Asper, 121 S. Chestnut St. - Bob Asper who purchased the lot at 121 S. Chestnut St. He is interested in confirming the frost line and the depth of the pipe. He is concerned about his driveway going over the main sewer lateral, which the Board says is not a problem, with the understanding that the driveway may need to be disturbed should there be a need to access the sewer line. It was suggested that he contact his plumber or engineer to identify the exact location of the lateral. It is recommended that it will be more cost effective for Mr. Asper to locate the existing lateral than to put in a new one.

Correspondence/Communication

83 S. Brick Lane - Septic System being installed. No action required by MABE as they are not connecting to public sewer. Borough should provide copy to MABE as condition of approval.

Mr. Margusity, developer for Blue Rock requested to know if MABE would have capacity to accept sewage and for 50 townhomes and a few single homes. MABE is agreeable if our engineer can provide confirmation of capacity and West Nantmeal and DEP approvals are met.

Operator's Report

The plant ran well although there were high flows. The meeting with DEP to review operations was attended by Lori Sifford, Dave Friedman, Jeff Grassley and Charlotte. DEP will follow up with a letter. HVAC is running well and being backflushed periodically. New disk filters have been installed. The line between the clarifier and disk filter has been flushed of solids.

Brick Lane Hour Meter – The meeting is running correctly.

Pump Station 2 - pump and spare pump have both failed. Pump was sent out for repairs and has been reinstalled.

There is a problem with the fittings for the pump. The receivers for both pumps are failing and the pumps no longer sit properly. Dave will have Inks on site during the installation while the pump station is being worked on. Controlex will do the work which is expected to take 2-4 hours. All aerator heads have been replaced. The Purestream tanks are rusting and Dave recommends sanding and painting to preserve the integrity. DEP noted this also on their visit. Discussion of lowering the water level and cleaning and painting only the exposed areas.

Chemicals- Jeff has been able to reduce both the PAC and Sodium Bicarbonate. EEMA is working on assigning a full-time operator. Jeff is visiting the plant regularly and feels we can eliminate one blower and is working towards that. Lab results are improved, and chemical costs are coming down. Pumping and Hauling costs should come down also.

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Tristate Agreement - Discussion about the HVAC yearly maintenance agreement that Tristate provided. Dave feels the agreement is not clear and does not appear to cover everything. Steve recommends getting additional quotes.

Charlotte will work on setting up some quotes.

Sludge Tank Aerators - Dave recommends draining and painting the tanks and pipes. Discussion of painting only the exposed parts that are showing rust and peeling paint. Will seek quotes for painting and discuss with Systems Design Engineering once they are on board.

Influent Pump Station – The PS2 pump has failed. The replacement pump has failed also. Pump has been repaired and reinstalled. The receivers are in poor condition due to corrosion.

Brick Lane Hours Meter – Dave confirmed that the meter is running correctly.

Engineer's Report

Blower Panel Project - Dave recommends not stalling the project and allowing Hydraterra to complete the project and offered to help facilitate to completion of the project. **Motion by Darrell to approve Hydraterra to complete the Blower Panel Project at the previously agreed upon rates. Second by Steve. Motion approved.**

Change Order Request - **Motion by Steve to approve the change order request for the new outlet, A/C unit and window adjustments not to exceed \$2,500.00. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Blue Rock Project - This project will be referred to the new engineer.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Old Business

Landscaping Quote 2019/Mowing Guidelines - Landscaping Quote 2019/Mowing Guidelines – **Motion by Darrell to approve the Heilner quote as presented. Second by Steve. Motion approved.** Will let Heilner know to keep the swales and the roadways clear.

New Business

Engineer Interviews - **Motion by Steve to appoint Systems Design Engineering as the Authority Engineer based on approval of a satisfactory professional services agreement. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report

Sign Checks - **Motion by Darrell to approve the April payables as presented. Second by Steve. Motion approved.**

Admin Update

Sewer Plumbing Inspections - The first group of homes to be inspected has until the end of June.

Doug Zeiset – Mr. Zeiset did not have success planting the lagoon area last year, but he intends to try again this year.

Raking at Plant – Tim McEwen has leveled the dirt and will rake, seed and straw the excavated areas. Will ask Tim to remove the concrete.

Adjournment 8:17p

Next Scheduled MABE Meeting is Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:00p.