

MABE Meeting Minutes August 31, 2021

In Attendance:

Darrell Gibble
Steve Keech
Jim Freeze
Floyd Jennelle
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild, telephonic
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Lori Sifford

Others in Attendance:

Dave Friedman, EEMA
John Dean
Jack Stewart, Borough Council

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Approve Minutes of July 27, 2021, Board Meeting – **Motion by Darrell to approve the Minutes of the July 27, 2021, Board Meeting. Second by Steve. Motion approved.**

Public Comment

None

Correspondence/Communication

Elverson Water Company Request – EWC has requested to use MABE’s well as a monitoring well for testing as part of the construction of EWC’s new well. Stephen does not see a problem with allowing the well to be monitored. **Motion by Jim to approve use of the MABE well for testing and for Charlotte to sign the letter of approval for EWC. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Motion by Steve to adjust Mr. Walkers 2nd EDU to a reservation until he has a plumber caps the second lateral. Second by Jim. Motion approved.

Operator’s Report

PS Electrical Panel Quotes – Painter has offered to paint the other electrical panel boxes for \$600.00. each. **Motion by Steve to accept the bid for \$2,400.00 from APC Painting to paint the remaining four pump station electrical panels. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.** Electrical costs are up which may be due to the air conditioning.

Several PA one calls received this month. The Corbett electrical panel has been upgraded. The float in the influent pump station was replaced. A contactor at the screen building failed and was replaced. EEMA will get a quote for upgrade. A second caustic soda tank was added.

HVAC Improvement Proposal – Brad has not put the proposal together yet.

Engineer’s Report

Tapping Fee Update – Will complete this before the end of the year for establishing rates for 2022.

PA Small Water & Sewer – Bids will go out in early 2022 in the hopes that the painting work can be done in April or May. Have until June 30, 2023, to complete the work.

Blue Rock Project – Paving is complete and fencing quote is being revised. Keith is waiting for the as-built plans.

Corbett Easement –

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – Suspended until Charlotte has time to look for additional easements.

Capital Improvement Plan – Keith needs to finalize this and hopes to have tis at the September meeting.

Thiel Project – The Borough did conditionally approve the plan. To keep the project moving Keith believes that the Board can conditionally approve the final plan and authorize the solicitor to prepare the Improvements Agreement. Charlotte will send Stoltzfus a response to let them know and understand how they post money for the Construction Escrow Improvements Agreement

Motion by Darrell for Conditional Final Plan Approval of the Thiel project subject to DEP approval and the Tapping Fee and the completion of the Construction Escrow Improvements Agreement. Second by Steve. Motion approved.

Motion by Jim to authorize Solicitor to prepare the Construction Escrow Improvements Agreement for the Thiel project. Second by Steve. Motion approved.

Solicitor’s Report

Act 43 Introduction and Implications – Review of the act and the requirements of MABE.

Act 65 Sunshine Law Changes – Review of the recent changes in the Sunshine Law and what changes that the Board needs to make effective immediately.

Sewer Inspection Ordinance Review – Stephen feels that the ordinance meets the need and that

Old Business

Customer Payment Options – Options are still being explored.

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Grant Opportunity Subcommittee Report – Dave and Darrell met with Merle to discuss use of the grant money that the Borough Council is offering for an appropriate MABE project. The group will meet every few weeks to continue discussing projects.

New Business

Charlotte will request the water records for the car wash to review.

Treasurer's Report

Approve August Payables per Check register presented – **Motion by Darrell to approve the payables for August as presented. Second by Steve.**

Motion approved.

CD Renewal – The CD was renewed for another three months.

Plant property land value inquiry - The Board would like to explore the value of the unused land at the treatment plant. Charlotte will identify realtors who can offer an appraisal.

Admin Update

Charlotte will be on vacation the week of September 13-17.

Executive Session

Meeting Adjourned 8:10p

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Gehman