

MABE Meeting Minutes December 30, 2025

In Attendance:

Darrell Gibble
Floyd Jennelle
Dan Engro, via telephone
Steve Keech, Chairman
Greg Siwik
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Lorrie Stolz

Absent:

Keith Showalter, SDE

Others in Attendance:

John Dean, EEMA
Mike Trojecki
George Firrantello

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Motion by Darrell Gibble and seconded by Floyd Jennelle to approve November 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried by all.

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Communication

SDE 2026 Rates – Motion made by Floyd Jennelle and seconded by Greg Siwik to approve and adopt System Design Engineering’s 2026 Rates. Motion carried by all.

Brown Plus 2026 Rates – Motion made by Darrell Gibble and seconded by Floyd Jennelle to approve and adopt Brown Plus’s 2026 Rates. Motion carried by all.

EEMA 2026 Rate Letter and the EEMA 2026 CPI Adjustment to Monthly Operating Fee – Motion made by Floyd Jennelle and seconded by Greg Siwik to approve and adopt EEMA’s 2026 Rates. Motion carried by all.

Treasurer’s Report

Approval of the December payables per Check Register presented. **Motion made by Darrell Gibble and seconded by Floyd Jennelle to approve the December payables as presented. Motion carried by all.**

Finance Committee Report – Dan reviewed the account balances. Dan stated the new CD in the amount of \$600,000 has been opened with Citadel Credit Union.

2026 Proposed Budget. John Weidman from Brown Plus discussed the proposed 2026 budget. John stated the MABE has a strong balance sheet. Steve Keech thanked both John Weidman and George Firrantello for their work on the budget.

Motion made by Floyd Jennelle and seconded by Greg Siwik to approve and adopt the 2026 MABE budget. Motion carried by all.

Operator’s Report

John Dean stated the average daily flow was 71,000 gallons a day in November. He stated the plant is running normally and all sample averages are below permit limits. John discussed the maintenance items that were performed during November. He stated the plant generator had a low temperature alarm; Lorrie contacted Premium Power, and a tech was able to assist with resetting the alarm and a new sensor has been ordered. John stated he is still waiting to hear from Sigma regarding the installation of the control panel for the Corbit pump station.

John discussed a quote he received from Mulls Electric to run electric from the treatment plant down to the influent pump station. John stated the quote is \$54,045.00. Stephen Kalis will speak with Keith Showalter regarding the quote and provide an update at the January meeting.

Steve Keech suggested instead of putting money into the portable generator, entering into an emergency hauling contract with Ink's Disposal. John Dean and the board members agreed that this would be good. Steve asked John Dean to contact Ink's Disposal and get a proposal for emergency hauling.

Engineer's Report

Tensor Motorcar Project – No update

Act 537 Report – SDE received a copy of a draft plan from the Borough's engineer (SSM) and is reviewing.

PA Small Water & Sewer **Saddler Pump Station Improvements** Grant – Work for the manhole lining is anticipated to start in January. SDE will prepare bid documents for other collection system line repairs needed.

Local Share **Pump Station Improvements** Grant Application – the CFA Board met on 12/18/25 but the MABE was not awarded any grant funds.

Local Share **Headworks/HVAC** Grant Project – SDE is completing the bid documents for the installation.

ARPA Small Water and Sewer **Collection System Rehab** Grant Project –Application is pending review. The CFA board is scheduled to meet on 1/20/26.

ARPA H2O PA **Plant Upgrade** Grant Project – SDE will provide a proposal for the design, bidding, and construction phase services required. SDE is reviewing Act 537 draft plan and latest information received from the treatment plant manufacturer (Purestream).

Local Share **Sewage Pump Station Improvements** Grant Project – SDE submitted the grant application; application is pending review.

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – SDE is working on this project.

Rouse Chamberlain development in West Nantmeal Twp. – Stephen Kalis stated he received a call today from the developer's attorney inquiring if there is compacity for the Authority to take their sewage; Stephen advised them to put their request in writing to the Authority. Stephen advised the board that Borough Council would make this decision and West Nantmeal Twp. would have to agree to it as well.

127 E. Conestoga Rd – awaiting DEP approval.

STP Generator and Pump Station #1 Backup Power

Solicitor's Report

Stephen Kalis discussed the Tensor Motorcar Deed of Dedication. **Motion made by Darrell Gible and seconded by Floyd Jennelle to accept the Tensor Motorcar Deed of Dedication. Motion carried by all.**

2026 Sewer Rates – Steve Keech recommended keeping the Sewer Rates for 2026 at the current rates of \$240.00 quarterly sewer, \$90.00 reservation, and \$6,500. for the Tapping Fee. The board agreed.

2026 Enabling Resolutions - **Motion made by Darrell Gible and seconded by Floyd Jennelle to approve and adopt the 2026 Enabling Resolution 2025-05 Capital Fund Budget, 2025-06 Operating Budget, 2025-07 Sewer Rentals or Charges, and 2025-08 Proposed Tapping Fee. Motion carried all.**

Admin Update

Lorrie advised the board that the online payment system is available for residents to start using; information about the online payment system is on the Borough's website and also on the 4th Quarter Sewer Invoices. Lorrie also mentioned that she will be out of the office on Friday, January 2, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Stolz

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **January 27, 2026, at 7:00pm.**