

MABE Meeting Minutes February 23, 2021

In Attendance:

Lori Sifford
Darrell Gobble
Steve Keech
Floyd Jennelle
Jim Freeze
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering (telephonic)
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild, via Conference Call (telephonic)
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Dave Friedman, EEMA (telephonic)
John Dean, EEMA (telephonic)
Jack Stewart, Borough Council

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Approve Minutes of January 26, 2021 Board Meeting – **Motion by Steve to approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2021 Board Meeting as presented. Second by Jim. Motion approved with the correction that EEMA will collect the samples and Suburban will pick them up.**

Public Comment

None

Correspondence/Communication

None

Operator's Report

EEMA confirms the change of procedure for collecting samples starting in January, there have had no bad samples. confirming the necessity of changing the procedure. January had no weather events. The portable generator is being exercised for an hour weekly. Influent lines have been cleaned. UV intensity sensor was cleaned. Repaired one of the post aeration diffuser lily pads and two air line leaks were repaired. Plant has No violations.

Chemical Change - The caustic soda system is online and running well. The new Stenner Pumps have been received and will be installed this week.

Blower #1 Replacement – New blower has arrived and should be installed this week. Plant has been running on one blower for the last several weeks. This can be done in the colder months and should result in some additional energy savings. All blower filters were changed.

Landscapers had plowed the gate open so that it could not be closed.

Engineer's Report

Tapping Fee Update – Keith is still converting the tables and anticipates having the completed report for the March meeting.

PA Small Water and Sewer Grant – Work in progress. Plan to put out the bids in early Spring.

Blue Rock Project – SDE was on site to inspect the last collection manifold line. The newest grinder pump stations still need to be inspected. Keith has spoken to the developer and he is aware that the permanent portable generator still needs to be inspected.

Corbett Improvements – Keith anticipates the work to be done in the spring. Keith confirmed that the pump station is a single-phase service pump, and the purchase list will be updated accordingly.

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – Keith shared a preliminary easement plan but feels there are some missing. Will schedule a meeting with Charlotte and the surveyor to try to round out the plan.

Manhole Repairs – Only manhole B needs repairs. Will hold the work until there are other repairs identified. There are two manholes that do not have inserts. John confirms that there are about a dozen spare inserts stored at the plant. Keith will direct EEMA to which manholes need inserts.

Chapter 94 Report – Keith reviewed the graph and charts that will be included in the report which indicate that performance is improved, and the Inflow and Infiltration work has improved the data. Keith feels the report is very clean this year and recommends approving the report and that the chairman sign the report. **Motion by Darrell to approve the Chapter 94 report as presented. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Solicitor's Report

EDU Relinquishment Agreement – Stephen prepared the EDU relinquishment agreement for 25 E. Main Street and the customer has received it, but the signed agreement for has not been received to date.

Old Business

Customer Payment Options – Still being explored.

Insurance Review – Review of the changes noted on the property listing from Dave's meeting with the PIRMA agent. Dave will stop in the office to see Charlotte to connect a plot plan to the insurance carrier's property listing.

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New Business

Lagoon Maintenance – No quote received from Mr. Zeiset or Heilner to date. Floyd feels that brush hogging twice a year should be enough. Charlotte will continue to

Hopewell Manor Expansion – Based on a meeting Merle had with Charlotte, Delaware Valley Development Company is considering an expansion to second building to house 72-80 units. Keith feels that the plant can handle the hydraulic loading but it will put the plant close to its capacity. Keith will have to look at the organic loading. Discussion of Keith meeting with Merle and the developer to further explore the project and look at the needs of the treatment plant to be able to approve the project. The Board agrees that Keith can meet with the developer and Merle to understand the requirements. Merle agreed to pay Keith's time for the meeting. Steve feels that the developer should pay for the Act 537 Plan if it is required for this project. Steve wants to ensure that communication between the Borough and MABE is open. Jack says he will discuss that at the Borough Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Approve Checks – **Motion by Darrell approve the payables as presented. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

CD Renewal – Lori renewed the CD at a rate of .01% for 3 months. No preferential rate is offered at this time.

Admin Update

None.

Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:20p and entered executive session. Board re-opened the regular Board meeting at 8:29p.

Executive Session

Board approved a \$200.00 donation to the Twin Valley Fire Department in honor of Keith Gehman. **Motion by Darrell to approve Charlotte's Bereavement pay. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Meeting Adjourned 8:32p

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Gehman