

MABE Meeting Minutes January 27, 2026

In Attendance:

Darrell Gibble
Floyd Jennelle
Dan Engro
Steve Keech, Chairman
Greg Siwik
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Lorrie Stolz

Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Mike Trojecki
Logan Zysk
Greg Graham
Alyson Zarro
Daniel Iya
Merle Stoltzfus

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Motion made by Floyd Jennelle and seconded by Darrell Gibble to approve December 30, 2025, Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried by all.

At this time, Steve Keech adjourned the regular meeting, and the Annual Reorganizational meeting was called to order by the solicitor, Stephen Kalis.

Annual Reorganization

Motion made by Darrell Gibble, seconded by Greg Siwik to nominate (the current) slate of candidates:

Steve Keech, Chair
Floyd Janelle, Vice Chair
Darrell Gibble, Secretary
Dan Engro, Treasurer
Greg Siwik, Board Member

Motion made by Greg Siwik and seconded by Floyd Jennelle to close nominations. Motion carried by all.

Motion made by Steve Keech and seconded by Darrell Gibble to appoint System Design Engineering, as Engineer. Motion carried by all.

Motion made by Floyd Jennelle and seconded by Greg Siwik to appoint Fox Rothschild, as Solicitor. Motion carried by all.

Stephen Kalis stated his rate has not been raised since 2016. He requested his rate be increased to \$180 an hour. **Motion made by Dan Engro and seconded by Greg Siwik to approve Fox Rothschild rate increase from \$165. /hr. to \$180. /hr. in 2026. Motion carried by all.**

Reorganization adjourned and the regular meeting resumed.

Public Comment

Alyson Zarro, Logan Zysk, and Greg Graham from Rouse Chamberlain Homes. Alyson Zarro discussed a residential housing development Rouse Chamberlain is proposing in West Nantmeal Township. She stated RCH would like to connect to the Municipal Authority's sewer system if there is capacity and MABE would be willing to allow them to connect. Alyson stated they are proposing to build thirty single family homes on the property. Stephen Kalis asked if MABE does not allow this development to connect to MABE's sewer what the alternative is, Alyson stated they would need to connect to Nantmeal-Warwick Sewer which would require installing a pumping station. Alyson stated this property is currently not in West Nantmeal's Act 537 Plan. Steve Keech stated this Board would need to discuss it further before they can give Rouse Chamberlain an answer. Merle Stoltzfus stated this project is not in the Borough's Act 537 plan.

Correspondence/Communication

Statement of Financial Interest Forms – Steve Keech mentioned that everyone should have received a Statement of Financial Interest Form that needs to be filled out and returned to Lorrie.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the January payables per Check Register presented. **Motion made by Floyd Jennelle and seconded by Greg Siwik to approve the January payables as presented. Motion carried by all.**

Finance Committee Report – Dan reviewed the account balances.

Operator's Report

John Dean stated the average daily flow was 73,000 gallons a day in December. John stated there were no violations the plant is running normally and all sample averages are below permit limits. He discussed the maintenance that was performed which included winterizing the blower room, rebuilding the chemical feed pump, repairing the caustic pump clogged tube at EQ tank, and pulling and cleaning rags from the EQ pumps. John stated he worked with Sigma for the panel replacement at the Corbitt Pump Station; he stated he is working with them for an installation date. John mentioned the motor on blower #1 at the wastewater treatment plant needed to be replaced.

Steve Keech reminded the board that at last month's meeting it was discussed that instead of having a generator we have an emergency standby pumping company and Ink's Disposal is willing to do that for the Authority. Steve stated the Saddler pump station is a problem to access in the snow; he mentioned that if we lose power and Ink's Disposal needs to come in and pump, we will need to create a path so Inks can access it. John Dean will speak with Inks and verify that they will be able to access Saddler Pump Station in the snow, their rates and what hours classify after hours.

Engineer's Report

Chapter 94 Report for 2025-Authorize Engineer to Prepare Report. **Motion made by Greg Siwik and seconded by Darrell Gobble authorizing the engineer to prepare the Annual Chapter 94 report at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried by all.**

Tensor Motorcar Project – Keith stated once Stephen Kalis gets everything recorded and all final invoices are paid; we will be able to close this out.

Act 537 Report – Keith is finalizing this with the Borough's Engineer.

PA Small Water & Sewer **Saddler Pump Station Improvements** Grant – Keith stated the grant has been awarded on January 20, 2026, in the amount of \$200,815.00.

Local Share **Headworks/HVAC** Grant Project – Keith stated he is finalizing the bid specs and is anticipating this going out to bid in March or April.

ARPA Small Water and Sewer **Collection System Rehab** Grant Project – Keith stated ART was here in the beginning of January and lined thirty manholes. Keith stated ART could not find four manholes; John Dean gave them four alternate manholes to line. Steve Keech recommended finding the manholes and raising them, so they are accessible in the future. John Dean stated he would like to get a map of the manholes so we can keep track of which ones are lines.

ARPA H2O PA **Plant Upgrade** Grant Project – Working on this project. He is anticipating going to bid late summer/ early fall.

Local Share **Sewage Pump Station Improvements** – Grant Project – Keith stated unfortunately, we did not get awarded this grant. He said if this opens up again, he will certainly re-apply for it.

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – Keith stated he is working on this project.

Rouse Chamberlain development in West Nantmeal Twp. – Keith stated this was discussed earlier.

STP Generator and Pump Station #1 Backup Power – Keith stated we received a quote from Moll's Electric; however, it was in the bidding threshold.

Solicitor's Report

Discussed earlier

Admin Update

Lorrie stated the Auditor's will be here on Tuesday, February 9th.

Lorrie reported that the online payment system is working out great, as of today twenty-two online payments have been received.

Public Comment

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned last year the Auditor's found that the Municipal Authority was not billing the Borough for an EDU in exchange for use of office space. The Auditor's had requested an agreement letter be put in place. Merle suggested that instead of putting an agreement in place, MABE invoice the Borough for the EDU, and the Borough invoice MABE for office space. Steve stated they have talked about this, and he agreed it makes sense to do this.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Stolz

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **February 24, 2026, at 7:00pm.**