

MABE Meeting Minutes July 29, 2025

In Attendance:

Darrell Gible
Dan Engro
Floyd Jennelle
Greg Siwik
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Steve Keech, Chairman

Others in Attendance:

John Dean, EEMA
John Weidman, Brown Plus
George Firrantello, Volunteer
Lorrie Stolz, Borough Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00p by Floyd who led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Darrell to approve June 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Second by Greg. Motion Approved.

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Communication

None.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the July payables per Check Register presented. **Motion by Dan to approve the July payables as presented. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Finance Committee Report – \$60,000 transferred for the monthly bills payroll. Dan reviewed the account balances including the two CDs. Dan reviewed the hybrid account and the fees/interest equation. Charlotte will ask Truist if the debt is tied to the service on the debt or the account type or if there is any issue with us moving the money elsewhere. Is there a fee breakpoint.

Brown Plus Controller Services, John Weidman – John reviewed the reports he provided based on the initial model George developed. John feels the financial strength of the authority is strong. John estimated that some of the grant costs budgeted for 2025 will move to 2026. John wants to meet with Keth to review project timeline to fine tune the log range planning. John will continue to follow the numbers and present them to the Board quarterly.

Operator's Report

Average daily flow of 75,000/gal in June. Plant is running normally, and all labs were below permit limits. Maintenance items of UV and disc filter. New breaker for EQ pump #1 was installed. Frank is testing the portable generator at each pump station.

Mull's electric has completed the electrical work at the TVEC pump station. Stone and grading are scheduled, and the project will hopefully be wrapped up soon.

Engineer's Report

127 E. Conestoga Connection – No new information.

Tensor Motorcar Project – No update.

Act 537 Report – Keith needs to get that to the Borough engineer and get that completed in the next few weeks.

PA Small Water & Sewer **Saddler Pump Station Improvements** Grant - Grant application was submitted on April 25th. Anticipate awards in October or November.

Local Share **Pump Station Improvements** Grant Application – Waiting for awards anticipated for September 2025.

Local Share **Headworks/HVAC** Grant Project – SDE is making good progress. **Motion by Darrell to approve Micro Strainer Screen with Controls purchase through Costars from Pyrz Water Supply at a cost of \$125,260.00. Second by Greg. Motion approved.** This is an in-kind replacement, so DEP approval is not required. Heat tracing will be included. Spare parts are included. Will be bidding the installation of the Micro screen and the replacement of the HVAC system. Delivery is 26-28 weeks out, so the Board is asked to approve the purchase now to keep the project moving.

ARPA Small Water and Sewer **Collection System Rehab** Grant Project – Ditchcreek is completing their work, and they have not found any major problems so far. Manhole inspections will be completed before the project is complete. We will receive a written report and the video. Keith wants to proceed with lining the manholes. He anticipates all this grant work will be completed in 2025.

ARPA H2O PA **Plant Upgrade** Grant Project – Preliminary work has begun. This is the largest project, and Keith anticipates work will begin in 2026. Design work, permits and bidding need to be completed and require a lot of time.

TVEC Pump Station Rehab – Keith reviewed the project and adjustments.

Easement Plans and Right of Ways – Kevin will meet with Charlotte at some point to review the project.

New Grant Applications are available – would need to apply by the end of November. Board is asked to think about potential grant projects.

Solicitor's Report

Stephen amended the agreement and asked the Board to approve the modified agreement which was approved at the June meeting. **Motion by Dan to approve the amended Sanitary Sewer and Right of Way Easement Agreement with the Twin Valley School District. Second by Greg. Motion approved.**

Memorandum of Understanding MABE/Borough
Water Shut-off Clarification.

Old Business

West Nantmeal Development Connection - Darrell attended the West Nantmeal Planning Commission meeting on July 28th, but they did not make a decision. No plan has been approved to date.

New Business

None.

Admin Update

Charlotte Vacation – Charlotte is on vacation the week of August 18-21. Lorrie will cover for Charlotte while she is gone.

Training, Computer Transition Update – The computer transition is scheduled for September 9th to allow time to work through any glitches and begin quarterly invoicing. We are working with Truist to make the banking changes. The Board will need to sign a new Banking Resolution electronically. Training is ongoing.

Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **August 26, 2025, at 7:49p.**