

MABE Meeting Minutes March 25, 2025

In Attendance:

Darrell Gible
Steve Keech
Dan Engro
Greg Siwik
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Floyd Jennelle

Others in Attendance:

John Dean, EEMA
Dave Friedman, EEMA
Mike Trojecki, Borough Council

Meeting called to order at 7:00p by Steve Keech who led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Motion by Darrell to approve February 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Second by Dan. Motion Approved.

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Communication

Treasurer's Report

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

Finance Committee Report – Transfer for the March payables and payroll has been made. Dan reviewed the interest earned. Dan asked Charlotte look into why there was no interest on the Money Market account in February.

Operator's Report

Average daily flow was 76,000 gallons in February. Influent and Effluent flows are close together. Ammonia numbers are still a little high. The first sample for March was non-detectable. John expects numbers to stay low in March. Pulled and cleaned the UV banks and cleaned. EEMA Maintenance is contacting Charlotte when they begin a repair project. Lakeside box cracked in the cold and parts were not immediately available, so it was welded to put it back in service and new heat trace was added.

Blower #3 Air Release Valve - The blow off valve broke. Charlotte will order the new part and the plates. 2.2 million gallons treated for the month. John has provided an updated equipment list. Discussion of the electrical boxes on site and John will contact Service Electric to see whether they are in use and if they can be removed. EEMA will get a price for replacing the door closer on the single blower room door to Charlotte.

Twin Valley Pump Station- Discussion of the run-off that is eroding the ground around the wet well. Steve asked Keith to determine the easement for the TVEC pump station and Charlotte will get some quotes for fencing.

Engineer's Report

Chapter 94 Report – Report is completed and has been submitted.

Tensor Motorcar Project – Review of the agreement. Keith will follow up with Charlotte to determine the amount that can be released and the form.

Act 537 Report – Keith needs to get some information to the Borough engineer and hopes the report will be completed soon.

New PA Small Water & Sewer **Saddler Pump Station Improvements** Grant – Application is due at the end of April. **Motion by Darrell to approve Resolution 2025-1 Grant Submission and Funding Commitment Letter. Second by Greg. Motion approved.** Estimated project costs are \$353k.

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

Local Share **Headworks/HVAC** Grant Project – Keith is finalizing the plans and bid documents. Keith anticipates a site visit for the HVAC. Keith anticipates enclosing the Headworks building will be expensive, but his staff is looking at the options.

ARPA Small Water and Sewer **Collection System Rehab** Grant Project – SDE staff are putting together bids for the project and Keith expects televising first to determine focus of the rest of the project. SDE will get a CoStars proposal. Stephen will review any bid documents.

ARPA H20 PA **Plant Upgrade** Grant Project - Keith is still working with Purestream on specifications. The Blower room may require some upgrade as well.

Easement Plans and Right of Ways – Project in process. Additional Easements have been submitted to SDE.

Solicitor's Report

Lateral Resolution_-_Motion to approve Resolution 2025-2 Number of Allowable Lateral Connections for Each Parcel - Stephen Reviewed the easement to memorialize that there can be one sewer lateral per parcel. Each lateral shall have a single owner.

Authority has the right to inspect and require an easement. **Motion by Steve to approve Resolution 2025-2: Resolution Confirming Inspection Requirements and Limitation Of The Number of Allowable Lateral Connections For Each Parcel. Second by Greg. Motion approved.**

MABE Policies & Procedures - Lateral Resolution covers this need.

Old Business

Controller Services Search - Meeting scheduled tomorrow with RKL and a meeting is yet to be scheduled with Brown Plus in consideration of part-time controller services.

TVEC Fence/Grading – Keith will confirm the property easement so a plan can be developed to

New Business

Electric Boxes at WWTP – EEMA will check with Service Electric.

Blower Building Door Closer – EEMA will secure the part and complete this project.

Admin Update

Cluster Mailbox is now active.

Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11p.

Next Scheduled MABE Reorganization and Board Meeting is **April 29, 2025, at 7:00p.**