

# MABE Meeting Minutes March 26, 2024

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## In Attendance:

Darrell Gibble  
Steve Keech  
Jim Freeze  
Dan Engro  
Floyd Jennelle  
Keith Showalter, SDE  
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild, Telephonic  
Charlotte Gehman

## Absent:

## Others in Attendance:

John Dean, EEMA  
Merle Stoltzfus, Borough Council Liaison

Meeting called to order at 7:01p.

**Motion by Darrell to approve the February 27, 2024, meeting minutes. Second by Dan. Motion Approved.**

## Public Comment

None.

## Correspondence/Communication

199 Park Avenue Connection Inquiry - Charlotte will confirm that a connection can be made if the customer pays for the lines to be run to the SAG subdivision or to the Fasig manhole. Charlotte will follow up with the resident inquiring.

EPA Inspection Scheduled - Contacted by EPA and they will be coming on Thursday of this week. Charlotte will attend with John.

Elverson Water Company - Review of letter from EWC to cooperate with the Water Services Act. Merle asked that we not use their name in our communications. EWC will provide the water costs for the customer for MABE to bill to the customer. Merle asks for a one days notice for shut-off. Stephen and Charlotte will work through the details of customer notification and confirm with Merle. Steve asks that Merle be kept in the loop with MABE's process.

## Treasurer's Report

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

Finance Committee Report - Dan reviewed the numbers and interest earned so far with the Citadel CD's.

## Operator's Report

Average daily flow was 84,000 gallons in February. W.G. Malden has moved the transducer and John will be checking the readings. Will be calibrated twice a year now. John may ask Ink's to clean as part of their regular service to keep the area free of grit. Post aeration bubbler was repaired. The new Saddler pump has not arrived yet. VFD's to the blowers programming was adjusted to avoid occasional failures that do not restart. Replaced the outlet for the PAC pumps. No violations. Total treated was 2.4 million gallons. John reviewed the line sizes for the force mains to identify repair part sizes. Will need to determine sizes of two remaining to determine spare part order. John met with Tim McEwen and Tim will provide options in a quote to correct the grade when the PA One Call is completed.

UV Intensity Sensor Quote - **Motion by Floyd to approve Trojan quote for a spare sensor at a cost of \$2,596.50 Second by Dan. Motion approved.**

Pump Station Review Analysis - See above.

Equipment Inventory Update - Twin Valley and Brick Lane do not have spares. John reviewed the cost for spares for these stations and will get updated quotes for spares.

Steve presented a quote for emergency parts from LB Water. Will look to create and order a list once correct sizes are ordered.

## Engineer's Report

Chapter 94 Report - Report was submitted and confirmation of receipt received by Keith.

Act 537 Report - Keith had a meeting with SSM to review the report preparation. DEP is considering this a study.

Treatment Plant Survey for Drainage Improvement - Surveyor met with John and Floyd and collected the information. No action to be taken at this time. Discussion of a mystery manhole and John will check it during a rainstorm.

New HVAC Quote - THIs will be included in the expansion grant project.

Local Share Grant Application - Awards have not been announced to date. Anticipated to be in the summer. Letter provided to DCED to confirm MABE could provide our portion of the funds.

ARPA Small Water and Sewer Grant Project - Working on design and preliminary engineering.

ARPA H2O Grant Project - Working on design and preliminary engineering.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Bid Review - Keith received the bids for this project and provided the tabulation. Keith said the bids came in higher than expected. Keith and Dave discussed some options for modifying the project with the money awarded. Keith will confer with Stephen. Will discuss further at the April meeting.

Saddler Pump Station Upgrade Budget - Keith provided a preliminary cost estimate for review. Discussion of flow meters. The board will discuss the timing of this work. Will add to the agenda to re-visit mid-year.

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project -

Flow Meter Project – Discussion and review of project to set up meters at three locations.

**Motion by Darrell to approve W. G. Malden Metering Quote of \$10,525.00. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

#### **Solicitor's Report**

Certificates of Insurance - Following up on discussion at last month's meeting. Stephen reviews the project of identifying all vendors that we require a certificate for and request new certificates where needed.

#### **Old Business**

Garage Door Replacement Quote - **Motion by Jim to approve Shank Door quote for a new garage door at a cost of \$2,559.00. Second by Dan. Motion approved. EEMA will have one of the mechanics put the outlet in the ceiling.**

#### **New Business**

Heilner 2024 Landscaping Quote – **Motion by Darrell to approve the quote as presented. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Sewer Line Master Plan – Charlotte asked about plans to expand the system outside of development. No plans at this time, typically developer driven in a Borough.

#### **Admin Update**

None

#### **Executive Session**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38p.

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **April 30, 2024, at 7:00p.**