

MABE Meeting Minutes May 25, 2021

In Attendance:

Lori Sifford
Darrell Gibble

Steve Keech
Jim Freeze
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Floyd Jennelle

Others in Attendance:

Dave Friedman, EEMA (telephonic)
John Dean, EEMA
Jack Stewart, Borough Council
Lisa Palser, Trails Committee

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Approve Minutes of April 27, 2021 Board Meeting – **Motion by Darrell to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2021 Board Meeting as presented. Second by Jim. Motion approved.**

Public Comment

Lisa Palser – Trails Committee – Lisa reviewed the map and the goals of the trail to create loop trails in the Borough. Lisa said there is no liability to the landowner, but Stephen states that MABE would have to confer with our insurance carrier. No easements would be considered until funds are available and plant security is considered.

Correspondence/Communication

Operator's Report

2.2 million gallons treated in April. Daily flows for April are down 25,000 gallons a day due to a dry month. Portable generator is being exercised monthly. Still adjusting the feed rates for the caustic soda. May add a second tank to reduce delivery fees. Emptied and hosed out the backwash pump pit and tested the pumps. All pump stations have been cleaned. Lori asks that Charlotte divide the cost of cleaning the pump stations among the pump stations. Heat blankets were added this year to the influent screen to help prevent ice built up and have been removed now that the weather has warmed up.

HVAC Improvement Proposal – No improvements completed yet, but system seems to be working well.

Manhole Inserts – John has ordered the two manhole inserts and is waiting for a call from Exeter Supply as they are custom made.

Corbett Pump Station - EEMA will be beginning the panel work and will invoice MABE for that work and hope to be finished by the end of the month.

Engineer's Report

EUMC Subdivision – Still waiting for the planning module to be returned from DEP.

Hopewell Manor Expansion Project – Developer is applying for funding and did not anticipate submitting any plans until 2022 if funding is secured. Will remove this item from the agenda for the time being.

Tapping Fee Update – Will continue to discuss and consider best fee structure.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant – Keith shared a preliminary cost estimate and plans. SDE has secured the CAD drawings for the Purestream plant for use in designing the plans. The tank has anodes that will be replaced while the tank is empty to absorb and prevent corrosion of the tank.

Dissolved Oxygen meters will be added and wired to the control panel which will require SIGMA to re-program the panel to improve the efficiency of the blowers. Will add timers instead of VFD's. Keith anticipates two contracts for the project and 3-6 months to complete. Keith anticipates all the specs to be complete in the next two weeks. **Motion by Darrell to advertise the bids as soon as they are ready. Second by Jim. Motion approved.**

Blue Rock Project – All grinder pumps are certified for flow. Project needs to be closed out and get as-built drawings.

Corbett Easement – Charlotte has ordered the pump and EEMA will be making the control panel improvements. Site improvements will be done by contractor PJ Reilly and should begin next week.

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – Ongoing project identifying additional easements that might exist.

Capital Improvement Plan - Dave recommends that the cost might be light on cost for ? Dave recommends that the pump station controls should only be needed at Sadler as the others have been rehabilitated recently and Twin Valley is newer. Keith says that flow metering is not yet required but could be at some point. Cost to add a metering pit is estimated at \$15-30,000 per pump station. Keith estimates 2-3 months to complete the Capital Improvement Plan report.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

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Old Business

Customer Payment Options – Still being explored.

Energy Contract 2022 – **Motion by Jim to Approve the Engie energy 35-month contract. Second by Steve. Motion approved.**

New Business

Capital Reserves, Principal Payment Schedule – Lori discusses using electrical savings gained by the new electrical panel to pay down the loan principal or add to the capital reserves. **Motion by ? to add \$1500.00 a month towards the loan principal. Second by ?. Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report

Approve Checks – **Motion by Darrell to approve the payables for May as presented. Second by Steve. Motion approved.**

Lori comments that MABE is doing well with the budget and having the bookkeeping in house is working well.

Admin Update

None.

Executive Session

Meeting Adjourned 8:37p

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Gehman