

MABE Meeting Minutes May 26, 2026

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Darrell Gobble
Mike Trojecki

Others in Attendance:

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Motion made by Floyd Jennelle and seconded by Greg Siwik to approve April 28, 2026, Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Communication

None.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the May payables per Check Register presented. **Motion made by Dan Engro and seconded by Greg Siwik to approve the May 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 72,000 gallons a day in April. He stated the plant is running normally and all sample averages are below permit limits. John discussed maintenance that was done at the plant which included installing a new waterline strainer, removing rags, and changing oil in the gear box. John stated the Sigma panel was installed and tested and pump #1 was replaced with a newer pump at the Corbitt Pump Station. John stated there is a spare pump if needed; he recommended holding off on buying a new spare pump at this time.

John mentioned that EEMA is changing their business structure from an Inc. to an LLC.; Stephen Kalis asked John to send him the contract for his review.

John stated that Inks Disposal informed him that they will not be able to continue to haul sludge from the plant; we will need to find a new hauler beginning in June. John and Steve discussed two (2) quotes that were received for hauling; one from McGovern and another from HydroTech Environmental. **Motion made by Greg Siwik to approve HydroTech Environmental for sludge hauling and emergency pump and hauling seconded by Floyd Jennelle. Motion carried by all.**

Engineer's Report

- Act 537 Report – Keith is working on this project.

- PA Small Water & Sewer **Saddler Pump Station Improvements** Grant – Keith stated he is trying to schedule a field surveyor; once he has this scheduled, he will let Lorrie know so she can advise the HOA.
- Local Share **Headworks/HVAC** Grant Project – Keith stated he is hoping to go out to bid in September.
- 2025 LSA Grant – Grant application and associated documents have been submitted.
- ARPA Small Water and Sewer **Collection System Rehab** Grant Project – Keith he is working on this.
- ARPA H2O PA **Plant Upgrade** Grant Project – Keith is working on the layout for this project.
- Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – Keith is working on this project.
- Rouse Chamberlain development in West Nantmeal Twp. – Keith stated there is nothing new on this project.
- Capital Improvements Plan Update – Keith stated the long-range plan has been updated based on projected schedule.
- STP Generator and Pump Station Backup Power – Keith is working on getting Costars quotes.
- 127 E. Conestoga Rd – Keith stated he sent Stephen Kalis his comments on the draft easement agreement; Lorrie confirmed she has received requested escrow funds.
- Hopewell Manor Easement – Keith stated he is researching this; Steve asked Keith to make this a priority.
- Closed Lagoons – Keith stated it will cost between \$25,000 and \$27,500 to fill in the closed lagoons; Keith stated he is also looking into how much land the authority will need in the future.

Solicitor's Report

Stephen Kalis discussed the land ownership of the sewer plant property. Stephen confirmed that the property is owned by the Municipal Authority. Steve Keech asked Stephen to contact the Borough's solicitor and to get the property appraised.

Stephen discussed the legality of the sewer easements for Vixen Hill based on the recorded plans from 1991; Stephen stated Brewery Lane is a private roadway. Keith stated that since it is a private line and a private road the Municipal Authority does not own it. Stephen Kalis will contact the Borough's solicitor regarding this.

Stephen discussed looking at contracts for power conduits and wire from ex gen set at plant-to-plant pump station. Keith will follow up with Costars quotes and send them to Stephen for his review.

Old Business

New Business

Admin Update

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Stolz

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **June 30, 2026, at 7:00pm.**