MABE Meeting Minutes September 29, 2026

In Attendance:
Darrell Gibble
Floyd Jennelle
Dan Engro
Steve Keech, Chairman
Greg Siwik
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Lorrie Stolz

Absent:
John Dean, EEMA

Others in Attendance:
Greg Graham, Rouse Chamberlain
Cameron Wolfson, RRHC

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Motion made by Floyd Jennelle and seconded by Greg Siwik to approve August 25, 2026, Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimously.

Public Comment
Cameron Wolfson, Riley Riper Hollin & Cologreco, Attorney for Rouse Chamberlain Homes formally requested to connect the 30 EDUs that are required for their project to MABE's sewer system. Keith Showalter stated that he is finalizing the Act 537 Plan. Keith stated he will be submitting that to the Borough Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission for review; he stated once it goes through that process it will go to Borough Council for adoption by resolution. Keith stated he felt this would not happen until the end of the year. Mr. Wolfson asked for conditional approval; Stephen Kalis stated the MABE cannot entertain this request until MABE is informed by W. Nantmeal Twp. that they are unable to provide sewer service for the project. Stephen Kalis also stated MABE cannot entertain this request without the consent of Borough Council either. Stephen stated MABE will need to receive a letter from W. Nantmeal Twp stating they cannot provide sewer services for this project.

Correspondence/Communication
None.

Treasurer's Report
Approval of the September payables per Check Register presented. **Motion made by Floyd Jennelle and seconded by Greg Siwik to approve the September payables as presented. Motion carried by all.**
Finance Committee Report – Dan reviewed the account balances.

Operator's Report
Steve Keech discussed the operator's report; the average daily flow was 62,684 gallons a day in August. He stated the plant is running normally, and all sample averages are below permit limits. Steve discussed maintenance that was performed at the plant.

Engineer's Report
- Act 537 Report – Keith stated he is finalizing this project and will get this to SSM Group shortly. Keith discussed the Index map and site plan that will be included with the Act 537 plan.
- PA Small Water & Sewer **Saddler Pump Station Improvements** Grant – Keith stated he is working on this project.
- Local Share **Headworks/HVAC** Grant Project – Keith stated he received the bids for the HVAC - contract C; they received five (5) bids for this project. Keith stated the low bidder was Advanced Comfort Specialists, Inc., their bid amount was $74,189.66 which includes installation. **Motion made by Floyd Jennelle seconded by**

Dan Engro to issue the notice of intent to award the bid to Advanced Comfort Specialists, Inc. in the amount of $74,189.66. Motion carried by all.

- 2025 Local Share **Pump Station Improvement** Grant Project – Keith stated the CFA met on 9/16/26 and grant awards were announced, unfortunately MABE was not awarded any grant funds.
- ARPA Small Water and Sewer **Collection System Rehab** Grant Project – Keith stated Ditchcreek completed the televising and he prepared a grant payment request in the amount of $9,040.00 for approval. **Motion made by Darrell Gibble seconded by Greg Siwik to approve the grant payment request submission to DCED in the amount of $9,040.00. Motion carried by all.**
- ARPA H20 PA **Plant Upgrade** Grant Project – Keith stated he submitted a grant extension request letter to DCED and had follow-up correspondence, however; due to Federal funds being involved, no extension will be granted.
- Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – Keith stated this is an ongoing project.
- Rouse Chamberlain development in West Nantmeal Twp. – discussed under Public Comment.
- STP Generator and Pump Station #1 Backup Power – Keith stated he will review/discuss scope of work with Lenni Electric, the electrical contractor.
- 127 E. Conestoga Rd – Stephen Kalis stated he spoke with Joel from Inland Design today and Stephen will be finalizing the intermunicipal agreement for this shortly.
- Closing of Lagoons – Keith stated he is working on this project with the conservation district for approval.
- Vixen Hill – Keith stated the lines have been televised and there are no issues. Keith stated he has discussed this with Stephen and suggested sending a letter advising the property owner that the lines are private and if any issues arise it will be their responsibility to fix them.
- Hopewell Manor Sewer Repair – Stephen Kalis stated he will send a letter to Hopewell Manor ASAP.
- **2026 Local Share Statewide** Grant – Keith stated the LSA grant applications are being accepted between Sept. 1st and Nov 30th. Keith stated the maximum grant amount is $1 Million and there is no matching fund requirement. Keith suggested the MABE allow him to apply for this grant. Steve Keech advised Keith to apply for any grant that is available.

Solicitor's Report

- Vixen Hill – Discussed under Engineer's report.
- Hopewell Manor – Discussed under Engineer's report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Admin Update

Lorrie stated the 3rd Quarter invoices will be mailed this week.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Stolz

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **October 27, 2026, at 7:00pm.**