

MABE Meeting Minutes March 31, 2015

In Attendance:

Absent:

Others In Attendance:

Rick Shaw
Jose Colon
Darrell Gibble
Charlotte Gehman
Joe Boldaz
Stephen Kalis

Mike Popow
Floyd Jennelle

Jack Stewart
Dave Friedman

Meeting called to order at 7:02p.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Darrell to approve the Meeting Minutes of the February 24, 2015 Board Meeting. Second by Rick. Motion Approved.

Public Comment

None

Correspondence

PMAA Board Member Training – Jose attended the PMAA Board member training and stated that he found it helpful as a new board member.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Darrell to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Rick. Motion Approved.

Operator's Report

One violation for ammonia occurred in February due to the cold. Dave suggested that when the outside temperature goes below 50 degrees, the biology to treat ammonia doesn't work. On March 11, two items occurred (see items 5 & 6 on Dave's report). Plant is rated for 125,000 gallons per day and flows were above that. 49 West Main St. reported a sewer blockage, which was determined to be caused by baby wipes and rags. The high flows from the snow melt/rainfall exacerbated the problem. John Larson was able to clear the blockage. It was noted that there is significant inflow from the manhole in the area of 49 West Main Street where a leak was noted around the pipe penetration. Dave suggests doing inflow infiltration testing, cleaning and televising for all manholes. One of the pumps at the Corbett Pump Station was replaced with a spare and the two faulty were sent to Deckman for an estimate. Dave will report on results of pump condition and costs to repair when received. One of the Influent Pump Station discharge lines has a leak and Dave recommends Controllex for the repair work, which would take a few hours at an estimated cost of \$1200-\$1400.00. **Motion by Rick to approve the repair of the Influent Discharge Line not to exceed \$1500.00. Second by Jose. Motion approved.** John will clean out the western clarifier now that weather is milder. Joe explained the differences between inflow and infiltration and provided photos of the various manholes and a map of the manholes in the Borough that experienced high flows. He explained the inflow problems caused by snow piles blocking manholes and creating dams. Three point repairs are recommended. Manholes Z1 and Z3 were previously approved. Joe suggests adding C-4 to that list. Joe recommends testing of the manholes including flushing and televising the lines which represents 10% of the MABE sewer system in the Spring or Fall. Joe will present a project plan and the Board will discuss this project further at the April meeting.

Engineer's Report

Equalization Tank Repair - Driveway sealing to be done in the Spring.

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Disinfection Upgrade - Joe presented 2 copies of warranty information for the Disinfection Upgrade. An on-site meeting was held on March 30th to determine the condition of the heating system. Electronic faults were discovered and addressed. The HVAC system was functional when he left the facility. Test performed to confirm the system working as designed. The blower building is being cooled as well. **Motion by Darrell to approve final Pay Application #8 in the amount of \$6,749.00 to Condon Electric for work completed. Second by Rick. Motion approved.** Joe suggested adding a rotometer to the HVAC return line to be used in lieu of the gate valve which was originally part of the design. Joe estimated the cost at \$1000.00. Eastern should be completing the Punch list and final changes to the project this month.

Lagoon Closure Project – Joe suggested that EEMA O&M Services drawn down the lagoons as soon as the weather warms, so surveying and design can proceed and sludge removal can begin. Dave indicated that he will speak with John Larson to begin the process.

Chapter 94 Report – Joe provided a final copy of the Chapter 94 report which was signed by Rick and sent to DEP. Joe discussed some specifics of the report and the changes since the sand filter is no longer used.

Corbett Pump Station – Base fittings have been replaced and regouted. Joe requested quarterly pump station reports on run times from Dave. Joe recommended annual draw down tests for 2015, which would be one day's work for him at an estimated cost of \$2,000 and John Larson's time as well. **Motion by Darrell to approve draw down tests by Hydraterra and EEMA for 2015 at a cost of \$2,000. Second by Jose. Motion approved.**

Springfield Village Dedication – Waiting for escrow replenishment so Stephen can move forward.

PA DEP Act 537 Planning Grant – Joe shared a letter he sent to Merle Stoltzfus and Shirley Crehan a few months ago to make them aware of grant monies available for ACT 537 Planning through the County. Act 537 planning is the responsibility of the Borough and not MABE. It is not required by law to update the plan. Plan was last updated in September 2003 prior to the package plant installation when flow rates were less. Stephen suggests the plan should be reviewed every 5 years. Charlotte will ask Council what their position is on pursuing a grant and updating the 537 plan.

Old Business

Insurance Search- Review of quotes as provided. **Motion to recommend that the Borough and MABE insure with PIRMA. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.** Will request that Stephen be allowed to review any contract prior to signing. Charlotte will request a draft of the PIRMA individual policy for review by Stephen. Stephen suggests trust insurance in order to be insured with like entities.

New Business

Moving MABE Files/Records to Plant for Storage - Discussion of the plan to move records to the old office, when cabinets and desk are moved to the new building. Charlotte will pursue a shelving unit to store records so they can be kept off the floor. Will consider a dehumidifier connected to the floor drain to control moisture.

Plant Visit – Board will meet at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on May 26th at 6:00p for a tour of the completed Disinfection Upgrade. The regular meeting will follow at Borough Hall at 7:00p.

Solicitors Report

DEP Consent Order – Entered executive session at 8:31p. Mr. Shaw announced MABE convening the regular meeting and not returning to the regular meeting this evening. **Motion to adjourn by Darrell at 8:32p. Second by Jose. Motion approved.**

Next regular board meeting will be on April 28, 2015 at 7:00p.

Respectfully Submitted by Charlotte Gehman