

MABE Meeting Minutes May 29, 2018

In Attendance:

Rick Shaw
Floyd Jennelle
Jose Colon
Lori Sifford
Joseph Boldaz, Hydraterra
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Darrell Gibble

Others In Attendance:

Dave Friedman, EEMA
Jack Stewart

Meeting called to order at 7:01p.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Lori to approve as corrected the Meeting Minutes of the April 24, 2018 Board Meeting. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.

Public Comment

None

Correspondence

Elverson Water Company – Review of a letter from Elverson Water Company to inform of the Main St. Project and to offer new connections at no charge for the lateral. Charlotte will contact Stoltzfus to let them know MABE is interested in connection.
Main St. Roadway Pre-Construction Meeting – Joe reviewed the meeting points. Joe has notified PennDOT that there are 13 manholes in the sidewalk and the contractor is to notify MABE if there is any impact to the sidewalk/manholes during the project. The Main St. water project is now anticipated to begin after July 4th.

Treasurer's Report

Review of the larger outstanding accounts on the aging and the May payables. **Motion by Lori to approve the Payables for May as presented. Second by Jose. Motion approved.**

Admin Update

Blower Building Paint – Charlotte will notify Giordano painting to paint the Blower Building a light gray per Mr. Giordano's recommendation.

Operator's Report

The plant is running well. There have been some high flows and the blowers are tripping every 2 or 3 days. One fecal exceedance. The utility water pump has been replaced and is working again. The HVAC system is working, but Rick Weller is making some adjustments. All pump station pumps are working except the Corbett pump, which has had the capacitor and frayed wiring replaced. The new EQ Tank pump has been ordered. Alarm call for the Twin Valley Pump Station was received. The school has been notified of the problem. The grinder pumps need new cutting ring mechanisms. EEMA can install the new rings. Dave will provide Charlotte with parts information to place the order unless Controlex is able to supply the parts.

Equipment Inventory – Dave is working on completing the inventory with the name plate information. Dave will send the Excel inventory to Charlotte and will attempt to add dates of purchase to the information.

Portable Generator Repair – The new radiator is installed and is running fine.

EQ Tank Cleaning-Second Quote – Review of the quote and discussion of the possibility of just cleaning the influent screen and. Dave suggests cleaning the trough at the Influent building more often. Dave will add that to the EEMA schedule. He will clean the current EQ Tank pump when he installs the new EQ Tank Pump.

Blower #3 – The new Blower worked for 3 days and then failed. Rick Weller discovered that it was the blower motor that needs a new bearing and has ordered the part.

Pump Evaluation Controlex - Controlex has examined all of the pumps.

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Engineers Report

Hydraterra Blower Panel Estimate – Joe reviewed the estimate he provided to the Board for Hydraterra’s portion of the Blower Panel work. Discussion of an experiment Dave could perform with the aeration blower to test and estimate the potential electric savings of the Blower panel improvements. Rick shared the discussion points of the meeting with the electrical consultant. Charlotte will contact Neemar and Purestream to get their input on what is needed to improve the panel and try to schedule meetings with Dave, Rick and Charlotte. Rewiring is a large part of the project. Additional VFD’s can be added later and do not need to all be installed at once as long as the wiring is in place.

A Series Manhole Repair Schedule – Manhole A6 may be impacted by the Main St. project, so Joe recommends waiting until the project is completed to make the repairs. The contractor is agreeable to waiting.

Pump Run Times/I&I (Quarterly/June) – Joe will have a report to present in June.

Sewer Metering Study – Joe reviewed some of the preliminary metering data from Manholes Z1, A2 and X and will be providing more detailed information at the June meeting.

Rules, Specifications and Details – No new action.

Master Casting Agreement/Ladtech Riser Quote – Will be approximately a year until this will be initiated.

NPDES Permit – NPDES Permit application is still under review with DEP. We are covered under our existing permit during the review process.

Joe shared some materials that are available to educate customers on the sewer system and how customers can help save costs. Charlotte will look into the costs.

Solicitors Report

Zoning/SALDO – Stephen has forwarded to Joe the final recommended changes. Joe will review and a final recommendation will be forwarded to the Zoning/SALDO committee.

Land Appraisal Next Steps – Discussed in Executive session.

Old Business

Plant Insulation – No new plans to present.

Plant Water Claim – Rick and Charlotte will meet with Tim McEwen to discuss further digging to identify the break.

Private Lateral Inspection/Borough Discussion – Rick and Charlotte will approach Borough Council with a sample Ordinance and present a proposal at the July Borough Council Meeting.

New Business

PMAA Seminar-Privitization – Joe reviewed the discussion at the Regional dinner and the message of encouragement to educate the public on the costs of running the system and how they can help contain costs as well as the benefits of maintaining local ownership of the system.

EEMA Services Agreement – Discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session entered at 8:41p Executive session ended 9:27p

Meeting Adjourned: 9:28p

Next regular Board meeting will be on June 26, 2018 at 7:00p at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by Charlotte Gehman