

MABE Meeting Minutes June 25, 2019

In Attendance:

Lori Sifford
Darrell Gibble
Jose Colon
Steve Keech
Floyd Jennelle
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Keith Showalter, Systems Design
Tom Unger, Systems Design
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Dave Friedman, EEMA
John Dean, EEMA
Joe Margusity, Blue Rock Development

Meeting called to order at 7:00p

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Darrell to Approve Minutes of May 28, 2019 Board Meeting. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.

Public Comment

Joe Margusity – Developer of the Blue Rock project asked the Board for their opinion on the choice of a pump station versus grinder pumps. He proposes 5 E-1 low pressure systems, with none of them being dedicated to the authority to include an agreement that allows unfettered inspections and scheduled inspections by the authority engineer. He also requests that the existing easement be used to take effluent to the Corbett pump station. This will reduce the lineal feet of force main by 1000 and not require cutting into roads. He would also consider a fiduciary account to give MABE access to the funds should any problems occur or dedicating the E-1 units to MABE. The Board agreed to give Mr. Margusity a decision as soon as possible.

Correspondence/Communication

PMAA Region 1 Dinner 11/14/19 – Will reconsider at future meeting.

Operator's Report

The plant is running well with no violations. Dave explains that all PA One Calls must be responded to even if multiple contractors. There was an SSO at the manhole near 105 E. Main St due to disposable wipes. Berks Rooter was able to unclog it and have the pump station cleaned. Review of the SSO report submitted to DEP. A bad float was repaired in the sump pump in the DU building.

HVAC – The system is working well but must be flushed regularly. Well Water Plumbing Quote – Dave intends to provide a quote for this work at the July meeting.

Influent Pump Station Repair and Pump Quote – The pump failed and was sent for repair. The second pump if repaired can be used in any of 4 pump stations. **Motion by Jose to approve cost of \$2,160.00 to repair the spare pump. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.** Review of the Controlex and MGK quotes to repair PS1. Still waiting for a quote from Pikeland.

Aeration Tank Painting Quote – Review of the painting quote presented. This would require taking down each tank temporarily. Paint would extend 1 foot below the water line. Dave expects the painting project to take a week and needs to be done when the weather is dry. Steve requested a second quote for painting.

Blower #2 Evaluation – Blower #2 is not working well and is about 15 years old. Dave will get Blower #2 evaluated and feels it may need to be replaced.

Aeration Tank Improvements Quote -3 quotes presented. The first is all inclusive including labor. The second quote is modified not including the drop legs. Valves may be able to be reused, but Dave prefers to replace them all.

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Engineer's Report

Blower Panel Project – Hydraterra is still managing this project, but Keith stays in contact with Eastern.

Blue Rock Project – Deferred to executive session.

Main St. Manholes, A-Series Manholes – Keith will complete the inspections with Allen Myers on Main St. S. Chestnut St has one manhole and should not require any adjustments, but SDE will inspect. They have been in contact with Sewer Specialties and are waiting for the Main St. project to be completed. Anticipate September/October timeframe. Waiting on a certificate of insurance.

Penn Dot Authorized Agent – Keith has provided a blanket authorization form to allow SDE to submit Highway Occupancy Permits on MABE's behalf. **Motion by Jose to approve SDE be the authorized PennDOT representative for MABE. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Connection Inquiries – Based on a request from 51 W. Main St., Keith reviewed SDE's procedures for handling connection inquiries and securing funds to cover the engineering fees. Discussion of the process and review of the sample Lateral Connection Procedures document SDE provides to customers. **Motion by Jose to approve a \$500.00 escrow fee for SDE to review connection requests. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Sewer Specifications - Review of a sample standards document for pump stations.

Lori asked Keith to look at the manhole metering data to help identify the next area of focus for sewer plumbing inspections.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Old Business

HVAC Service Referrals – Charlotte shared conversations with Wheatly and Ressler & Mateer as options for service of the Daikin unit at the plant. Steve will request rate sheet from Wheatley.

New Business

Lori shared that Borough Council is setting up an informational session to encourage participation in serving the community. She would like to have MABE represented. More details to come as planning develops.

Treasurer's Report

Sign Checks - **Motion by Darrell to approve the June payables as presented. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Admin Update

Plumbing Inspections Future Schedule – Review of the inspections completed to date. Charlotte will follow up with customer who refused entry with a copy the ordinance and notice that his inspection is not considered complete until we are able to access the property.

Executive Session – entered 8:30p

Meeting reconvened. Board authorized SDE to send a letter to the developer outlining additional considerations for the Blue Rock project.

Meeting Adjourned 9:09p

Next Scheduled MABE Meeting is Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 7:00p.