

# MABE Meeting Minutes November 26, 2019

## In Attendance:

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

## Absent:

Jose Colon

## Others in Attendance:

John Dean, EEMA  
Jack Stewart, Borough Council  
Joe Margusity, Blue Rock  
Keith Mooney, Barley/Snyder  
Jim Freeze, Resident

Meeting called to order at 7:00p

## Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Darrell to approve Minutes of October 26, 2019 Board Meeting as presented. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

## Public Comment

Keith Mooney, Barley/Snyder – Review of the letter received by DEP. Mr. Mooney asks if the authority will put together a committee to hash out the issues prior to the December MABE Board meeting. Stephen agrees that a staff meeting is appropriate to include the engineer, solicitor and a few Board members. Mr. Mooney will send dates to Stephen so Charlotte can schedule a meeting.

Joe Margusity, Developer Blue Rock - Mr. Margusity reviewed his conversation with DEP and asked that the staff meeting be scheduled as soon as possible after Thanksgiving.

Chris and Eleanor Mensak/125 N. Chestnut St. – Mr. Mensak has found plans that he believes show where the sewer lines are. Keith reviewed the potential connection and what he sees as the challenges and requirements. The connection will require a plumbing contractor with a certificate of insurance because they will be connecting to MABE property to tie in. As part of the discovery in researching the questions, Keith suggests that a new manhole be added for the Blue Rock development instead of replacing an existing one as originally planned. Keith is confident that 125 N. Chestnut can connect. Keith cannot confirm that the easement is public or private but feels it would typically be private. Steve and Keith recommend having the lot surveyed which could also confirm the existing easement.

## Correspondence/Communication

None

## Operator's Report

Chemical Feed Pump Enclosure – Controlex has completed the enclosure, and John was able to get a temperature control system at no extra cost.

Influent Pump Station Repair – the receivers were replaced, and the pump station is working as designed. Had to replace motor starter for pump #1 at the influent pump station, which was tripping, but it is now working 100%. Accurate Land Services has completed the storm sewer work for the Borough and EEMA is pleased with the restoration of the work area.

Blower #2 Repair Update – The Roots blower has been replaced with a Sutorbilt, but it is so much more efficient it is overpowering the other blowers. John says they are close to being able to run on one blower, but the current air diffusers are not able to handle it. John suggests replacing the diffusers only at this time and that could save running the

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second blower. The challenge is in installing as the pipes can take shorter or longer depending on the pipe. John proposes \$2,500.00 to replace the diffusers that are worst. **Motion by Darrell to approve a maximum of \$2,500.00 to purchase diffusers for immediate replacement. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Decant Pump Station – John indicated that the second pump is now not working and feels a new repair plan is required. John made some suggestions about replacements. John will get a new quote from Controlex prior to the December meeting.

Werner/Stoltzfus Manhole Repair – The manhole now has an insert in. The bolt down lid has been ordered. There are a few other options if the locking lid doesn't work to eliminate the odors.

HVAC - Well Water Plumbing Quote – John feels that this is not a good idea as it will change the temperature. He suggests adding a pre-filter/strainer system is a better solution. He will present a plan at a future meeting.

Blower Panel Project - Sigma has been onsite to make some adjustments to keep the generator from triggering the auto dialer alarm. Problem has been corrected. EEMA has adjusted the blowers and anticipate noticeable energy savings.

Waiting for the O&M Manuals to come in.

Auto dialer – The new auto dialer has been a problem. It has been sent back to USA Bluebook for repair or replacement. Using a smaller spare in the meantime.

## Engineer's Report

Blue Rock Project – Discussed above.

Main St. Manholes/A-Series Manholes – Review of the revised quote for this work. **Motion by Floyd to approve the revised quote of \$16,500 for Sewer Specialty Services as presented. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.** Keith anticipates adding a few additional repairs which he will add as a change order. The work will be added to Sewer Specialties Systems spring schedule.

PA Small Water and Sewer Grant – **Motion by Darrell to approve Resolution 2019-5 to apply for the PA Small Water and Sewer grant. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.** Keith reviewed the grant proposal to be submitted for a total of \$134,645.00.

51 W. Main St. Connection – Keith needs to follow up with PennDOT to close out the permit.

125 N. Chestnut St. Connection Review – Discussed above.

## Solicitor's Report

Blue Rock Agreements – Everything is on hold until a staff meeting can be held between MABE, the developer and his solicitor and a plan can be solidified.

Corbett Easement Agreement – Stephen will begin preparing the new expanded Easement Agreement for the Corbett Pump Station.

EEMA Operations Agreement – The new contract has been reviewed by EEMA. **Motion by Steve to approve of the EEMA contract as presented. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.** Stephen will send Charlotte a revised page 4 and we will wait for signature by Pete Lau, EEMA president.

## Old Business

Board Member Candidates – Jim Freeze is in attendance in consideration of serving on the MABE Board.

2020 Budget – Lori is working on this and asks for any additional consideration

## New Business

Snow Removal Contractor – **Motion by Darrell to approve TriCounty Landscaping's quote for snow removal services for the 2019/2020 season. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Urban Center Improvements Inventory – Review of the opportunity to add any projects to the list for consideration of future grant opportunities.

## Treasurer's Report

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

## Admin Update

2020 Meeting Dates – Charlotte presented a list of meeting dates for 2020. Lori suggests adding two workshop meetings in April and October. **Motion by Steve to approve the 2020 MABE Board meeting and Workshop dates as presented. Second by Floyd.**

## Executive Session

Adjourned to Executive session at 8:39p Resumed regular meeting at 8:49p

**Motion by Floyd to approve Charlotte's raise and to increase flat rate payment for meeting attendance. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:51p

Next Regular Board Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00p.

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Gehman