

MABE Meeting Minutes July 28, 2020

In Attendance:

Lori Sifford
Darrell Gibble
Jim Freeze
Steve Keech
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Floyd Jennelle

Others in Attendance:

Dave Friedman, EEMA
Merle Stoltzfus, Elverson Water Company
Jack Stewart, Borough Council

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Approve Minutes of June 30, 2020 Board Meeting – **Motion by Steve to approve the Minutes of June 30, 2020 Board Meeting as presented. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Public Comment

Merle Stoltzfus, Elverson Water Company Water Services Act – Merle presented a modification of the letter MABE presented as a draft to initiate water shut-offs for non-payment of sewer. Merle would like to comply with the Water Services Act in the following way: Merle will draft an agreement wherein the water company will give the sewer authority the right to turn off a water valve. He does want to be able to recover any lost revenue, due to the shut-off. EWC wants to be copied on any correspondence to a customer whose water is being shut off. Merle recommends auto pay where funds are directly deposited into the company account for delinquent customers. Merle has recorded easements, and these would be acknowledged based on an agreement to be developed. Merle indicates that customers contacting EWC after receiving a shut-off notice will be told that MABE has the right by law to turn off the water. The Board will review the considerations with the solicitor.

The pedestrian pathway was resurfaced on Brick Lane in front of the Brick Lane pump station. Merle presented an invoice for the paving of 50 ft. of pathway in the easement owned by MABE.

Correspondence/Communication

21 E. Main Street- Following up on his inquiries at the June meeting, Sean Storms indicated via email that he will not be creating a second unit in the building, so therefore will not require a second EDU. He was directed to Kraft Codes for approval of any other modifications.

Operator's Report

The plant is running well now. We had one washout in June. John has adjusted for storm mode to avoid washing solids out.

HVAC Pre-Filter Project – The project is waiting for Phil Faretti to have time in his schedule to complete the project.

172 E. Main Street – Dave reported on the lateral being moved to East Main St. from N. Pine. Dave pointed out that there are private sewer lines on North Brick Lane that MABE is not responsible for. Dave suggests televising the private lines to ensure there are no leaks or inflow/infiltration. Keith recommends researching the private lines and get permission from homeowners to televise to determine the condition of the line.

The treatment plant generator has been serviced. The portable generator could not be accessed because the garage door was not opening. Dave will schedule DynaTech for the portable service now that the garage door is able to be opened.

Engineer's Report

Blue Rock Project – Still waiting of the Water Quality Management permit.

Main St. Manholes, A-Series Manholes Repair Project Schedule, Confirm Repair of MHC-2- Standard Pipe will be on site next week for the work. **Motion by Darrell to approve the additional cost of manhole repair to MHC-2 in the amount of \$1,790.00 by Standard Pipe Services. Second by Steve. Motion Approved.**

Keith says flows are low because groundwater levels are low.

14 N. Brick Lane Development –

Sewer Easement/Right of Way Project – Project is still in process.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Update – To be awarded in September.

Act 537 Plan Quote & Planning – Keith will reach out to Mark to discuss the plan.

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Solicitor's Report

No Report. Solicitor absence excused from this meeting.

Old Business

Water Services Act – Discussed above.

Springfield Drive EDU Evaluation - No response from the homeowner yet. MABE will invoice the customer for the Tapping Fee and quarterly sewer fees if no response is received.

Troxell Easement - Charlotte has left two messages and is not getting a response. Waiting for notarized signatures.

New Business

Merle presented an invoice for paving the brick lane path, a portion of which goes through the Brick Lane Pump Station property owned by MABE. **Motion by Steve to pay \$630.00 to Merle and Dave Stoltzfus for paving work at the Brick Lane pump station. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report

Sign Checks – **Motion by Darrell to approve the payables for July as presented. Second by Steve. Motion approved.**

CD Renewal – The CD is up for renewal. The Board agreed to roll over the CD at whatever term offers the best interest rate.

Admin Update

Sewer Plumbing Inspections Update – Charlotte suggested sending a self-inspection form to the remaining Summerfield properties to be inspected instead of paying plumbers inspect. Charlotte will present a draft inspection form and a tally of the repairs in Summerfield to date at the August meeting.

Executive Session

Meeting Adjourned 8:25p

Next Regular Board Meeting is Scheduled for **Tuesday, August 25, 2020** at 7:00p.

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Gehman