

MABE Meeting Minutes September 29, 2020

In Attendance:

Lori Sifford
Darrell Gibble
Steve Keech
Floyd Jennelle
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Jim Freeze

Others in Attendance:

Dave Friedman, EEMA
John Dean, EEMA
Jack Stewart, Borough Council

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Approve Minutes of August 25, 2020 Board Meeting – **Motion by Darrell to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2020 Board Meeting as presented. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Public Comment

None

Correspondence/Communication

28 E. Main St. Manhole Repair Follow-up – Homeowner is still complaining after MABE improvements to the manhole. EEMA says there is nothing more that can be done and that it is highly unlikely that the odor can still be coming from the manhole, except smoke testing. Keith suggests checking the vents again. Charlotte asked the homeowner to contact MABE when the odor is present in the hopes an operator can visit the property to investigate.

Operator's Report

Flows are up a bit from rains in August. Storm mode programmed into the blowers is working well. Occasionally heavy rains cause back-ups into the UV room. Process control equipment has been adjusted. Disk filters replaced. Replaced two solenoid valves on the Lakeside screen. HVAC feed lines have been cleaned.

HVAC Pre-filter Project Schedule – Plumber is waiting on parts and he expects to have them by the end of the week and anticipates mid-October to begin the work.

Garage Door Panel Repair – Replacement panel still need to be acquired and installed.

Portable Generator Service – Dave is waiting for parts and needs to get on the DynaTech schedule.

Engineer's Report

PA Small Water and Sewer Grant – Dave and Keith met to discuss the details of the grant project and detailed application of the funds. Some of the work has been done in the interim after submission of the grant application. MABE has not received a grant contract to date. Charlotte will make another attempt to reach our contact.

Blue Rock Project – There is a lot of activity on site. The off-site force main is installed but not 100% complete. Keith reviewed the inspections to date. The grinder pump units are installed for lots 25-28. The electrical design does not include a hookup for a portable generator. That should be installed tomorrow and must be inspected by SDE and Kraft Codes. There is one section constructed that SDE was not notified to inspect. The portable generator and spare pumps have not been purchased and the shed to house them has not been constructed. **Motion by Floyd to direct Keith to notify the developer that no inspections or approval will be given after the first four units have gone to settlement. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Main St. manholes, A-Series Manholes Repair Project – Final manhole was grouted, and Keith approved the invoice and noted the amount of grout used.

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – Still in process.

ACT 537 Plan Quote & Planning – Keith needs to get in touch with Mark Stabolepszy.

North Brick Lane Private Sewer Line Research & Televising Plan – Keith reviewed a drawing suggesting a televising route in addition to the North Brick Lane private line per conferring with Dave. This matches up with televising work done previously and will be

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roughly 2400 lineal feet of pipe. Keith will pursue proposals from contractors. **Motion by Steve to approve the televising work up to \$5,500.00. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

PennDot Master Casting Agreement – **Motion by Darrell to approve Resolution 2020-6 authorizing the Authority entering into a 7-year Master Casting Agreement. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Springfield Village Inquiry – Dave and Keith visited Springfield Village and reviewed the property survey and determined that the fence is on the farmers property on that side of the property above the swale. Floyd indicated that the farmer determined the placement when the fence was installed. The area of the standing water is technically on the farmers property. Charlotte will respond to the homeowner inquiring that the area of concern is not on MABE property.

Solicitor's Report

See old business items.

Old Business

Water Services Act – Review of the Water Services Act and further discussion of enacting shut-off as an MABE policy. The Board asked Stephen to provide a draft resolution noting that water-shut off will become part of MABE's collection policy. Stephen and Charlotte will refine the response to the Water Company.

Springfield Drive EDU Evaluation – Customer has not responded and will be invoiced for the Tapping Fee and Additional EDU.

Corbett Easement – The revised Corbett Easement agreement has been recorded. Keith has spoken to the developer and they are working on the details and permit required.

Customer Payment Options – Still seeking other merchant plans for providing electronic payment options.

New Business

Plant Driveway Repair Quote – Board reviewed the quote presented to repair the deep potholes that have developed in the driveway and requested Charlotte seek a second quote for this work.

50 E. Main St. EDU Evaluation – Charlotte will send a letter to the homeowner stating that the area above the garage space cannot be rented as a living area with a copy to the realtor.

Annual Plant Tour – Board will meet at 5:30p on October 27 at the Treatment Plant for a tour prior to the regular Board meeting at 7:00p.

Treasurer's Report

Approve Checks – **Motion by Steve to approve the payables for September as presented. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Admin Update

Sewer Plumbing Inspections Update – Charlotte shared a few questions for specific inspections and will follow-up with individual homeowners.

PMAA Conference – Charlotte will share with Board members at the Workshop meeting.

Executive Session

Meeting Adjourned 8:36p

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Gehman