

**MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the John A. Becker Municipal Building, 200 North 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Reading, PA 19606.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Joseph Boyle. The following Board members were present:

Alfred Worrall, Treasurer  
Josh Nowotarski, Secretary  
Thomas Staron, Chairman arrived later.

Also present were the following:

Christeena Hauck, Office Manager  
Matt Hauck, Superintendent  
Steve Riley, Entech Engineering  
Mark Merolla, Solicitor

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-** Ted Arentz, 322 Parkview Ave., asked permission to park on the Authority's grass/stone area across from his property. No Parking signs were posted. He explained parking is limited on his block. After discussion, permission was denied. Matt Hauck suggested parking along the street. It was also suggested he call AVRCC to inquire whether residents may use the pool lot during the winter months.

**REORGANIZATION-** Joe Boyle made the motion for the current board member positions to remain the same as the previous year, seconded by Josh Nowotarski. There were no other nominations. The motion carried.

Motioned by Joe Boyle, seconded by Josh Nowotarski to appoint Steve Riley, Entech Engineering, Inc. as the Authority Engineer. The motion carried.

Motioned by Al Worrall, seconded by Josh Nowotarski to appoint Rodger Krause, as the Authority Auditor. The motion carried.

Motioned by Josh Nowotarski, seconded by Joe Boyle to appoint Mark Merolla of Brumbach, Mancuso and Fegley as the Authority Solicitor. The motion carried.

Al Worrall motioned, seconded by Joe Boyle to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER**- Alfred Worrall

The bills for the month of December were reviewed. Following discussion, Al Worrall motioned, seconded by Josh Nowotarski to approve the December Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously. Joe Boyle asked the office to call Comcast to have the shop internet bill reviewed. Zoom service will be continued until the April meeting.

Effective immediately, the water for Building during Construction Rate was changed from \$36.00 per month, per EDU to \$50.00 per month, per EDU. Motioned by Joe Boyle, Seconded by Al Worrall. All were in favor.

A discussion was held regarding a rate increase for the bulk water supplied. Mark Merolla will review the American Water contract for the next meeting.

**ENGINEER**- Steven Riley

Steve Riley reported he has reviewed and recommends payment of the application for payment from Pierson Construction in the amount of \$41,054.21 for the added water main work that was not part of the Penn DOT scope of work on the Antietam Road Project, also the additional \$6,743.75 for the emergency water main repair, total \$ 47,797.95. Motion made by Al Worrall, second by Josh Nowotarski. All were in favor.

The Center Street water main project is complete. \$81,250.00 of grant funds from DCED were received which covers approximately half of the project construction cost.

The generator project is moving slowly. Waiting for scheduling update from the equipment supplier.

A discussion was held regarding the 2 potential locations for the replacement Spook Lane Tank. After the geotechnical report was reviewed by DN Tanks, it was determined the estimated amount of excavation and site preparation needed for the upper tank (0.75 MG tank) was 8,000 CY with 1,000 CY of rock, whereas for the lower tank (1.0 MG tank) it was 6,500 CY with 100 CY of rock. Based on these estimates, it was noted that the added excavation and rock removal cost associated with the 0.75 MG tank would be nearly equal to the added cost of the larger 1.0 MG Tank with less site work. S. Riley noted that the 1.0 MG tank uses the bottom 250,000 gallons of water (bottom 12' +/-) to support the remaining required 750,000 gallons at the desired elevation. During a true emergency, the bottom 250,000 gallons could be used, but pressure to the few customers at the highest elevation in the system may still lose pressure. It was noted this provides Authority staff more time to locate leaks without the entire system potentially running out of water. Given the added operational benefits with minimal added cost, it was concluded that the 1.0 MG tank was the more cost-effective option. Entech was directed to proceed with the 1.0 MG tank design.

An application was submitted for the DCED H2O Grant Program for the Spook Lane Tank Project.

A pre-construction meeting was held for the Spook Lane Tank Headwall project. Estimated start date is January 23, 2023.

**WATER SYSTEM** -Matt Hauck

Matt Hauck reviewed the December monthly maintenance report.

Repaired the leak at 326 Parkview Ave.

Ordered the chassis for the new truck.

Quotes for the Sylvan Dell shop gate. All Type Fence-\$ 8,900.00 ProMax-\$5,212.00

Springs needed for the F350.

4137 St Lawrence Ave- low pressure. Summit Valley will replace the service when the road work is done.

2201 Howard- possible leak. Summit Valley will need to repair this one also. This service comes into the building off Dengler St.

The new DEP lead and copper regulations will require a complete inventory of the composition all service lines on both authority and customer side by October 16, 2024. The inventory must be listed in spreadsheet format. This will be a huge undertaking. Loans will be available to replace the lead lines.

Meters will be ordered.

A few job application were received. Joe Boyle will contact a BCTC recruiter to see if there is any interest for our Operator Position.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

**SOLICITOR-** Mark Merolla

No Report.

**BUSINESS OFFICE-**

Christeena Hauck reported a check was received from PHFA for one of the three applicants waiting. The check amount was different than the amount owed by that applicant and had to be returned to the program. Still waiting to hear when a new check will be mailed.

**SOURCE WATER PROTECTION-**

No Report.

**BOROUGH OF MT. PENN-**

No Report.

**ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)-**

No Report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

Joe Boyle reported that at AVRCC's January meeting, Lynn Wilson discussed the lease and moving forward with the park. Joe will attend the February meeting to discuss these future plans.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

Joe Boyle reported a letter was sent to residents on Opal Ave., Mayer S.t, and Park St. from Antietam Valley Municipal Authority requesting access to the properties to check where the storm water flows into the system.

Joe Boyle reported an email was received from Don Pottiger, Lower Alsace Township manager, regarding the disrepair of the Tot Lot Fence at the park. It was forwarded to Lynn Wilson at AVRCC. Also forwarded to RCAV.

Motion was made by Joe Boyle, seconded by Josh Nowotarski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Christeena Hauck*

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Business Office Manager