

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, in the meeting room of the John A. Becker Municipal Building, 200 North 25th Street, Reading, PA 19606 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Smith. The following Board members were present:

Thomas Smith, Chairman
Tuan Duong, Vice Chairman
Joseph Boyle, Secretary
Alfred Worrall, Treasurer
Kelly Dudash, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

Also present were the following:

Christeena Hauck, Support Specialist
Matt Hauck, Water System Foreman
Brad Smith, Arro Consulting
Mark Merolla, Solicitor
Pam Keeler
Jay Worrall

Ms. Pam Keeler representing Zero Gravity reviewed the proposal for the website. The goal being enhanced security and to increase user friendliness and accessibility. The total update package including the SSL Certificate will cost \$750.00.

Joe Boyle explained the Recreation Commission of Antietam Valley requested the Authority consider a \$25,000.00 contribution towards the required grant match. Funds will be used to replace the deteriorating pedestrian bridge. Discussion continued regarding the limitations on the Authority's spending as specified in the Municipal Authorities Act, the purchased of the parcel of land located on Harvey Ave, and the Beerfest funds. Mr. Worrall explained the Commission needs to raise \$155,000.00 in matching grant funds to be used towards replacement the walking path around the lake, ADA corrections to the recreation center and the replacement of the pedestrian bridge. Mr. Worrall needs a letter of commitment prior to the next authority meeting.

Motioned by Tom Smith, seconded by Kelly Dudash to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER- Alfred Worrall

Al Worrall reported the bank account at First National was closed and the funds were transferred to the savings at Vist.

Motioned by Al Worrall, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve the January 2019 Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the 2019 proposed budget was distributed to the board. After discussion, Tom Smith made the motion to accept the 2019 budget as presented, seconded by Kelly Dudash. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER- Bradley Smith

The Perkiomen Project construction is winding down. A discussion was held regarding what will be included in the Pennvest loan. Brad Smith will request an itemized cost to date from PennDot.

The emergency interconnect on Neversink Road was tabled until the end of the year.

Ed Overberger would like to reschedule a meeting to review the DCED Assistance Program prior to the next Borough Council scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM. The new meeting needs to be advertised.

The following options for the Spook Lane tank were submitted to the Board:

Option 1: Repair existing tank as per recommendation-\$415,722.00

Option 2: Repair existing tank as per recommendation and build a new 750,000 gallon steel tank-\$1,860,458.93-2,700.658.00

Option 3: Demolition existing tanks and build two 750,000 gallon steel tanks-\$2,348,384.00-3,180,480.00

Discussion continued regarding the three options presented and financing. A decision will need to be made by June 2019 to bid the project by May of 2019.

Al Worrall questioned the DEP Fire Hydrant requirements on Perkiomen Ave.

The survey for Navella and Brighton is completed.

WATER SYSTEM -Matt Hauck

REPORT SUBMITTED

The leak found on the 6" line on Jacksonwald Ave was isolated and repaired.

6"Main break on Laurel Ave.

The fire hydrant in the 3700 block of St Lawrence was repaired by Construction Master Services.

Various reports of frozen/burst pipes in homes.

There was another leak in the meter pit at Penn View Mobile Home Park. The meter was on bypass for a week. A meter will now be installed on the bypass system for future reads.

Marked Navella and Brighton for the survey for water main replacements.

Problem meters are being replaced. The process may take 6 months as there is now limited availability on the parts.

Kohl Brothers completed pump maintenance.

SAFETY MEETING

Cold Weather Safety

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Mark Merolla reported a uniform request for proposal will be submitted on behalf of MPBMA, AVMA, Mt Penn Borough and Lower Alsace Township.

Resolution 01-19 Authorizing Kozloff Stout to prepare all required documentation, motioned by Tom Smith, seconded by Kelly Dudash. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 02-19 Adopting procedures compliance with Act 44, motioned by Tom Smith, seconded by Joe Boyle. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Merolla reported the rough draft of the Neversink Interconnect agreement for PA American is completed. A few questions still need to be answered.

A few properties have very high balances, liens have been filed.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Christeena Hauck reported there were 700 late notices mailed on February 8th. Seventeen shut-off notices were mailed out for non-payment of collection accounts.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Joseph Boyle reported there is a grant meeting at Berks Nature on Friday, February 22, 2019 to review the submission paperwork.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN

No Report.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tom Smith made the motion to appoint Christeena Hauck as the Right to Know Officer, seconded by Al Worrall. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Smith asked for an Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss real estate. Regular Session resumed at 9:30 p.m. No action was taken.

Motioned by Joe Boyle seconded by Al Worrall to proceed with Zero Gravity Designs proposed upgrade website package at a cost of \$750.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Tom Smith, seconded by Kelly Dudash, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck

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Support Specialist