

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, April 10, 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
Joseph Boyle, Vice Chairman
Kelly Dudash, Secretary
Alfred Worrall, Treasurer-Arrived later
Kelly Dudash, Asst. Treasurer
Tuan Duong

Also present were the following:

Christeena Hauck, Support Specialist
Matt Hauck, Water System Foreman
Brad Smith, Arro Consulting
Mark Merolla, Solicitor
Ed Overberger, Arro Consulting
Jennifer Bard, 205 Endlich Ave.

Ed Overberger of Arro Engineering addressed the board regarding the DCED Early Intervention Program. Explaining the Municipality would need to be the applicant and recipient of the grant and analysis and the program is not open for Authorities at this time. Also distributed was a copy of Arro's proposed rate study (\$21,500.00) that was initially presented in to the board in November of 2018 prior to the EIP discussion. The board will consider the rate study.

Arro Consulting will be restructuring the meeting fee schedule, a letter will forwarded to the Board.

Motioned by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Joe Boyle to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019, with the following amendments: The Option 2 under Engineer Report will be stricken. The record shall read: Discussion on building one (1) 750 gallon tank then tear down the existing tank and build a second 750 gallon tank at a later date at a cost of \$2,348,384.00-3,180,480.00. The motion carried unanimously. Tuan Duong abstained.

Discussion continued regarding the two stage process would help maintain adequate supply and allow water to continue to be provided to PA American.

Jennifer Bard residing at 205 Endlich Ave addressed the board regarding the current water bill. She had a leak and will be asking Antietam Valley Municipal Authority (AVMA) for a credit of the sewer portion of the bill.

TREASURER- Alfred Worrall

The bills for the month of March 2019 were reviewed.

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

ENGINEER- Bradley Smith

Construction is completed on Perkiomen Ave. There were a few additional items that were not originally included in the contract that are now the responsibility of MPBMA: The worst case estimate for the paving restoration of 27th St heading east that are \$155,092.00. Additional hydrants were installed from Route 562 heading east at a cost of \$38,997.90. Seventeen additional water services installed at a cost of \$51,914.00. The costs are worst case scenarios; Arro will enter into negotiations for a lower price with the contractor. All the work will be covered under the PennVest loan. After discussion, Motion was made by Tom Smith to proceed with the paving repairs, hydrants and water services, seconded by Tuan Duong. The motion carried unanimously.

A memo was distributed regarding the recent changes to the PaDEP Safe Drinking Water regulations requiring the development of a Comprehensive Monitoring Plan (CMP). The submittal date is August 19, 2019. Arro will work with the staff to prepare and submit the CMP.

The 900 block of Brighton Ave and Navella Ave water main replacement designs are completed and Arro is waiting for the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) from PennDOT. Both projects are below budget. Brighton-\$233,633.00 and Navella -\$251,645.00. The plans were reviewed today with Matt Hauck and Arro will advertise the project for bids to be opened at the May 8th meeting.

The Consumer Confidence Report is completed and was forwarded to the staff.

WATER SYSTEM -Matt Hauck

REPORT SUBMITTED

Read water meters

Waiting for a shipment of replacement heads in order to change out the dead meter heads

Finished final services, Tie-ins and flushed the line with Wexcon on completion the Perkiomen Project.

Lawco tested the well meters and interconnect meters.

A motorist called the office to report damage to his vehicle from a valve box that was extended on Perkiomen Ave. PennDOT will notify the contractor.

SAFETY MEETING

Water quality and flushing

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Working with the office on a Right to Know request.

The interconnection agreement is still being reviewed by PA American.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Christeena Hauck reported bills went out on April 5th. A discussion was held regarding the tax collector using the water office drive-up window to collect taxes on the few evenings he needs to collect.

The office is still waiting for a quotes for the two windows.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Joe Boyle reported the Growing Greener Grant paperwork was completed and forwarded to the grant center. Next year's DEP Growing Greener grant can be applied for at the same time this award is being disbursed. With board approval, he and Kent Himelright from Berks Conservation District would like to apply for the next round of DCED grants to be solely used for Carsonia Lake. More information will be provided after they meet to discuss.

A discussion was held regarding the strip of land located on Harvey Avenue and the bridge at Carsonia Park and the need for its repair/replacement. Tom Smith made a motion to authorize payment of up to \$25,000 for the removal and replacement of the bridge. The payment will be delivered to the Recreation Commission of Antietam Valley through its matching grant upon the condition that the \$25,000 is dedicated to the removal and replacement of the bridge. The payment \$25,000 will be delivered \$10,000.00 from the 2019 budget and \$15,000.00 for the 2020 budget, seconded by Al Worrall. The motion carried. A letter of intent will be mailed to the Recreation Commission of Antietam Valley.

Tuan Duong suggested a meeting with the two communities (Lower Alsace and Mount Penn Borough) and the various commissions to discuss a Recreation Commission where one or both communities would be the lessee of the park property with taxing power to take care of the park. Tuan Duong will begin to organize the meeting.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN

No Report.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe Boyle requested a \$100.00 donation to be contributed in memory of Bruce Sellers from the Source Water Protection Committee to the cause selected by his widow. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Tom Smith, seconded by Kelly Dudash, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck
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Support Specialist