

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the John A. Becker Municipal Building, 200 North 25th Street, Reading, PA 19606, also via Zoom Video Conferencing due to COVID19 social distancing mandates.

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

Thomas Smith, Chair (zoom)
Joseph Boyle, Vice Chairman
Alfred Worrall, Treasurer
Kelly Dudash, Assistant Treasurer/Secretary
Thomas Staron, Secretary

Also present were the following:

Christeena Hauck, Support Specialist (Zoom)
Stephen Davis, Support Specialist
Steve Riley, Entech Engineering
Mark Merolla, Solicitor

Earl Gables Property Owners :

Steen and Maria Lemon

Lori Castor and Bill Metzinger

Robert Miller

George Saltzman

Clark Bussey

James Knoll

Michelle Boyle – 208 Mayer St (Billing Issue)

Earl Gables residents were present with Rob Miller as their spokesman.

Attached is a letter from the residents detailing the concerns from the Earl Gables water main replacement contracted to Barrasso .Rob Miller read the letter to the board.

Joe Boyle requested any video or pictures of before and after be forwarded to the board. The project has not been completed and an evaluation will be done upon completion.

Michele Boyle from 208 Mayer St had concerns about the most recent bill that was received.

There was a new meter installed on 6/14/2021. The old meter had a reading on it which was used for the billing process after the meter was estimated for the two previous periods.

It was explained that the bill was calculated by the billing system using the actual meter readings minus the estimated amounts that were billed for two periods. According to the readings the estimates were under billed for two periods and the difference was added to the current bill. The

billing system did the calculations and they were correct. With the new meter installed the next reading will give us a more accurate idea of the current usage.

Al Worrall motioned, seconded by Tom Staron to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
There was not a June meeting held so no motion was needed.

TREASURER- Alfred Worrall

The bills for month of May were reviewed. Following discussion, Kelly Dudash motioned, seconded by Al Worrall to approve the May treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.
The bills for month of June were reviewed. Following discussion, Tom Smith motioned, seconded by Kelly Dudash to approve the June treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously

ENGINEER- Steven Riley

Grant documents for Generator was mailed to wrong address. Grant is ok.
CCR report was added to current bill with exact link information to view the CCR report via water website.
Well 14 was reviewed due to reduction in capacity. It will be taken offline to inspect for damage. Well 12 & 13 will need a backup generator when well 14 is taken offline.
Brown outs caused by Met-Ed causing pump problems. Contact Met-Ed to inquiry what can be done to avoid brown outs.
Earl Gables project moving along. Harvey project also almost completed.
Risks assessment study completed. IT is well secured system wide.
Emergency response plan next to work on.
Spook Lane project – review plan and discuss at the August meeting.
50 New homes being built next to the St. Catherine's Senior housing building possibly in August.

WATER SYSTEM -Matt Hauck

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

Flushing Hydrants.
Well 12 is broken. Needs to be pulled and fixed.
New meters are currently being installed.
Getting outside help to install new meters. Will contact possible companies to help with the meter project.

SAFETY MEETING

Eye Protection.

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Cell Tower – no current offers

Sheriff sales increasing.

Fee schedule and other rates information resolution to be signed.

Pass resolution with rules 02-2021

Tom Smith made a motion , Tom Staron 2nd and all in favor – resolution 02-2021

BUSINESS OFFICE

Bills mailed 7/9/2021.

At&t demo for phone system replacement to be held.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

6/25/2021 Growing greener grant submitted

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN

Roof Expense. Low bid \$54,000 for project of replacing the Borough Roof.

Mt. Penn Borough Municipal Authority will pay \$24,000 towards roof expense.

Tom Smith Made a Motion, Tom Staron 2nd, All in Favor.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:50. The Board discussed personnel and a potential real estate transaction. No action was taken and the meeting adjourned Al Worrall motion, Tom Staron. second.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Davis

Support Specialist

July 2021 Maintenance report

Water main break on 100 block of Harvey after tying in new water main

Leak at 5 Earl Gables in the middle of the night. Barrasso crew was in to help repair.

Changed meter in pit at Seidel St (Pa American interconnect)

Continue to cut grass and maintain properties

Finish fire hydrant flushing

Spent time with Barrasso crew for water main jobs- which includes: public notification, coordination, pressure testing, shutting off/turning on water mains, locating, flushing.

Clean out drain around tank and overflow basin at spook lane

Multiple “brown out” issues at well site 12/13.

Clean all Well Houses and Pump Stations

2011 F350 to Orth’s for inspection

Troubleshoot SCADA alarms due to severe storms

Wash equipment

Keystone engineering onsite to check specs for temporary generator hookup at wells 12/13. They also helped troubleshoot an issue with our well depth reading being knocked out from severe thunderstorms.

Clean up fallen tree on spook lane property

Received a chemical delivery from UNIVAR

Add cold patch to areas we had water main breaks

Our system was selected at random for an EPA inspection. We were 1 of 6 in the state of Pennsylvania. A representative from Entech was on site for this inspection. I've sent an email to the board explaining the events that took place during this inspection.

*SAFETY MEETING- Water towers/pressure zones