

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the John A. Becker Municipal Building, 200 North 25th Street, Reading, PA 19606 at 7:00 p.m., 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
Joseph Boyle, Vice Chairman
Alfred Worrall, Treasurer
Kelly Dudash, Asst. Treasurer
Thomas Staron, Secretary

Also present were the following:

Christeena Hauck, Support Specialist
Stephen Davis, Support Specialist
Matt Hauck, Water System Foreman
Steve Riley, Entech Engineer
Mark Merolla, Solicitor

Zoom attending:

Ryan Maurer, customer and Mt. Penn council member
Lee Pace, 2705 & 2706 Philmay Terrace
Mr. Devlin – Reading Eagle

Ryan Maurer presented 3 proposals for not turning off the customer's water if they are unpaid.

1st Proposal – suspend all shutoffs until 2021 and covid restrictions are lifted.

2nd Proposal – allow payment plan such as \$25.00 per month until a future date when things are financially better.

3rd Proposal – do a financial study on BMA and even consider privatization of the Water Authority

Lee Pace responding to Ryan's proposal's with numerous comments stating the Authority has always done a great job of maintaining the financials and working with customers. The discussion continued to determine if this was a personal or council issue. The Mt Penn Borough is not involved in Mr. Maurer's appeal. A recent study was conducted by BMA and will be available to Mr. Maurer if he requests it.

The Authority will continue with the shutoffs and will work with all customers to avoid shutting off anybody's water if they contact us to make any payment arrangements.

Tom Smith motioned, seconded by Thomas Staron to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2020 meeting, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER- Alfred Worrall

The bills for month of November were reviewed. After discussion, Al Worrall motioned, seconded by Tom Smith to approve the November treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER- Steve Riley

Stephen Riley was introduced as the Mt. Penn BMA new engineer working for Entech. He will work with Arro to follow up and all of the water authority's projects and acquire all documents such as maps, CAD files from projects completed or incomplete. Any field notes or information that was already paid for. If a final bill is required for more information it needs to be presented as soon as possible.

WATER SYSTEM -Matt Hauck

Talked to Conestoga construction about the addition to the garage area.

Deeds issue with the property that needs to be resolved.

Power inverter for truck approved.

Zero turn mower blew up and needs to be replaced or fixed. Will hold off until later.

Harvey Ave needs to be started by Entech – (completed by 03/2021)

Earl Gables leaking and needs fixing again.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

SAFETY MEETING

Line Locator demo.

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Nothing.

BUSINESS OFFICE

The two desks were installed in the office.

Shutoff are scheduled for 12/15/2020.

Shutoff arrangements will be allowed on an individual basis.

Richard Hart retain as insurance broker. All Approved.

The office will be closed on 12/24/2020. PTO will be used by each employee.

An IRS payment of 2500.00 was made from an amount due from 2018 for a missed payroll tax payment.

Our operators are required to wear masks when entering the office and should limit their time in the office.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

A meeting was held on December 3rd at 11:00 am at the Rec center to review the NFWF grant and the next submission. Liberty Environmental presented the finding from the lake probe. It was attended by representatives from Berks Nature, Berks Conservancy, Delaware Estuary a lot of information was discussed and it was an overall good meeting. The grants are still on hold and will be revisited a later date.

Mike Frankhouser presented a report on the fluoride that is added to our water supply and suggested discontinuing its use.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN

No Report.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget was discussed. The rate will be raised 15% for the minimum and additional usage. Al Worrall made a motion to approve the budget. Tom Smith seconded and all were in favor.

An executive session was held to discuss personnel issues it ended at 9:15. Motion was made by Tom Smith, seconded by Kelly Dudash, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Davis
Support Specialist

Maintenance Report November 2020

6" water main break 201 Seidel

1113 Friedensburg service was replaced by WEXCON

Read meters

Finished painting Sylvan Dell Pump Station

Our 1997 f-800 dump truck sale was finalized

Continue to blow leaves and clean up properties

Met with ARRO and PennDot about an upcoming culvert replacement project at Carsonia/Friedensburg/Antietam Rd

H&K Group cut out our water main to be able to replace culvert on Butter Ln for Exeter Township. We were on site to oversee this work

Met with Conestoga Buildings at our shop to start planning an extension for our garage

Spent a few hours trying to determine the location of underground utilities around the area where we would like to expand the garage. This includes electrical lines for generator, gas line and water mains

Sort through and organize map prints/as-built to determine what ARRO has not completed. Met with ARRO about these prints

Blew leaves at AVRCC along Byram

2017 F350 went to Renninger Auto Body for LineX

Security First was onsite at Sylvan Dell to do a yearly inspection of alarm equipment

Helped Lower Alsace with a tree branch at 25th and High St

Did a field demo on a RD7000 line locator which we ended up purchasing; we used this demo as a *Safety Meeting*