

**MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 8, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 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 Chairman Thomas Staron.

The following Board members were also present:

Joe Boyle, Vice Chairman  
Alfred Worrall, Treasurer  
Kelly Dudash, Assistant Treasurer  
Josh Nowotarski, Secretary

Also present were the following:

Christeena Hauck, Office Manager  
Mark Merolla, Solicitor  
Matt Hauck, Superintendent  
Steven Riley, Engineer

**REORGANIZATION-** Josh Nowotarski made the motion for the current board member positions to remain the same as the previous year except for Treasurer, where Kelly Dudash was nominated as Treasurer and Al Worrall as Assistant Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Al Worrall. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Al Worrall, seconded by Kelly Dudash to appoint the following professional services: Mark Merolla of Brumbach, Mancuso and Fegley, as Solicitor, Steve Riley, Entech Engineering, Inc., as Engineer, and Rodger Krause, as Auditor. The motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-**

Brian Bradley and Todd Evangelista addressed the Board regarding the lake project and asked for permission to metal detect the dredgings of the lake. Any findings would be shared with the Board for a final decision on what to do with them. Permission was granted by the Board. Both gentlemen will sign a liability waiver and receive a certificate from the Authority allowing access to the property during construction.

Lynn Wilson, President of AVRCC and Beth Kohl, Esquire presented a proposed Carsonia Park Plan and provided a brief review. Tom Staron appointed Joe Boyle and Al Worrall to serve as the Authority's Carsonia Park Lease Committee. The proposal will be reviewed by Mr. Merolla and a meeting will be scheduled. The current lease is extended to March 31, 2025, but could be extended longer if necessary. Lynn Wilson reminded the board the extension would need to be longer than the upcoming pool season.

Al Worrall motioned, seconded by Kelly Dudash, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER**- Al Worrall

Following discussion, motioned by Josh Nowotarski, seconded by Kelly Dudash to approve the December Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER**- Steve Riley

Steve Riley explained the letter to Penn Power requesting credit for extra money paid for the expedited delivery of the generators. The original proposal delivery date was August of 2022. The first generator was delivered on September 9, 2024, and the second generator was delivered on December 9, 2024.

Kelly Dudash made the motion to pay the first 90% of the Penn Power invoice for the generator at Carsonia Pump Station upon approval of the Solicitor and the Engineer, seconded by Josh Nowotarski. All were in favor.

The signed contracts for the Spook Lane Tank project were returned by the contactors. The Authority Chairman will countersign the contracts. Tank construction is set to begin in 2026. Barrasso (the site subcontractor) is expected to begin site work later in 2025.

Josh Nowotarski made the motion to execute the SCADA Keystone Engineering proposal for Spook Lane Tank and Grandview Booster Station in the amount of \$37,050.00, seconded by Al Worrall. All were in favor.

**WATER SYSTEM** –Matthew Hauck

The monthly maintenance report was reviewed.

A 6" main break was repaired at 710 Brighton Ave.

Matt Hauck explained Exeter Supply is no longer a distributor for Master Meter. Ferguson Waterworks is the new distributor. Representatives stopped by to introduce themselves to Authority staff. Discussion continued regarding the availability of meters, cellular meters and the number of meters that have been replaced system wide. More information will be provided at the next Authority meeting.

A small, portable Honda generator was purchased for use at the Highland Tank. This will power the SCADA system during an outage.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

**SOLICITOR-** Mark Merolla

**Resolution # 1-2025-**Borrow \$2,830,000.00 from PENNVEST for construction of the new Spook Lane water storage tank.

**Resolution #2-2025-**Resolution to reimburse general funds with funds received from PENNVEST.

**BUSINESS OFFICE-** Christeena Hauck

Christeena Hauck reported the September 1-December 1, 2024, quarterly bills were mailed on January 7, 2025.

**SOURCE WATER PROTECTION-** Joe Boyle

Joe Boyle reported he was contacted by Mr. Whitman regarding his parcel of land directly behind the lake. After discussion and direction by the Board, Mr. Boyle was authorized to contact him and offer to pay the transfer taxes in exchange for the property being transferred to the Authority.

The fence at the little league field will be removed and stored for future use at the Spook Lane Property. The sheds will also be removed.

Joe Boyle asked permission to attend Exeter Township and Lower Alsace Township's February meetings to ask the communities to contribute to the cost of the storm water BMPs for the lake project. Exeter will be asked to contribute 40% and Lower Alsace 60%. All were in favor.

**BOROUGH OF MT. PENN-**

No Report.

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

No Report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

No Report.

The motion was made by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Josh Nowotarski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Christeena Hauck*  
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Business Office Manager