

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the John A. Becker Municipal Building, 200 North 25th Street, Reading, PA 19606.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Joe Boyle. The following Board members were also present:

Alfred Worrall, Treasurer
Kelly Dudash, Assistant Treasurer

Also present were the following:

Christeena Hauck, Office Manager
Steve Riley, Entech Engineering
Mark Merolla, Solicitor

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- None.

Al Worrall motioned, seconded by Kelly Dudash, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER- Alfred Worrall

Kelly Dudash questioned the payment to Mt. Penn Video in the amount of \$2,991.50. Christeena Hauck explained this was for the 1st half of the security camera installation at the shop.

Following discussion, motioned by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Al Worrall to approve the January Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER- Steve Riley

Steve Riley reported the DCED contract for the H2O grant for Spook Lane Tank in the amount of \$750,000.00 was executed. The Authority plans to seek additional funding from Pennvest. Review comments were received for the DEP drinking water permit. All permits must be received prior to applying for Pennvest funding.

Antietam Rd. water main project is in the design and permitting phase. Should be ready to go out for bids on March 4th with bids received on April 3rd. The project is scheduled to be awarded at the April Authority meeting.

Joe Boyle reported he and Al Worrall will be meeting with Senator Schwank to review the expenses incurred during the flood disaster in July of 2023 and to inquire whether the Authority would qualify for PEMA or FEMA disaster relief. There has been an estimated \$217,165.00 of repairs. This does not include the Heidelberg Rd crossing estimated at \$100,000.00 nor the Antietam Rd. project which runs from the intersection at Marshall Ave. to the old high school.

The generators are scheduled to ship at the end of February.

WATER SYSTEM –Matthew Hauck

The monthly maintenance report was reviewed.

Joe Boyle reported Brandon Trout, the new employee, is doing great. He is very pleased with the crew.

Three hydrants that are not able to be rebuilt will need to be replaced. More at the next meeting.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Mark Merolla reported a few properties that were slated for sheriff sale are in the process of being resolved.

BUSINESS OFFICE- Christeena Hauck

Christeena Hauck reported 500 late bills were mailed out on February 14th.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION-

Joe Boyle reported he and Matt Hauck met with Liberty Environmental to assess the flooding issue at the Antietam Pool parking lot that has become worse since the flood in July of 2023. It was determined Captain Clog will be hired to video inspect the storm sewer to determine the condition of the pipes and where any clogs are located.

The request for proposal for the lake project will be reviewed by Mark Merolla. The ARP funds will be used for this project.

Joe Boyle will contact Lynn Wilson to set up a meeting between AVRCC and MPBMA. Antietam School District asked to use the fields and would maintain them. A special meeting will need to be advertised.

A community meeting will be scheduled in April for Liberty Environmental to present the future for the park like dewatering the lake and the plans for aquatic life. A day of community service will be scheduled for mid-March to get the vegetation cut and the park cleaned up for the upcoming season.

A meeting was held with DEP to review the Growing Greener application. A Follow up meeting will also be touring the park and lake to understand the grant request.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN-

No Report.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)-

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Steve Riley reported the lead service line inventory process is underway. Matt Hauck has completed his part of the inventory by reviewing the available data. The next step will be reviewed with Entech staff. A meeting will be set up.

NEW BUSINESS-

Joe Boyle called for an Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss litigation. Regular Session resumed at 7:56 p.m. No action was taken.

The motion was made by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Al Worrall, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck
Christeena Hauck
Business Office Manager