

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, April 10, 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
Josh Nowotarski, Secretary

Also present were the following:

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

Al Worrall motioned, seconded by Josh Nowotarski, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER- Alfred Worrall

Following discussion, motioned by Joe Boyle, seconded by Josh Nowotarski to approve the February Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

Josh Nowotarski questioned the \$35.00 fee to Visit Bank. Christeena Hauck explained there is a \$35.00 scanner fee each month.

A discussion was held regarding the MJ Reider bill and the process for lab testing for PFAS/PFOA.

ENGINEER- Steve Riley

The engineering work order for the PENNVEST funding application for the Spook Lane tank was discussed and tabled for discussion at the May 8th meeting. The application should be ready for submission by August 1, 2024. Action is expected to be taken at the October 2024 PENNVEST board of directors meeting.

Eleven bids were received for the Antietam Rd. water main replacement project. Steve Riley presented the bid tabulation sheet. A discussion was held regarding the use of ductile iron versus PVC. Matt Hauck recommended using ductile iron, as this has been the Authority standard. Joe Boyle made the motion to accept the bid from Doli Construction in the amount of \$287,495.00 for the Antietam Rd. water main replacement, seconded by Al Worrall. The motion carried unanimously.

Waiting for PADEP Wetlands and Waterways permits on Spook Lane tank.

The generator delivery date is now scheduled for mid-April or early May. Steve Riley is continuing communication with Penn Power to facilitate quicker delivery.

The Sylvan Dell Booster Pump Station manhole riser fittings were completed and delivered.

WATER SYSTEM –Matthew Hauck

The monthly maintenance report was reviewed.

A few hydrants need to be repaired.

2419 Cumberland Ave. will receive a \$500.00 fine and \$250.00 to replace the meter due to meter tampering.

The scheduled three-year DEP inspection took place. This went well. A few administrative processes will need to be implemented.

Two Hundred meters will be ordered for Rich Genova to continue installing meters. Matt Hauck will also be working with the new employees to install meters.

There are problems with the Bingaman St. interconnect, the Ethermeter needs to be replaced. The cost will be approximately \$2,500.00.

Matt Hauck reviewed the maintenance budget list and the project and paving requirements with the board. After discussion, it was determined he should proceed with scheduling the vacuum truck to get the broken curb stops fixed.

Joe Boyle made the motion to approve the meter reading laptop from Exeter Supply at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00, seconded by Josh Nowotarski. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Joe Boyle, seconded by Josh Nowotarski to approve the chlorine analyzer with panel at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

An Executive Session was held at 7:44 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. Regular Session resumed at 7:54 p.m. No action was taken.

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Mark Merolla reminded the board of the rules regarding the Authority meeting agendas related to the Sunshine Law.

BUSINESS OFFICE- Christeena Hauck

Christeena Hauck informed the board the 1st quarter 2024 bills were mailed on April 8th.

A list of delinquent accounts was reviewed. A few properties are scheduled to receive a lien notification.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION-

Joe Boyle will contact Wind River to discuss the invoice and work that was not completed properly. Matt will reach out to a few other companies to request help with the issues with the storm pipe at Antietam Pool.

Joe Boyle explained there is some confusion regarding Antietam School District's use of the fields and potential funding at Carsonia Park. Josh Nowotarski will reach out to Dr. Rochin.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN-

No Report.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)-

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

No Report

NEW BUSINESS-

Joe Boyle updated the Board on Liberty Environmental and the Carsonia Park request for proposal. Joe reported that Liberty advised him that they felt Entech would be better suited to handle the administrative bidding portion of the project, as Liberty does not do much municipal bidding work. Liberty will continue to provide all the related technical support associated with the bidding, answering questions, etc. as well as the oversight during construction. The Board was in agreement with this arrangement and Entech was directed to assist Liberty with bidding the project. Liberty will provide a tentative bidding schedule with the expectation that bids will be received and discussed at the June Authority meeting and construction beginning in August.

The motion was made by Joe Boyle, seconded by Kelly Dudash, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck

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Business Office Manager