

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 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 Chairman Thomas Staron.

The following Board members were also present:

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

Also present were the following:

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

Michael Frankhouser, 1962 Woodvale Ave. thanked Mr. Boyle for the great presentation at the Source Water Protection Meeting held on March 19, 2025. He informed the Board that 19 states are currently considering regulation changes calling for the removal of added fluoride in drinking water and suggested HHS and EPA are supporting the removal of fluoride. Necessary fluoride could be provided by the dental professionals. He also expressed concern for the fence surrounding the lake. The current fence has not been a deterrent keeping people out of the construction zone.

Hunter Ahrens, Mount Penn Borough Manager, explained the Borough's recent grant awards and the bids received for 2025 roadwork project. The Borough's intent is to coordinate any water-related work the Authority would need to perform as an effort to save money. Laurel Ave. is part of this project and is one of the roads that may need to have a water main replacement. MPBMA did not budget for this project for 2025 but will consider it and could replace any needed curb stops or other maintenance that can be done while the Borough's contractor is working. Hunter would like to set up a meeting with the Authority in the future to come up with a multi-year road plan. The Borough's Street Cut ordinance requires full curb to curb pavement replacement by a utility if a new road is cut during the 5-year period after replacement. More will be discussed on the road restoration.

Don Eligman 2616 Cumberland Ave. questioned if the material being removed from the lake was tested. Mr. Boyle explained that samples were tested prior to the start of the project.

Josh Nowotarski motioned, seconded by Al Worrall, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER- Al Worrall

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

ENGINEER- Steve Riley

After discussion, Josh Nowotarski made the motion to authorize payment of the PennDOT invoice in the amount of \$49,565.00 for the 25% portion of the work at Carsonia Ave. and Antietam Rd. per the June of 2022 agreement between PennDOT and MPBMA, seconded by Joe Boyle. The motion carried unanimously.

Penn Power has both generators installed, however the power source for both is incorrect. They are working for a fix to convert them from natural gas to propane and will schedule this soon.

Spook Lane Tank - DN Tanks is set to begin water main work at the intersection of Spook Lane and Friedensburg Rd. and the Grandview Booster Pump Station in the fall of this year. The actual tank work will be in 2026. The past invoices for engineer and legal fees are being assembled and will be submitted to PENNVEST for reimbursement.

Letters were sent to property owners for the Oley Turnpike Rd. Water Main for needed easements.

WATER SYSTEM –Matthew Hauck

The monthly maintenance report was reviewed.

Matt Hauck reported the crew spent time searching for and fixing leaks.

A galvanize service in the 200 block of Friedensburg Rd. is leaking and needs to be repaired. This will require hiring M&A.

The 2" line that feeds St. Catherines School in the 2300 block of Woodvale Ave. is also leaking and needs repair. This may also be a galvanized water main, making it difficult to repair. Matt will get a quote from M&A to replace the entire 200 feet.

Water is not being supplied to PA American via the interconnect due to the drought conditions. The well levels are increasing.

As previously explained, Exeter Supply will no longer be a distributor of Master Meter brand meters and their Allegro meter reading system. A quote for Badger meters with a fixed based system was distributed. After discussion, Joe Boyle made the motion to table the meter discussion for a future meeting, seconded by Kelly Dudash. All were in favor.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Joe Boyle made the motion to execute the lease extension for AVRCC set to expire September 30, 2025, seconded by Josh Nowotarski. The motion carried unanimously. Discussions will continue over the summer for a long-term agreement. A check in the amount of \$1,500.00 was paid to AVRCC as a contribution to the mowing.

BUSINESS OFFICE- Christeena Hauck

Christeena Hauck reported that the office staff would like to schedule one last onsite training with the retiring support personnel at Dallas Data on May 16th. She will distribute a quote.

There has been an increase in the number of real estate transactions happening without water and sewer final readings requested until after the process is complete. This after-process work is a hardship for the staff. Christeena asked if the fee for work after the process could be increased.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION- Joe Boyle

Joe Boyle reported that the Annual Source Water Protection meeting was held Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat contacted Joe Boyle regarding a disturbance in the creek near the Butter Lane side of the bridge. After review, it was determined the soil in the creek was coming from the banks of the bridge area, not the current construction at the lake. The draw down permit was renewed through the end of September.

The Conservation District requested RCAV to close out their NPDES permit. The information was passed along to the appropriate party.

Lori Lilley and AARK Wildlife will continue to search for turtles until the end of April.

Joe Boyle attended the Exeter Township meeting regarding the \$70,000.00 contribution towards the storm water improvements to complete Phase I. He is scheduled to attend Lower Alsace Township's meeting on Thursday.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN.-

No Report.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)-

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Tom Staron called for an Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:06 p.m. Regular Session resumed at 8:30 p.m. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS-

No Report.

The motion was made by Josh Nowotarski, seconded by Al Worrall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck

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