

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, May 8, 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 Chairman Thomas Staron. The following Board members were also present:

Joseph Boyle, Vice Chairman
Alfred Worrall, Treasurer
Kelly Dudash, Assistant Treasurer

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 Joe Boyle, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER- Alfred Worrall

Following discussion, motioned by Joe Boyle, seconded by Al Worrall to approve the April Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER- Steve Riley

The engineering work order for the PennVest funding application for the Spook Lane tank was revisited. Steve Riley noted that the PennVest process requires various applications and reports to be prepared and submitted. The current revised cost of the tank project is \$2.8 to 3 million. After discussion, Joe Boyle made the motion to approve the engineering work order for PennVest funding assistance for the Spook Lane tank project, seconded by Al Worrall. All were in favor.

Al Worrall made the motion to approve the engineering work order for services during construction and part time construction observation for the Antietam Rd. water main replacement, seconded by Kelly Dudash. All were in favor.

Waiting for the PADEP Wetlands and Waterways permits associated with the new Spook Lane Tank design.

The permit application was submitted to DEP for the repair to the existing Spook Lane Tank which is leaking.

The generator delivery date is still waiting to be scheduled. Steve Riley is continuing communication with Penn Power. The DCED grant was extended for a year.

The lead and copper database has been set up and the customer letter regarding service line service material is scheduled to be sent out at the end of May. After discussion, it was decided this mailing will also include a Code Red promotional insert.

WATER SYSTEM –Matthew Hauck

The monthly maintenance report was reviewed.

The second round of PFAS sampling was completed and the results were consistent with the previous round of samples.

Hydrants are being flushed.

Power outages knocked out Highland tank. The new power supply line and hook up for a portable generator was able to keep SCADA operating.

Murray Construction will repair the curbing at 100 Chestnut St.

The DEP water system inspection was completed. A few items need to be completed for the next inspection.

The boil water notice issued for the Butter Lane main break was lifted on May 8th.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Mark Merolla reported a few homes/accounts with high balances have been sold at the sheriff's sale. Payments are being disbursed from the county and applied as received.

There are a few properties that are in the process of having liens placed.

BUSINESS OFFICE- Christeena Hauck

A discussion was held regarding the Code Red emergency notification system. A mailer will be sent out to help promote resident awareness. The process of notifying customers of boil water advisory in addition to the Code Red was discussed.

Late notices are scheduled to be mailed out Monday, May 13, 2024.

Working on pricing for laptops for the office.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION-

Joe Boyle reported Liberty Environmental will be hosting a pre-bid meeting for the contractors who are interested in submitting a bid for the lake project.

The Eagle Scout requesting to do a project at the park would like to install a bench affixed permanently by concrete near the Byram St. side. He will also replace the wood on 2 existing benches.

Joe Boyle reported signage needs to be updated at the park for trash, parking, and the park hours of dusk to dawn.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN-

No Report.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)-

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Steve Riley reported PA American jetted and flushed the blocked stormwater line at the pool. Tree roots from the willow tree on the corner are the probable cause. It was recommended the tree be removed.

NEW BUSINESS-

Motioned by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Joe Boyle for the following salary increases:

Sebastian Unger- 1 year of service \$1.00 per hour

Teresa Dietrich-1 year of service \$1.00 per hour

Brandon Trout-90-day probation \$1.00 per hour

The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Al Worrall, seconded by Joe Boyle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck

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Business Office Manager