

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, June 12, 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
Kelly Dudash, Assistant Treasurer
Josh Nowotarski, Secretary- arrived later

Also present were the following:

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

Hunter Ahrens, Mount Penn's newly appointed Borough Manager, introduced himself.

Joe Boyle motioned, seconded by Kelly Dudash, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER- Al Worrall

Following discussion, motioned by Joe Boyle, seconded by Kelly Dudash to approve the May Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER- Steve Riley

Spook Lane tank design will be completed later this week. The application for Pennvest funding is being worked on and will be completed by the end of July. It will then be submitted provided the Chapter 105/106 stream permit is received.

The Antietam Rd. preconstruction meeting was held. The contractor is held up at another job, causing the timeline to be extended. A start date will be determined soon.

The 2023 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is completed and will be submitted to DEP for review. Customers were notified of the CCR in the April bill that it will be available as of June 30th. The report will be posted on the Authority website.

Waiting for PADEP permit approval for the existing Spook Lane tank repair.

The generator delivery date is still waiting to be scheduled. Steve Riley is continuing communication with Penn Power.

The lead and copper service line inventory database has been set up and is progressing.

Insertion valves will need to be installed at the Grandview BPS and Spook Lane/Friedensburg Road prior to the construction of Spook Lane Tank. The cost could be \$7,000-10,000 per valve. More information at the next meeting.

WATER SYSTEM –Matthew Hauck

The monthly maintenance report was reviewed.

1460 Friedensburg Rd. service that was destroyed in the flood has been reconnected.

The POA for the owner of 3823 Friedensburg Rd. authorized the plumber to turn on the curb stop. The \$500.00 unauthorized curb stop operation fee was assessed to the account.

2419 Cumberland Ave. was charged with meter tampering. They were found guilty at a hearing. Fines and fees are applied.

After discussion, Joe Boyle made the motion to approve the Folk Paving proposal dated June 7, 2024, in the amount of \$12,250.00 for mill and overlay on various streets, seconded by Kelly Dudash. All were in favor

Motioned by Joe Boyle, seconded by Kelly Dudash to approve the Folk Paving proposal dated May 24th, 2024, in the amount of \$12,050.00 for asphalt paving on various streets. All were in favor.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Joe Boyle made the motion to appoint Rodger Krause as the auditor for Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority, seconded by Kelly Dudash. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Merolla reported the billing agreement with Antietam Valley Municipal Authority will expire in July of 2024. This contract is renewed each year in July. Discussion continued regarding their board's decision to attach their own lien for properties that are vacant with a balance due. The cost of collection and the last time this cost was calculated were also discussed.

The Antietam Valley Recreation Community Center's lease will expire in December of 2024 and needs to be updated.

A letter requesting cooperation from the municipalities for permit denial for properties with delinquent water and sewer balances will be mailed.

BUSINESS OFFICE- Christeena Hauck

The lead and copper customer survey letters were mailed to all property owners.

Shut off day for nonpayment of the April bill is scheduled for June 18. The \$100.00 turn on fee is now effective.

The emergency banner is effective on the website. The office staff will have access to update the banner with information as necessary.

Approval was granted to close on Friday, July 5th. The staff will use PTO time.

Mt. Penn Borough Council is looking to add a few security cameras to the building. The server will need to be upgraded to accommodate this.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION- Joe Boyle

Joe Boyle reported he was made aware by Berks County the lake project would not be subject to prevailing wage rates. The 5 bidders were asked to recalculate their bids. Flyway Excavating Inc. is the only contractor who adjusted their bid. With the adjusted bid of \$576,000.00, there is still a funding shortage of \$112,000.00. MPBMA's match and ARP funds total \$387,000.00. Discussion continued regarding a partial award of the project. Joe reported that the grant money must be used by December of 2024.

Joe Boyle made the motion to award the Crystal Lake Rehabilitation - Phase I to Flyway Excavating, Inc. choosing option 2 or option 3 based on the engineer's review at a cost not to exceed \$370,000.00, seconded by Kelly Dudash. All were in favor.

Joe Boyle has been in touch with PA Fish and Game regarding how to proceed with the dewatering and removal/ relocation of the aquatic life.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN-

Hunter Ahrens explained through the STMP program the Borough is undergoing a strategic review by the Pennsylvania Economic League to improve operations and financial sustainability. Part of the Borough's grant will purchase management and operations software. There is the potential for integration and sharing of information and cost through multiple communities and both authorities. The staff will attend a demonstration of iWork on July 2nd. The software has a utility billing platform, can track inventory and assets. More discussion to follow.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)-

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS-

The motion was made by Josh Nowotarski, seconded by Joe Boyle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck

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Business Office Manager