

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, August 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 Joseph Boyle. The following Board members were also present:

Alfred Worrall, Treasurer
Kelly Dudash, Assistant Treasurer

Also present were the following:

Christeena Hauck, Office Manager
Teresa Dietrich, Senior Support Specialist
Mark Merolla, Solicitor
Matt Hauck, Superintendent
Steven Riley, Engineer

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

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

TREASURER- Al Worrall

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

ENGINEER- Steve Riley

Upon the recommendation of Steve Riley, the motion to approve the Antietam Rd, Application for Payment # 1 in the amount of \$212,838.00, was made by Al Worrall, seconded by Kelly Dudash. The motion carried unanimously. Steve Riley reported the work has been completed and he was very pleased with the work of Doli Construction. The final road restoration will be completed prior to the start of school.

The Pennvest application for the new Spook Lane Tank was submitted on July 30th. The next Pennvest meeting to approve applications will be held on October 16, 2024. All project related costs including legal, engineering, and permit fees were included in the application along with a 10% buffer per Pennvest for a total application amount of \$3,243,000.00. Al Worrall made the motion to approve the Resolution 02-24 to approve the submittal for financial assistance and to authorize the appropriate officer to sign the letter of responsibility, seconded by Kelly Dudash. All were in favor.

The existing Spook Lane tank repair is scheduled for the week of August 26th. After discussion, Al Worrall made the motion to schedule a video inspection of the inside of the tank after the repairs are completed at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00, seconded by Kelly Dudash. The motion carried unanimously.

Still waiting for the generators.

The lead and copper service line inventory data is being uploaded as it is received. The Authority staff will meet with Entech staff next week to discuss the next steps in the process.

PFOA/PFAS sampling continues. Well 3 and Well 6 will have samples taken separately to try and determine if elevated levels are coming from one or both wells. This additional analysis is the first step in looking at the overall system and preparing to possibly have to add treatment at the Carsonia Booster Pump Station. The levels at the Sylvan Dell Booster Pump Station are below the action levels, but the results should be watched carefully going forward.

A discussion was held regarding planned capital improvements and future costs. The board will consider and discuss at a future meeting a possible update to the previous rate study.

The DCED Local Share Account (LSA) grant program will be accepting applications beginning Sept 1. Discussion was held regarding what project could be applied for. The second phase of the lake project or the St. Lawrence creek crossing. Applications are due in November. More at the next meeting.

WATER SYSTEM –Matthew Hauck

The monthly maintenance report was reviewed.

Security cameras were installed at the shop by Mt Penn Video.

The crew repaired blacktop at various locations.

Took delivery of the 2023 F350. Still needs to have the plow installed

The 2011 Ford will be towed to Masano to for diagnosis of the problem.

Well 12 needs a VFD, also Well 13 and both boosters at Sylvan Dell. This cost would be close to \$75,000.00 as part of the SCADA project.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Mark Merolla reported letters were mailed to all three servicing communities regarding the denial of permits for properties with substantial unpaid water and sewer balances.

The AVRCC Lease was discussed. The tot lot is in urgent need of maintenance. There was a public discussion on this topic on Facebook. AVRCC did not mulch the tot lot at all this year. Money was donated to AVRCC by AVCP for the mulch. The tot lot is currently being used daily by several groups. Joe Boyle will email Mount Penn Borough, Lower Alsace, Exeter Township, AVRCC, and AVCP to request one member from each attend a meeting at the end of September to discuss the future of the park. Matt and the crew will mulch the Tot Lot, and a bill will be sent to AVRCC.

BUSINESS OFFICE- Christeena Hauck

Christeena Hauck reported 596 late notices went out on August 12, 2024.

Teresa Dietrich's cell phone will be added to the employee phone plan. Approved to be a monthly payroll deduction.

The Christmas dinner will be held on December 13th.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION- Joe Boyle

Joe Boyle reported Phase I construction at Carsonia Park is set to begin the 1st week of November. A community meeting will be held at the Recreation Center on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 6:30 PM to inform the public of the plans.

The \$14,750.96 quote for the EarthCam 360-degree camera at the park was tabled until the next meeting.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN-

After discussion, Al Worrall made the motion to contribute to the purchase of the television and stand for the meeting room at a cost not to exceed \$400.00, seconded by Kelly Dudash. All were in favor.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)-

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS-

Motioned by Joe Boyle, seconded by Kelly Dudash to execute the dual authentication agreement with Stratix and the one-time cost of \$662.50.

The motion was made by Joe Boyle, seconded by Kelly Dudash, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck
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Business Office Manager