

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, October 9, 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
Josh Nowotarski, Secretary, arrived later.

Also present were the following:

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- None

Kelly Dudash motioned, seconded by Joe Boyle, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER- Al Worrall

Following discussion, motioned by Joe Boyle, seconded by Kelly Dudash to approve the September Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously. Al Worrall reported there will be a budget meeting on Friday, October 11th.

ENGINEER- Steve Riley

After discussion, Joe Boyle made the motion to authorize progress payment # 3 to A.N. Lynch in the amount of \$67,972.50 for the generator project, seconded by Kelly Dudash. The motion carried unanimously. Steve Riley will proceed with submitting the necessary forms to DCED for the grant reimbursement.

SCADA upgrades will be a budget meeting discussion on October 11th.

Spook Lane tank repair is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 14, 2024.

Antietam HS fire flow test yielded a higher flow than was previously available. This is attributable to the replacement of water mains in the area to repair the flood damage.

Lead Service Line Inventory work continues. Data has been uploaded to PADEP. The next step will be public notification.

The new Spook Lane Tank design is complete. Waiting for the October 16th Pennvest funding meeting for further action. Kelly Dudash made the motion to prepare the Spook Lane Tank project for bid pending the Pennvest meeting, seconded by Al Worrall. The motion carried unanimously.

The Well 5 survey was completed by McCarthy. There was no change from last year's data indicating the pump station has not settled any further since last year.

WATER SYSTEM –Matthew Hauck

The monthly maintenance report was reviewed.

The 2011 F350 was towed to Massano for a diagnostic evaluation for what was initially thought to be a blown motor. A valve spring was replaced for \$1,800.00 and the truck is back in service.

A leak was detected at Prospect and Penndale intersection at the valve. A crack was found on the bottom side of the main. Two-line stops will need to be installed by a contractor, and the valve cluster and associated piping replaced by Authority staff. This work is on the schedule.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Mark Merolla reported that 2 properties will have liens attached. Both have balances that have reached the threshold limit. Both services are currently shut off.

BUSINESS OFFICE- Christeena Hauck

Christeena Hauck reported the 2025 health insurance rates were distributed to the Board for discussion. The group received a 9% increase. More will be discussed at the next Authority meeting.

The Business Office will be closed on election day along with Mt. Penn Borough Office. The staff will be available for emergencies and using PTO for this day.

The office will be closed for training on Thursday, October 10, 2024.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION- Joe Boyle

Joe Boyle reported everyone has a copy of the ATS quote for the cameras at the park in the amount of \$12,977.00 and \$240.00 annually. This quote does not include the pole and internet service. The quote from Earthcam in the amount of \$14,855.90 includes the pole and internet service and \$774.00 annually. More will be discussed at the next meeting.

The AVRCC lease expires at the end of 2024. Joe Boyle explained the outcome of the Task Force meeting and the suggestions from various organizations. Discussion continued regarding the future of the park and recreation center and the possibility of hiring a maintenance person. Al Worrall made the motion authorizing Mark Merolla to send a letter notifying AVRCC the expiring lease will not be renewed, seconded by Josh Nowotarski. The motion carried unanimously.

The lake will be closed November 15th through April 15th during construction.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN-

Joe Boyle made the motion to donate \$1,000 to the Mount Penn Fire Company's Apparatus Fund, seconded by Al Worrall. All were in favor.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)-

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion was held regarding sign boards to display the rules at each entrance of Carsonia Park. After discussion, Josh Nowotarski made the motion to purchase 6 "No Weapons" signs to display at various locations in the park, seconded by Joe Boyle. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Al Worrall, seconded by Joe Boyle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck
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Business Office Manager