

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, November 13, 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

Also present were the following:

Christeena Hauck, Office Manager
John Stott, Solicitor
Matt Hauck, Superintendent
Steven Riley, Engineer

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

Michael Frankhouser, 1962 Woodvale Ave. addressed the board regarding the following:

Removal of fluoride from the water
The condition of the fence on Hill Rd. around the Authority property
The moving/removal of the memorial tree at the park.

Josh Nowotarski motioned, seconded by Joe Boyle, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2024, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER- Al Worrall

Following discussion, motioned by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Joe Boyle to approve the October Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously. Kelly Dudash questioned the overtime on the October payroll report. Al Worrall asked the board members to review the 2025 proposed budget for the December meeting. The 2025 budget will include an increase on the minimum charge and \$.10 per each thousand gallons.

ENGINEER- Steve Riley

The SCADA proposal from Keystone Engineering was discussed at the budget meeting. Almost half of this project is covered by the LSA grant. The Board will review the 2025 budget before taking action.

Resolution # 03-2024 for the LSA grant application of Oley Turnpike Road / Parkview Road Water Main Replacement project in the amount of \$635,000.00 was discussed. Motioned by Al Worrall, seconded by Joe Boyle. All were in favor.

S. Riley provided a table of grant applications made over the last four years and noted the Authority has received nearly \$1.3 million dollars in that time. They also received nearly another \$200,000 prior to 2020 that has been used on recent projects (Center Street water main and the generators).

The second generator is reportedly ready to ship. Entech applied for the \$100,000.00 grant reimbursement from DCED and hope to receive the reimbursement by the December Authority meeting.

The Spook Lane tank was repaired by DN Tanks and the video inspection has been completed by Mumford Bjorkman Associates. All went well and nothing of concern around the repaired leak was noted.

The Spook Lane Tank prebid meeting was held. Project bids are due December 4, 2024. The PENNVEST loan amount will be based on the bid amount plus the contingency. The engineering costs must be submitted prior to closing the loan to be included in the funding. The engineering work order for the construction phase and added engineering design will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

WATER SYSTEM –Matthew Hauck

The monthly maintenance report was reviewed.

The Prospect St. and Penndale Ave. intersection valve cluster and associated piping was replaced by Authority staff. Everything went well.

M&A Excavating was hired to install a 12” valve cluster and fire hydrant at Sylvan Dell Pump Station.

Mueller provided a demonstration of leak detection equipment for fire hydrants. This equipment would be extremely helpful in early leak detection. The Authority would qualify for a pilot program. The Authority agreed to pursue the pilot program offer.

The wells are holding steady despite the lack of rainfall. PA American has been reduced to half the previous purchase amount. Matt will continue to monitor the wells closely.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

SOLICITOR- John Stott

No Report.

BUSINESS OFFICE- Christeena Hauck

Christeena Hauck reviewed the Solve IT information and the costs for the IT services required for the Authority and Borough. After discussion, Joe Boyle made the motion to cancel the contract with Stratix/Lynx effective 12/31/24 and move forward with a contract with Solve IT, seconded by Josh Nowotarski. All were in favor.

Antietam Valley Municipal Authority has approved a 7% increase which their board asked to be effective for September 1- December 1 bill. This bill will be mailed at the beginning of January. If a statement is not provided by AVMA for the bill to notify customers of the increase is applied to the past quarter, there will be a generic notice generated.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION- Joe Boyle

A discussion was held regarding the two quotes received for cameras at Crystal Lake. The quote received from ATS in the amount of \$12,977.00 and \$240.00 annually and 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. No action was taken.

The anticipated start date for the lake project is the week before Thanksgiving. The fish are being relocated to various farms in Montgomery County. Authority staff is setting up the snow fence and installing the no trespassing signs. The injured ducks will be rescued and taken to a wildlife sanctuary.

Joe Boyle was successfully granted an extension of the ARP grants funds to December 31, 2025, for this project.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN-

No Report.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)-

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

The board reviewed Antietam Valley Recreation Community Center's (AVRCC) failure to maintain the park, adhere to the lease agreement and the status of the current litigation. After discussion, Mr. Boyle made the motion to send the drafted letter to AVRCC terminating the current lease effective December 31, 2024, seconded by Josh Nowotarski. The motion carried unanimously. Email notifications will be sent to the surrounding communities. The lease needs to be renegotiated with AVRCC for 2025.

NEW BUSINESS-

No Report.

The motion was made by Josh Nowotarski, seconded by Joe Boyle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck

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Business Office Manager