

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, December 11, 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:

Alfred Worrall, Treasurer
Kelly Dudash, Assistant Treasurer
Josh Nowotarski, Secretary

Also present were the following:

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

Lynn Wilson, President of AVRCC and Bryan Ott, Esquire addressed the board regarding the expiring lease. Both AVRCC and MPBMA will need to meet to discuss the future lease. A committee will be formed. Discussion needs to include how the fields and park will be maintained and who will pay for this. Both parties agreed to a 3-month extension of the lease to allow time for discussion.

Al Worrall made the motion to extend the current lease for 3 months, set to expire March 31, 2025, seconded by Kelly Dudash. All were in favor.

Al Worrall motioned, seconded by Kelly Dudash, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER- Al Worrall

Following discussion, motioned by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Al Worrall to approve the November Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously. Al Worrall questioned the JKU Trucking bill for stone hauling and the supplies for the lake project.

Tom Staron called for an Executive Session at 7:19 P.M to discuss personnel. Regular Session resumed at 7:41 P.M.

Al Worrall made the motion to increase Sebastian Unger's salary \$3.00 per hour effective immediately, seconded by Kelly Dudash. Motion carried unanimously. Sebastian passed his Operator's License after a year and a half on the job. This test is normally taken after 3 years.

ENGINEER- Steve Riley

Al Worrall made the motion authorizing payment of 90% or \$42,825.60 of the Penn Power invoice for the generator at Wells 12 & 13, seconded by Kelly Dudash. All were in favor. The final 10% will be paid after the generator start-up has been completed. The Carsonia Generator was delivered on 12/9/24 and will be installed next.

Bids for the Spook Lane Tank project were received on December 4, 2024. Two bids for Contract 1-General Process and Mechanical and one bid for Contract 2- Electrical were received. The total bids were lower than the amount of the PENNVEST loan application by \$247,500.00. Kelly Dudash made the motion to award Contract # 1 to DN Tanks and Contract #2 to Kite and Key, seconded by Al Worrall. All were in favor.

Motion by Kelly Dudash to formalize and approve the engineering work order for permitting and design, which was previously approved and completed, of the Spook Lane Tank in the amount of \$81,322 seconded by Al Worrall. The motion carried unanimously. This action was needed for future reimbursement from the proceeds of the PENNVEST loan.

Motion by Kelly Dudash to approve the engineering work order for services during construction in the amount of \$137,000.00, seconded by Al Worrall. The motion carried unanimously.

Closing for the Pennvest loan is scheduled for February 13, 2025.

The LSA grant application of Oley Turnpike Road / Parkview Road Water Main Replacement project in the amount of \$635,000.00 has been submitted.

WATER SYSTEM –Matthew Hauck

The monthly maintenance report was reviewed.

The hydrant was replaced at Melrose Ave. and Sterling Ave.

M&A's vac truck was used at 500 N. 25th St. during a service replacement. They were also called in to 2206 Fairview Ave. during a Saturday emergency when a hydraulic hose broke on the backhoe.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Mark Merolla reviewed the property at 29 Midland Ave. on which a lien has been filed. The property has a balance accumulating and may be vacant. This will be reported to Central Berks Codes for further investigation. A discussion was held regarding the next steps to be taken if a property has a significant balance with a lien.

BUSINESS OFFICE- Christeena Hauck

Christeena Hauck reported today was shut-off day. Eighteen properties were still off as of 4:00 PM.

December 26th and December 27th the office will be closed. The employees will be using PTO time.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION- Joe Boyle

No Report.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN-

No Report.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)-

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

The 2025 budget was reviewed. Al Worrall made the motion to adopt the 2025 budget as presented, seconded by Kelly Dudash. The motion carried unanimously. This budget includes an increase to the base rate from \$75.00 to \$78.50 and each thousand gallon will increase from \$2.26 to \$2.36. This increase will be effective on the April 2025 bill.

NEW BUSINESS-

No Report.

The motion was made by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Al Worrall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck
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Business Office Manager