

MOUNT PENN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 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 Joe Boyle.

The following Board members were also present:

Kelly Dudash, Treasurer
Alfred Worrall, Assistant Treasurer
Josh Nowotarski, Secretary
Tom Staron, Chairman-absent

Also present were the following:

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

Vice Chairman Boyle presented a certificate of achievement to Jaelynn Poullos in recognition for his work on the reconstruction of the park benches at Carsonia Park. This was the final project for completion of his Eagle Scout rank.

Curt Hill, Antietam Valley Municipal Authority Chairman questioned the rate charged to PA American Water.

Al Worrall motioned, seconded by Josh Nowotarski, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER- Al Worrall

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

ENGINEER- Steve Riley

Steve Riley reviewed the Keystone proposal for SCADA implementation. The total cost of the upgraded will be \$436,312.00 minus the grant award of \$207,100.00 leaving a difference of \$229,212.00. After discussion, Al Worrall made the motion to accept the Keystone proposal for the systemwide SCADA implementation, seconded by Kelly Dudash. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Josh Nowotarski to approve the Engineering Work Order for the preliminary design and permitting for the Oley Turnpike Road Creek Crossing. All were in favor.

Penn Power offered to reduce the cost of the generators by \$5,000.00 due to the delay in delivery. We are waiting for a commitment from Penn Power on a startup date/time. A.N. Lynch will also need a week lead time to schedule the work.

Spook Lane Tank - DN Tanks is set to begin water main work at the intersection of Spook Lane and Friedensburg Rd. and the Grandview Booster Pump Station in the fall of this year.

A will serve letter was provided to Antietam School District's engineer for the new K-3 building on Antietam Rd.

A Lead Service Inventory meeting was held to review the upcoming reporting requirements. More info will be provided at the April Authority meeting.

WATER SYSTEM –Matthew Hauck

The monthly maintenance report was reviewed.

Matt Hauck reported the crew spent time identifying and fixing main breaks.

The fence at the small baseball field was removed.

M&A will be hired to repair the valve cluster at Jacksonwald Ave.

Matt Hauck reported the wells water levels are down 4-5' and are are not recovering due to the drought situation. He recommended discontinuing the sale of water to PA American Water for a few months until the wells have a chance to recover. PA American will be notified of the decision. Hydrant flushing will also not be performed this year to conserve water.

COMPLETE MAINTENANCE REPORT ATTACHED

SOLICITOR- Mark Merolla

Mark Merolla reported a 90-day notice is required to terminate the contract with PA American Water. A letter will be sent to notify American Water of the contract termination and the opportunity to renegotiate a new contract going forward.

A discussion was held regarding the 6-month extension of the current lease as requested by AVRCC. The 6-month extension would allow the pool to open for the season and give both boards ample time to negotiate the new lease. A quote from Sottosanti Landscaping for mowing all areas of the park during the mowing season was presented at a previous meeting at a cost of \$3,00.00. A meeting will be held between both boards or a committee representing both boards to discuss the future lease.

Joe Boyle made the motion to approve the 6-month AVRCC lease extension until September 1, 2025, and a \$1,500.00 contribution towards the contractor hired to maintain the park during the mowing season, seconded by Josh Nowotarski. The motion carried unanimously. Failure to maintain the park would result in the Authority hiring a contractor to maintain. AVRCC would then be billed for the cost of maintenance. Mr. Merolla will send a letter to AVRCC's board advising them of these requirements.

BUSINESS OFFICE- Christeena Hauck

Christeena Hauck reported that Stratix Systems presented a 5-year lease for an upgraded copy machine. The current contract is set to expire. The new lease will provide the same service and maintenance with more black and white copies. The cost per month will be reduced by \$69.00. Josh Nowotarski made the motion to execute the 63-month copier contract with Stratix Systems, seconded by Kelly Dudash. All were in favor.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION- Joe Boyle

Joe Boyle reported that the Annual Source Water Protection meeting will be held Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Joe Boyle explained the progress of the lake project. The contractor will return next week to begin work again. The award of the Growing Greener grant will allow the contractor to complete Phase I of the lake project under a change order per DEP. Phase I of the lake project is \$70,000.00 short. The total cost will be just under \$300,000.00.

The Authority has invested over \$700,000.00 for the lake between grant funds and cash match and contributions to Antietam Pool. Mr. Boyle will attend Lower Alsace and Exeter Townships' meetings to ask for assistance with the \$70,000.00. Both township's storm water systems have been emptying into the lake since the 1970s.

BOROUGH OF MT. PENN-

No Report.

ANTIETAM VALLEY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AVMA)-

Joe Boyle reported Curt Hill, AVMA Chairman, reached out to him regarding the storm water impact at the sewer facility. Lancaster City assesses a stormwater tax on their properties based on square footage. The two will take a trip to learn more.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Joe Boyle called for an Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:40 p.m. Regular Session resumed at 8:59 p.m. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS-

No Report.

The motion was made by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Josh Nowotarski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeena Hauck

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