

**LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

The Lykens Borough Authority held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday August 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in the Lykens Municipal Building, 200 Main Street, Lykens. Chairman Robert Schreffler presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by roll call.

PRESENT:

William Hart
Robert Schreffler
Dave Ney

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Judith Musick, Treasurer
Dan Schell, Supervisor of Operations
Dale Musick, Citizen
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen
Becci Troutman, Citizen
Stanley Engle, Citizen
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman, William Hart and seconded by David Ney the minutes from the July 13, 2016 monthly meeting were approved.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS:

At this time Becci Troutman who is the property owner of 549 Main Street in Lykens addressed the Board. Becci explained that she received her water bill this quarter and it was more than double her normal usage due to her hot water heater broke during the quarter. Becci explained she had the hot water heater fixed as soon as she was made aware of the issue by her tenant. Becci explained she came into the office and asked for relief from the bill, but was told the rules and how they work. Becci said she believes there should be some kind of arbitration. Becci said she feels there should be some kind of help for residents that maybe unable to pay their bill. The secretary explained to Becci that residents are able to get on a monthly payment plan. The Board thanked Becci for speaking and explained that the rules and regulations are there for a reason and no matter what rule is in place they will never fit every circumstance or situation.

Stanley Engle at this time addressed the Board. Stanley stated he thinks it is unfair to charge a sewer base rate for properties that are vacant. Stanley asked the Board to consider an alternative to how sewer is charged when preparing next year's budget.

Chairman Robert Schreffler suggested having the property winterized and turn the water off while vacant to avoid being charged a water and sewer base rate.

OFFICE & GENERAL BUSINESS:

A written report was submitted by the Secretary to all members.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman William Hart and seconded by David Ney the Secretary's Report was accepted. Due to a lack of a quorum the sewer was accepted while the water report will be under advisement.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Kerwin reported the county is still reviewing the internal issue.

Solicitor Kerwin also reported he spoke with Max in regards to the proposed Arch Street Project.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman William Hart and seconded by David Ney the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

SUPERVISOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT FOR WATER & SEWER:

A written report was submitted by Supervisor of Operations, Dan Schell for water & sewer.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman William Hart and seconded by David Ney permission was given and approved by Solicitor Kerwin to move forward with the renewal of the water allocation permit to be completed by GHD in the amount of \$8,900.00.

Chairman Robert Schreffler asked Supervisor of Operations, Dan Schell why there is no current activity going on with the sewer camera. Dan reported that due to vacation schedules most days they are short a guy.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman William Hart and seconded by David Ney the Supervisor of Operations Report was accepted for sewer while the water report will be under advisement.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR WATER AND SEWER:

A written report was submitted by Treasurer Judith Musick.

Ordinary and necessary expenditures that have been paid for the month of July are included on the Treasurer's report. Upon a motion by Vice Chairman William Hart and seconded by David Ney the Treasurer's reports were accepted with no permission to pay this month.

Tentatively a meeting will be scheduled with Borough Council for Monday September 12th at 7:00 P.M. to go over salaries for the 2017 budget.

Tentatively a Budget meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday September 14th immediately following the monthly meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. upon a motion by Vice Chairman William Hart and seconded by David Ney.

Jeanette M. Crabb,

Authority Office Secretary