

**LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

The Lykens Borough Authority held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday September 14, 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:**

Paul Johns  
Sally Reiner  
Robert Schreffler  
Dave Ney  
Sean Flynn

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor  
Judith Musick, Treasurer  
Dale Musick, Citizen  
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen  
Carl Sough Sr., Vice Chairman Council  
Mike Tiazkun, Councilman  
Zachary Smeltz, Council  
Stanley Engle, Citizen  
Mayor Carl Slough Jr., (7:05 pm)  
Gary Bopp, Council President (7:05 pm)  
Delton Kreiser, Councilman (7:05 pm)  
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Upon a motion by Paul Johns and seconded by David Ney the minutes from the August 10, 2016 monthly meeting were approved.

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS:**

At this time Stanley Engle addressed the board. Stanley said he wonders if there is a better way to communicate to citizens when there is a water or sewer problem like we just experienced that involved a boil water advisory. Stanley said he had already showered and brushed his teeth when his granddaughter informed him of a boil water advisory.

Chairman Schreffler explained to Stanley that the boil water advisory did not affect Lykens residents. Schreffler explained Wiconisco Township residents that are serviced water through the Wiconisco tank were the only ones affected.

Chairman Schreffler also stated that the local news channels were informed of the boil water advisory and asked to immediately start broadcasting it. Chairman Schreffler further explained that all customers affected were notified with a letter delivered to their door.

#### **OFFICE & GENERAL BUSINESS:**

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

Upon a motion by Paul Johns and seconded by Sally Reiner the Secretary's Report was accepted as well as the report from the August meeting since there was a lack of quorum.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Kerwin said he has information on 2 grant opportunities and will get the information to the office.

Upon a motion by David Ney and seconded by Paul Johns permission was given for Max Stoner with Glace Associates to move forward with applying for a grant through Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for the Wiconisco Storage Tank Repair/Replacement.

Upon a motion by Paul Johns and seconded by Sally Reiner 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.

Dan was absent from tonight's meeting due to a major water leak in Wiconisco Township.

Upon a motion by Paul Johns and seconded by David Ney the board approved the employees choosing over time or comp time for the leak over labor day weekend.

Upon a motion by Paul Johns and seconded by Sally Reiner, Timothy Leshner was approved for a .50 raise for passing and receiving his water license.

Upon a motion by Paul Johns and seconded by Sally Reiner permission was given to proceed with estimates through Utility Tank Services in regards to the integrity of the Wiconisco Water Tank.

Permission was given to have Dan gather 3 quotes with specs for purchasing a trench box.

Upon a motion by Paul Johns and seconded by David Ney the Supervisor of Operations Report was accepted for water and sewer as well as the monthly report for water from the August meeting since there was a lack of quorum.

#### **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 August are included on the Treasurer's report. Upon a motion by Sally Reiner and seconded by Paul Johns the Treasurer's reports were accepted with permission to pay the following bills:

### **Water**

1. Liquid Engineering Corp in the amount of \$2,346.00 for the inspection of the Lykens water tank.
2. Liquid Engineering Corp in the amount of \$2,264.00 for the inspection of the Wiconisco Township water tank.
3. Glace Associates in the amount of \$563.95 for Engineer work regarding the Arch Street water main replacement.
4. Glace Associates in the amount of \$950.75 for work involved in applying for a grant for the water filter replacement project.

### **Sewer**

1. GHD in the amount of \$819.00 for work involving the Wiconisco Creek sewer inceptor liner project.

Treasurer Judith Musick reported the 2017 MMO'S will be completed shortly and emailed to all members.

AT THIS TIME 6:25 PM AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS TOOK PLACE.

After reopening the meeting a motion by Paul Johns and seconded by David Ney the Board voted to terminate employee Robert Rickert and allow him to collect unemployment as well as from his pension plan.

On the vote Solicitor Kerwin asked Sean Flynn to refrain from voting since he has always voted on water issues only. Sean however was also in favor of terminating Robert Rickert.

Roll call vote went as follows: Dave Ney - yes, Robert Schreffler - yes, Paul Johns - yes, Sally Reiner did not vote either way. Sally stood up without voting and said the board will need to find another board member as well as someone for the historical society and the alumni and then she exited the meeting before adjournment.

Dave Ney at this time asked to go on record stating that he was accused of making the situation with Mr. Rickert personal and he would like to make sure everyone knows that he voted for what he believes to be the best for Lykens with no personal agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. upon a motion by Paul Johns and seconded by Sean Flynn.

Jeanette M. Crabb,

Authority Office Secretary