LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MINUTES

The Lykens Borough Authority held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in the Lykens Municipal Building, 200 Main Street, Lykens. Chairman Kerry H. Teter presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by roll call.

PRESENT:

Glenn Sedesse
Nathan Pendal
Kerry H. Teter
Nicole Barge
John Shultz

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Josh Watts, SAMBA
Jeanette M. Crabb, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Nicole Barge the minutes from the March 11, 2026 monthly meeting were approved.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS: Josh Watts with SAMBA introduced himself to the board. Josh said he was here to request a letter of support. Josh explained that together with the Bureau of Forestry within DCNR they are applying for a grant to add approximately 13 miles of multi-use, single track trails within the Greenland Tract of the Weiser State Forest. The trails within the Greenland tract would create a connection to Williamstown via surface roads as well as the Lykens Valley Rail Trail. The additional miles will turn Rattling Creek trail system into a true multi-day riding destination for mountain bikers. Josh further explained they are asking for $900,000.00 in grant funding. SAMBA has raised $80,000.00 and needs to raise an additional $20,000.00.
Upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Nicole Barge a letter of support was approved.

Josh spoke about the next step which is to build a climbing trail located by Reservoir Run and Berry Mountain Road this is a single track trail that would be adjacant to Reservoir Run. The trail would be wide enough to accomodate a UTV for access to help if needed and would be gated off to keep unwanted persons out.

Upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Nicole Barge permission was given to build the additional single track that will distend around Reservoir Run.

OFFICE & GENERAL BUSINESS:

A written report was submitted by the Secretary to all members for the month of March 2026.

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Glenn Sedesse the Secretary's Report was accepted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

There was nothing to report this month.

Upon a motion by Glenn Sedesse and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pendal the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

REPORT FOR WATER & SEWER:

The following is a list of emergency expenditures paid during the emergency work due to a water main break on March 12th & 13th. The total paid expenses are $23,742.08.

1. Meals for the workers - $271.28
2. Lykens Fire Police for flaggers - $1,990.00 total of 99.5 hours.
3. Peace Valley – rental of lights - $226.73.
4. Meckley's – stones - $1,825.48.
5. Drum Excavating – 4 ½ hours for digging - $1,150.00.
6. Operators and additional workers - $3,385.88 total hours 102.
7. Gratz Borough Water Company (Timothy Lesher – 7 hours) - $185.50.
8. G&R Charles contractor to complete the repair - $14,707.21.

There are a few expenses not billed at this time one from Big Bird for additional stones and lab fees for the boil water advisory.

The Authority has been notified that our LSA Grant in the amount of $75,000.00 to be used towards installing a Streaming Gage on Rattling Creek at the low-level dam in the Glen Park area has been approved.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman, Nathan Pendal and seconded by John Shultz the quote submitted by Modern Pump & Equipment, Inc. in the amount of $7,005.79 to supply a new motor, complete a motor repair with new bearings, balance rotor, assemble and testing as well as complete a pump end repair with new mechanical seals, bearings and gaskets was approved. Labor will be additional charge.

Upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Nicole Barge the quote submitted by Aptus Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of $10,005.45 to supply a new Dell PC with windows 11, a 3-year warranty, MS Office 2024, set up and site visit to install the new PC to work with the Water Plant's SCADA system. In the event the new PC is unable to connect to the SCADA at the Water Plant the SCADA may need upgraded since it is running on 2013 programming. In the event the SCADA has to be updated the price is $18,467.29 which will bring the total to $28,279.70. Without the SCADA DEP turbidity reporting cannot be completed.

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Vice Chairman, Nathan Pendal the quote submitted by Axiom Hydraulics Inc. in the amount of $18,400.00 to repair the wet well pump at the Sewer Plant was approved.

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pendal the quote submitted by Pyrz Water Supply Co. in the amount of $3,715.00 to replace an M224 peristaltic metering pump at the Water Plant was approved.

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Vice President Nathan Pendal the Report for Water & Sewer was accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR WATER AND SEWER:

A written report was submitted by Treasurer Deborah Ketner.

Ordinary and necessary expenditures that have been paid for the month of March are included on the Treasurer's report.

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by John Shultz the Treasurer's reports were accepted with permission to pay the following bills.

From Water:

1. JHA Companies in the amount of $3,030.00 for Professional Engineering Services provided in connection with the PWS Permits for the Wiconisco Township Water System Improvements.
2. JHA Companies in the amount of $206.25 for Professional Engineering Services provided for Well No. 2 Water Main Ext.
3. JHA Companies in the amount of $868.75 for Professional Engineering Services provided for Well No. 2 Construction.
4. JHA Companies in the amount of $340.00 for Professional Engineering Services provided for Well No. 3 Booster Pump.
5. Modern Pump and Equipment Inc., in the amount of $1,320.00 for an emergency after hours call at the pump house on Market Street.
6. Aptus Control System, Inc. in the amount of $1,188.54 for a support and service call.

From Sewer:

1. The EADS Group in the amount of $1,000.00 for completion of the 2025 Chapter 94 Report.

Chairman Kerry H. Teter asked if anyone had anything else to discuss before adjournment.

The secretary advised the board of a pre-conference meeting to be held with Engineer Max Stoner on April 29th at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Kerry H. Teter advised the board that Operator Ty Buffington spent a great deal of time completing several reports that were never submitted while Dean Miller was in charge.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. upon a motion by Glenn Sedesse and seconded by Nicole Barge.

Jeanette M. Crabb
Recording Secretary