

LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY MINUTES

The Lykens Borough Authority held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 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
Allen Snyder
Nathan Pental
Kerry H. Teter
Nicole Barge

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Paul Kulp, Code Officer Wiconisco Township
Nathan McLaughlin, Citizen
Karen McLaughlin, Citizen
Jeanette M. Crabb, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by Nicole Barge the minutes from the July 09, 2025 monthly meeting were approved.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS: Nathan McLaughlin addressed the board. Nathan explained he is working with Wiconisco Township to obtain the necessary permits to place a camper on the lot he owns at 313 Wiconisco Street. Nathan plans to put a double wide trailer on the lot but needs to have water and live in his camper until he has things in order for the double wide to be placed on the lot, this could be within a years time. Nathan was told at the Wiconisco Township meeting and by Operator Ty Buffington that Lykens Borough Authority will not provide a water hook up to a temporary structure.

Chairman Kerry H. Teter explained he has been out for the last month however there is verbiage in the Authority's Rules & Regulations that no water hookups will be completed for a temporary structure. Nathan said he will have a permanent structure at a later time but needs water now. Chairman Kerry Teter suggested drilling a well.

Nathan said drilling a well runs \$12,000.00. He explained he needs to live in the camper until the permanent structure is in place. Nathan's wife Karen asked if the Authority can give them an exception.

Paul Kulp explained that Wiconisco Township has adopted an Ordinance to prevent people from living in campers unless they obtained a 6 month permit which can be extended for an additional 6 months for a total of one year and have a water hookup. Nathan McLaughlin said he will have a heated hose to his camper and the lines will be down below freezing point. He further explained he is a local contractor does good work and knows what he is doing.

Solicitor Kerwin asked Nathan if he had any contracts in place yet. Nathan advised he has not pulled the plug to invest until he knows he can move forward. Nathan further advised he was hoping to move forward by mid August to early September but has been held up waiting on the Authority. Paul Kulp said once Wiconisco Township agrees on a permit fee he will have one year from the date the permit is issued.

The Authority board was concerned that giving an exception could create additional requests however pipes freezing due to a water hook up to a temporary structure was the boards main concern. Nathan said he would like to change his wording from asking for a temporary water hook up to asking for a water hook up for a permanent structure.

Chairman Kerry H Teter advised the board would discuss the situation and give Nathan an answer next week.

OFFICE & GENERAL BUSINESS:

A written report was submitted by the Secretary to all members for the month of July 2025.

Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pendel the advertising of the 2024 annual audit was accepted. There were no findings.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by Nicole Barge permission was given to have Solicitor Kerwin create an easement agreement with Kerry Teter to meet the DEP requirement for a wider wellhead protection zone around Well No. 2 behind Minnich Terrace. DEP is requiring an additional 15 feet on all 3 sides of the well.

Chairman Kerry H. Teter said he believes Kerry is fine with the agreement, however he wants to be sure the easement is to prevent any construction from taking place but would like to make sure he can still drive around or near the area with out any restrictions.

Solicitor Kerwin advised he was approached by Williamstown to see if the Authority would be interested in sharing the cost with them to look into a plan to see if anything can be salvaged yet due to the gypsy moths. The forester quoted \$5200.00. The Authority members were in favor however Solicitor Kerwin will make sure the Borough is on board since some of the land maybe on Borough property. Vice Chairman Nathan Pental advised there is 4200 acres owned by the Authority.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Nathan Pental and seconded by Nicole Barge the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

REPORT FOR WATER & SEWER:

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Glenn Sedesse the quote submitted by USA Environmental in the amount of \$3,353.00 for a New Source Sample Kit was approved. This has been arranged through Steven Reed the Hydrogeologist per a letter received from DEP requiring additional sampling to approve the permits for the new wells.

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Glenn Sedesse the quote submitted by Modern Pump & Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$4,561.00 for a replacement pump at the pump station on Lawley Road was accepted. The pump they pulled could not be repaired.

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Glenn Sedesse 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 July are included on the Treasurer's report.

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Vice Chaiman Nathan Pendel the Treasurer's reports were accepted with permission to pay the following bills.

From Water:

1. Read & Associates, LLC in the amount of \$295.00 for responding to the request from SRBC in connection with the development of Well 2&3.
2. Aptus Control System, Inc. in the amount of \$57.50 for remote support with the raw pumps shutting down.

3. JHA Companies in the amount of \$290.75 for Professional Engineering Services provided in connection with Well No. 2.
4. JHA Companies in the amount of \$8,088.25 for Professional Engineering Services provided in connection with the PWS Permits for the Wiconisco Township Water Improvement Project for Well No. 3.

From Sewer:

There was no permission to pay this month.

At this time 7:02 p.m. through 7:32 p.m. an executive session took place for legal matters. Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pental the Authority board agreed to give an exception to the Authorities Rules & Regulations to allow Nathan & Karen McLaughlin to have a temporary water hook up established to allow water service to a camper until their double wide is placed on the lot. The temporary hook up is for up to one year. The Authority will require a bond in the amount of \$1,500.00 as well as Nathan & Karen McLaughlin will be responsible for the tapping fee, connection fee and all cost associated.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Glenn Sedesse.

Jeanette M. Crabb
Recording Secretary