

**LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

The Lykens Borough Authority held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the Lykens Municipal Building, 200 Main Street, Lykens. Chairman Kerry Teter presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by roll call.

**PRESENT:**

Kerry Teter  
Nicole Barge  
Glenn Sedesse  
Allen Snyder  
Nathan Pental

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor  
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen  
Ty Buffington, WTP & WWTP Operator  
Jeanette M. Crabb, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pental the minutes from the May 8, 2024 monthly meeting were approved.

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS: N/A**

**OFFICE & GENERAL BUSINESS:**

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

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Kerwin commented that the lien program is working well.

Solicitor Kerwin asked if we have many open projects with Glace since their operations are changing due to being sold to JHA Companies. The Authority has the Wiconisco Water Storage Tank Replacement Project and the Wells to finish up which involves a few grants.

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

### **REPORT FOR WATER & SEWER:**

At last months meeting it was reported that Dean Miller applied for two (2) samplers through a grant program for the Sewer Plant. The Authority was awarded one sampler and a flow meter. The sampler is expected to ship in July. Once the sampler arrives the Authority will need to purchase a second sampler with similar specs.

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pental the quote submitted by Modern Pump & Equipment in the amount of \$7,080.00 was accepted. The quote is for the correct lift station panel as well as an auto-dialer for the Sewer Plant.

Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by Glenn Sedesse Pay Application #2 submitted by PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc in the amount of \$192,060.00 for work completed on the Wiconisco Water Storage Tank Replacement Project was approved. The pay application will be submitted to the Commonwealth Financing Authority to release funding from the grant to the Authority to pay PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc.

The Chem Tanks that were approved for purchase through USA Bluebook cannot be purchased through USA Bluebook due to the specialty sticker that is needed to meet DEP's specifications. Dean Miller is working with Pyrz Water Supply Co. to obtain the proper tanks that will meet DEP's requirements. The tanks will cost \$5,430.00 plus \$1300-\$1400 estimated freight. There will be an additional fee of \$1688.00 for the tie down assembly.

Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by Nicole Barge the quote received from SOS Heavy Equipment Repair LLC in the amount of \$17,849.89 for repairs to the backhoe was accepted. The backhoe needs a new boom as well as maintenance. There will be an additional transport fee.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Nathan Pental and seconded by Nicole Barge the quote submitted by Andy with ICEA Solutions in the amount of \$2,400.00 plus S/H and installation was accepted. The quote is for a new chlorine scale at the Water Plant due to the power outage that took place a few weeks ago that fried our current one.

Ty Buffington went over the following:

Water Plant:

1. Hydrant flushing is around 50% completed.
2. The following Water Plant issues are currently being addressed.
  - a. Chlorine scale (power surge related)
  - b. The work on the influent valve for filter #2 is sticking. (Lloyd will address) It seems to be something in the motor, the motor was installed in 2014 and has a 10-year life span. We need to look into a new motor.
  - c. CL2 Andy is working on pulling the wires and then calibrations will be needed.
  - d. Axiom is working on the high service pump. We need a new foot valve instead of a new pump and motor.

Sewer Plant:

1. SBR #2 we are currently waiting for Lloyd to run the cable.
2. Klines's completed the annual cleaning of the wet well. (This is a budgeted item)

Allen Snyder shared some photos he took and gave a brief update on the progress he watched during the installation of the new water tank in Wiconisco Township. Allen said the workers advised that they are waiting on PPL to installed the pole to hook up the electric. Once the electric is hooked up the tank will be filled and tested.

Vice Chairman Nathan Pental advised that Ryan Herb will be on-site later this week or early next week to run the underground conduit and install the panel boxes for the electric at the pole building on Race Street. Once Ryan is finished, he will have PPL complete the inspection followed by setting the pole in place.

Ryan Herb will install the new furnace at the Water Plant once he is able to get the stove pipe that is needed.

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 May are included on the Treasurer's report.

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

From Water:

1. Joseph Kerwin in the amount of \$3,200.00 for legal fees.
2. ICEA Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$4,806.40 for the RoboCon installation.
3. SOS Heavy Equipment Repair LLC in the amount of \$1,027.13 for repairs to the backhoe.

From Sewer:

1. Joseph Kerwin in the amount of \$3,200.00 for legal fees.
2. SOS Heavy Equipment Repair LLC in the amount of \$1,027.13 for repairs to the backhoe.

Allen Snyder thanked Ty Buffington for attending the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Glenn Sedesse.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Recording Secretary