LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MINUTES

The Lykens Borough Authority held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 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
John Shultz
Allen Snyder

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Ty Buffington, Lead Operator
Jeanette M. Crabb, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pendal the minutes from the April 8, 2026 monthly meeting were approved.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS: NA

OFFICE & GENERAL BUSINESS:

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

The Authority's property and vehicle insurance was renewed with EMC Insurance Company through Keystone, Deibler, Straub & Troutman in the amount of $27,665.00. There was an increase of $1,207.00 from last year.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Kerwin advised he will share the Arborist report that Williamstown has entered into with the Authorty. Ty explained the Authority accepted a grant to have our property taken care of and we actually received the portion that would have been for Williamstown since they entered into their own agreement.
Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by John Shultz the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

REPORT FOR WATER & SEWER:

A written report was submitted by Lead Operator, Ty Buffington.

Upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Glenn Sedesse the quote submitted by Axiom Hydraulics Inc. in the amount of $69,900.00 for a high service pump at the Water Plant was approved. The pump has a lead time of 12 weeks. Removal of the old pump, freight and install will be an additional charge. A short discussion took place regarding Engineer Max Stoner advising that once the wells are up and running the high service pumps will be taken out of service. Ty explained the thought process and everyone agreed they do not see how the high service pumps will ever be taken out of service.

Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by John Shultz permission to advise for bids for the Water System Improvements Phase IV, Well No. 2 Construction of a new well, well house, electric and connecting to existing pipes was given. The project is projected to cost $202,765.00 with Local Share Grant Funding in the amount of $120,000.00.

Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by Glenn Sedesse permission to advise for bids for Well No. 3 Water System Improvements to finish construction was approved. This project is expected to cost $181,150.00 with Local Share Grant funding in the amount of $120,000.00.

A discussion took place regarding the emergency repairs at the Reservoir. Engineer Max Stoner advised the repairs will include replacing valves and piping as well as engineering and construction fees. Max believes the project may cost around $100,000.00. Lead Operator Ty Buffington will get with Max for further details.

Upon a motion by John Shultz 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 April are included on the Treasurer's report.

Upon a motion by Glenn Sedesse and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pendal the Treasurer's reports were accepted with permission to pay the following bills.

From Water:

1. Axiom Hydralics LLC in the amount of $4,726.00 to remove and install a new 6" butterfly valve at the Water Plant.
2. Keystone Pump & Power, LLC in the amount of $718.00 for their assistance with an emergency repair at the Reservoir. (This invoice was paid under emergency work)
3. JHA Companies in the amount of $901.25 for Professional Engineering Services provided in connection with the PWS Permits for the Wiconisco Township Water System Improvements.
4. JHA Companies in the amount of $142.50 for Professional Engineering Services provided for Well No. 2 Water Main Ext.
5. JHA Companies in the amount of $1,502.50 for Professional Engineering Services provided for an emergency repair at the Reservoir.
6. Mid-State Paving in the amount of $4,513.58 for emergency repair work at the Reservoir.
7. Aptus Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of $462.25 for a support call due to a power outage at the Water Plant.

From Sewer:

There was no permission to pay this month.

Lead Operator Ty Buffington explained the emergency repairs at the Reservoir were due to a galvanized pipe rotted out. Ty said the Main was drained. He said they filled sand and concrete bags at the East Branch side but they could not stop the leak. There is a temporary fix in place at this time. Ty further explained years ago the pipe was replaced but he is not sure why the final 20 foot of pipe was never replaced.

Chairman Kerry H. Teter asked if anyone had anything else to discuss before adjournment. Kerry said he would like to thank the guys and encouraged everyone to let them know we appreciate the work they do for the community.

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 John Shultz.

Jeanette M. Crabb
Recording Secretary