

**LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

The Lykens Borough Authority held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 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  
John Shultz  
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 John Shultz and seconded by Nicole Barge the minutes from the July 10, 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 July.

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Kerwin advised that there could be some state grants available in the near future.

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

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

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Vice chairman Nathan Pental the quote submitted by Aptus Control System, Inc. in the amount of \$2,906.18 to complete a power quality study at the Water Plant was accepted. The study will include a site visit by the electrician, the installation of the power monitoring equipment, a 4-week monitoring of the power system, a report detailing the findings of the monitoring, testing of the ground system and a site visit by Aptus to coordinate with the electrician.

An invoice submitted by LB Water in the amount of \$4,158.00 for a replacement fire hydrant on Parkview Road that was damaged by a vehicle was paid this month. The fire hydrant was ordered back in May.

Max Stoner advised that the bid for Well No. 2 The Water Main Extension Project will be ready to accept a bid at the October monthly meeting. Max had hoped to have things ready for the September meeting, however HRG needed a few more items to complete the paperwork.

Max Stoner further advised he is looking for funding through SRBC for the meter and structure that will be used to measure the flow for conservation release that is a requirement with our Water Allocation Permit. The meter and structure are projected to cost around \$50,000.00.

Upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Allen Snyder the board agreed to have Dan Beyer with the EADS Group apply for a CBD Grant for meter replacement.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Nathan Pental and seconded by Nicole Barge permission was given to purchase a sampler for the Sewer Plant in the amount of \$9,436.00 plus shipping.

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pental permission was given to update the employee guidelines per DEP the Water Plant requires a B, E subclass 1, 7,8,11 and 12 not a C, subclass 1 through 14.

A discussion took place on how to proceed with Dean Miller once our operators have the proper licenses to run the plants. It was noted that Dean's office is completing our compliance paperwork. Ty needs one subclass to upgrade his water license. Ty and Nate have what is needed for the Sewer Plant. The board agreed once we are ready a 90-day notice will be given to Dean. Dean maybe kept on as a consultant at a much smaller rate.

Ty Buffington went over the following for water & sewer:

1. Lead & copper is moving along.
2. The chemical tanks have been delivered.
3. New building on Race Street, need to order concrete and put rebar mat down. PPL has placed the pole now working with Ryan Herb to wire for power.
4. Effluent Sampler installed and running well. The Influent sampler has been ordered.
5. Filter evaluations at the Water Plant were completed by DEP on 8/14. A report will be sent in a few weeks.
6. RCAP should finish up on 8/15 with the field mapping. There is a mapping meeting on 8/20 at 8:30 a.m.
7. Dave and Nate start water classes on 8/20. Ty is working on getting into a class on 8/28 for his subclass 7 to complete all subclasses for his Water License.

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

From Water:

1. JHA Companies in the amount of \$11,190.37 for Professional Engineering Services related to the PWS Permit for the Wiconisco Township Water System Improvements.
2. JHA Companies in the amount of \$1,045.35 for Professional Engineering Services related to the Wiconisco Township Water Storage Tank Project.
3. JHA Companies in the amount of \$317.38 for the reimbursement of the invoice paid to Aptus Control, Inc., for reviewing the PPL new service application.
4. JHA Companies in the amount of \$4,429.35 for Professional Engineering Services provided for the well development.
5. Glace Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,868.63 for Professional Engineering Services provided for well development. This invoice includes reimbursement for the invoices paid to Aptus Control Inc. (\$290.63) and Reed & Associates, LLC (\$1,461.00).
6. ICEA Solutions in the amount of \$4,980.00 for PM maintenance kits and labor.
7. ICEA Solutions in the amount of \$10,869.12 for valves and seals, actuator kit and parts, ejector as well as labor charges.
8. Aptus Control Systems Inc., in the amount of \$618.76 for support and power quality testing recommendations.

From Sewer:

There was no permission to pay this month.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Nicole Barge.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Recording Secretary