

**LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

The Lykens Borough Authority held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 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  
Ty Buffington, WTP & WWTP Operator  
Dianne Shuller, Citizen  
Jeanette M. Crabb, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by John Shultz the minutes from the January 8, 2025 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 January 2025.

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Kerwin advised that he received the bid packet, reviewed it and would recommend awarding to the low bidder.

Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pental, CPA Pavement Services, Inc. was awarded the Wiconisco Water System Improvement – Well No. 2 Water Main

Extension Project in the amount of \$236,931.02. There were a total of eight (8) bids submitted through Penn Bid. The following bids were received:

1. CPA Pavement Services, Inc in the amount of \$236,931.02
2. Phillips Excavating & Hauling, LLC in the amount of \$263,430.00
3. Barrasso Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$268,830.00
4. Mid-State Paving, LLC in the amount of \$281,500.00
5. G & R Charles Excavating, LTD in the amount of \$317,415.00
6. Arthur "Pat" Aungst in the amount of \$320,133.00
7. Wexcon, Inc in the amount of \$385,123.00
8. Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc in the amount of \$531,530.00

Solicitor Kerwin further advised the lien program is ongoing and working well.

Upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Nicole Barge the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

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

A written report was submitted and read by Operator Ty Buffington.

Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pental permission was given to move forward with having the electric installed at the Pole Building on Race Street once the 3<sup>rd</sup> quote is received.

A discussion took place regarding the pump at the well house shutting down. Ty explained that Modern Pump no longer deals with Franklin Pumps since they were aware there was an issue with the pumps. Modern Pump has changed to Goulds Pump now and now longer deals with Franklin Pumps. Chairman Kerry Teter explained we took the bad end of this since we went through five (5) of these pumps that turned out to be bad pumps and the company kept selling them.

Dianne Shuller at this time asked if she should keep a log of these issues since she has electrical issues at her house and would like to prove it is the electrical companies' problem. Dianne believes her grounds are switched because none of her major appliances seem to work. Chairman Kerry Teter advised this is an issue not connected to her issues and a log would not be necessary.

The annual 2023 Chapter 94 report was completed by the EADS Group for \$900.00. The EDAS Group charged an additional fee of \$900.00 due to issues we experienced with a pump failure that effected the report. DEP had questions that had to be explained and answered to allow them to accept the report. Several conference calls took place. The EADS Group is working on the 2024 Chapter 94 report.

The Authority will be renting a 66" Bobcat Forestry Cutter with a Kubota 95-2 to clear the area behind Minnich Terrance so the next phase of getting the wells online can take place. The

clearing of the area is in connection with Well No. 2 Water Main Extension. The Bobcat rental fee will be \$3,225.00 for the week plus \$150.00 delivery and pickup fee.

Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by John Shultz approval was given for Pay Application #4 submitted by PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$23,804.62 for work completed on the Wiconisco Water Storage Tank project to be paid. The pay application will be submitted to the Commonwealth Financing Authority to release funds to the Authority to pay PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. There will be \$56,255.13 remaining in grant funding after the payment is made. The final invoice to PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc will be \$85,392.13. The Authority will be responsible for \$29,137.00. PSI Pumping Solutions expects to install the fencing once the weather permits. Max Stoner with JHA Companies is planning to contact Ryan Herb to get the electric pole placed and hook up the electric so PSI Pumping Solutions can test the tank.

Chairman Kerry Teter advised he has been trying to get the electric taken care of however the engineer was worried about us paying a monthly fee earlier than we would need to. Kerry further advised we have submitted a grant for the final stage of the project.

Upon a motion by Nicole Barge and seconded by John Shultz permission was given to advertise, interview and hire an operator for water & sewer.

A discussion took place regarding pump #1 at the WWTP. Ty explained he has traced the pump back to over 11 years old at this point. The board agreed to check on pricing however if the time comes where the pump is needed right away then it should be purchased.

Chairman Kerry Teter thanked everyone for doing a good job with all the extra work while dealing with the freeze ups and leaks during the bitter cold spell we experienced.

Dianne Shuller at this time commented that she has reached out to DEP and let them know they can not cut off our water supply in the creeks that we only have rocks. Dianne said she would like to know where all the water is.

Upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Nicole Barge 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 January are included on the Treasurer's report.

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

#### **From Water:**

1. The Republican Herald in the amount of \$2,771.62 for the advertising for bids for the installation of Well No. 2 Water Main Extension Project.
2. Kopyy's Propane in the amount of \$14,550.33 for installing the heat and propane at the Pole Building on Race Street per the estimate. Kopyy's will need to come back and install the Hot Dawg heater once the loft is built.
3. Aptus Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$172.50 for remote support issues with the clear well and ice formation.

**From Sewer:**

1. Axiom, Inc. in the amount of \$2,475.00 for testing and troubleshooting at the Sewer Plant with the screen press.
2. Axiom, Inc. in the amount of \$1,350.00 for troubleshooting at the Sewer Plant with the SBR Sludge Pump not working.

Chairman Kerry Teter asked if anyone had anything additional before adjournment.

Chairman Kerry Teter advised we are taking applications and we need to get someone on board as soon as possible. Kerry advised possibly two (2) employees.

Chairman Kerry Teter further advised he will be giving Dean with Miller Environmental his 90-day notice that we will no longer need his services. Kerry explained he is bleeding us and did not stick to the contract we have never had the 40 hour per week employee we were promised as part of the contract. Kerry said he would like to see if we can retain him for reporting purposes for around \$500-\$1,000 per month.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Nicole Barge.

Jeanette M. Crabb  
Recording Secretary