

**LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

The Lykens Borough Authority held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 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
Jeanette M. Crabb, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Vice Chairman Nathan Pental the minutes from the September 11, 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 September.

Upon a motion by John Shultz and seconded by Nicole Barge the 2025 Water & Sewer Budgets were tentatively adopted with permission to advertise. There is a proposed water base rate increase from \$65.00 per quarter to \$67.00 per quarter. There is a proposed sewer base rate increase from \$132.00 per quarter to \$134.00 per quarter. The water & sewer budgets will be adopted at the November 13, 2024 monthly meeting.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Kerwin reported that the lien program is ongoing and is working. Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by Glenn Sedesse the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

REPORT FOR WATER & SEWER:

Max Stoner with JHA Companies has advised that it will be a few more weeks for approval from PennDOT for the tie-in and then approval from HRG to complete the work associated with Well No. 2 Connection to the Water System Project that is funded through CDBG. Max further advised all the permits need to be in hand before we can go to the bidding stage. Max is thinking we are coming up on a better bidding period for pricing from November through January.

Upon a motion by Allen Snyder and seconded by Nicole Barge permission was given to have Max Stoner with JHA Companies file a Local Share Account Statewide Grant application on behalf of the Authority for a flow meter for Rattling Creek which is estimated to cost around \$50,000.00 and upgrades to Wellhouse No. 1.

A short discussion took place on whether to renew the annual support through LB Water for our meter reader (Field Logic) in the amount of \$3,700.00. The board agreed to pay as we call or need support rather than renewing, the rate when calling is \$300.00 an hour if we need programming support.

Ty Buffington was not present however a report was reviewed.

1. Lead & copper inventory is expected to be submitted by the end of the week.
2. New building on Race Street, still need to order concrete and put rebar mat down.
3. Big red dump truck needs the brake installed and inspected.
4. The furnace at the WTP is currently being installed.
5. The effluent valve at the WTP has been repaired, no need to replace at this time.
6. The sewer patch from repairing a sewer line in the 700 block of Main Street needs to be sealed to close the HOP. Ty will contact Webster to seal it.
7. Heat at the new building on Race Street, we received one quote waiting on 2 more to try to obtain the best pricing.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Nathan Pental 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 September 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 \$1,041.75 for Professional Engineering Services related to the PWS Permit for the Wiconisco Township Water System Improvements.
2. JHA Companies in the amount of \$422.10 for Professional Engineering Services related to the Wiconisco Water Storage Tank Replacement Project.
3. Aptus Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$168.75 for misc. coordination and follow up with Garden Spot Electric.
4. Aptus Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$945.79 for a service call.

From Sewer:

There was no permission to pay this month.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. upon a motion by Glenn Sedesse and seconded by Nicole Barge.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Recording Secretary