LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY
AGENDA
October 14, 2026

SALUTE THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

John Shultz_____ Nathan Pendal_____ Nicole Barge_____
Kerry Teter_____ Glenn Sedesse_____ Allen Snyder_____
Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor_____

1. Approval of the minutes:

A motion is needed to approve the minutes from the September 09, 2026 monthly meeting.
Motion by_____seconded by_____.

2. Recognition of Citizens:

3. Office & General Business:

A written report has been submitted by the secretary to all members for the month of September.

The 2027 Budget for water and sewer will need to be tentatively adopted and advertised for final adoption at the November monthly meeting. There is a proposed water base rate increase from $67.00 per quarter to $67.50 per quarter. There is a proposed increase to the gallons from $7.00 per 1,000 gallons used to $7.25 per 1,000 gallons used. There is a proposed increase to the sewer base rate from $134.00 per quarter to $135.00 per quarter.
Motion by_____ seconded by_____.

The November meeting is supposed to be held on Wednesday, November 11th which is a holiday (Veteran's Day) would the board like to advertise and move the meeting to the 10th or 12th of November?

A motion to accept the Secretary's Report is needed.

Motion by_____seconded by_____.

4. Solicitor's Report:

A motion to accept the Solicitor's Report is needed.
Motion by_____seconded by_____.

5. Report for Water & Sewer:

Our Engineer Dan Beyer contacted Mid-State Paving regarding installing the air release valves at Mountain & Spring Street and Mountain & Maple Street in Wiconisco Township. Dan was told the quote was old and the price could not be honored. Dan left several messages with Mid-State Paving to see what the updating pricing would be but his calls have not been returned so Dan reached out to Grosser Excavating. Grosser said they could install the valves but not until January. Dan is trying to get a quote from another contractor so we can proceed. Mid-State's quote was accepted at $18,925.00 and Grosser's quote was $19,800.00. Does the board approve moving forward if a quote around the same pricing is obtained?

The Authority was not awarded an LSA Grant for the Mountain Street Water Line Replacement Project. Dan Beyer will submit our application again this year. The Authority was award $150,000.00 for the Lykens Water Tank to be painted and safety features to be installed.

The Water Meters for the South Side of Lykens have been ordered. The lead time is 3-4 weeks. LB Water met with a few of us and informed us they failed to mention there is an annual software charge of $4,000.00 plus a 3% increase every year to the fee. Without the software we will not be able to use the leak detection feature or read the meters by driving by. We do not need the software at this point and can wait until all of the Sout Side meters are installed or until the entire service area has new meters. The meter pads that connect to the radio reader will not be able to be installed when the new meters are installed due to once the radio meter pad is on, we would not be able to manually read the meters. We did not purchase the box for $1200.00 that will also be needed once we are ready to use the drive by feature because it has a 2-year warranty. We purchased 368 meters, 368 radio pads and 100 touch pads in case we have faulty ones. The total is $126,064.60. We have a grant for $100,000.00. One thing to remember these new meters have a 20-year battery life and then they will need to be changed. The office is keeping a note of when the meters are purchased and installed so the future operators will have the information and can plan accordingly.

We have been purchasing cheaper replacement meters since we can no longer get the meters we have and once the parts we have are used up, we will no longer be able to get parts. Once we change out the South Side meters, we will have meters and parts to keep us going until the entire system is changed to Iperl meters. The cheaper meters are running $118.00 each and so far, 3 have been returned due to leaking. This brings up the question of how to proceed when a customer allows the meter to freeze up and break in the winter due to no heat. We currently do not charge for the first freeze up other than a service fee. Any freeze up after is charged for parts. Should we be charging for a replacement meter when a freeze up occurs due to neglect? The question would be can we charge for a meter replacement since these meters cannot be repaired.

The verbiage in the Water Rules & Regs is below.

> **The consumer and/or the owner must, at all times, properly protect the meter from damage or any other cause and will be held responsible for repairs to meter made necessary due to the negligence of the consumer and/ or owner, this will include freeze ups.**

A motion to accept the Report for Water & Sewer is needed.
Motion by_____seconded by_____.

6. Treasurer's Report for Water & Sewer:

Ordinary and necessary expenditures that have been paid for the month of September is included on the Treasurer's Report.

Permission to pay the following bills is needed.

FROM WATER:

1. **Aptus Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of $347.76 for support at the Water Plant.**
2. **JHA Companies in the amount of $985.00 for Professional Engineering Service for the Wiconisco Water Storage Tank Project.**
3. **JHA Companies in the amount of $6,575.00 for Professional Engineering Services for Well No. 2 Booster Station Bid-Construction Phase.**
4. **JHA Companies in the amount of $200.00 for Professional Engineering Services Provided for Well Development.**
5. **JHA Companies in the amount of $7,726.25 for Professional Engineering Services Provided for Well No. 2 Bid/Construction Phase.**
6. **JHA Companies in the amount of $142.50 for Professional Engineering Services Provided for a small engineering project.**
7. **JHA Companies in the amount of $808.75 for Professional Engineering Services Provided for the Reservoir.**

FROM SEWER: There was no permission to this month.

Motion by_____seconded by_____.

7. Adjournment:

Time: _____Motion by_____seconded by_____