

# PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

## Minutes from Regularly Scheduled Meeting July 2, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Penn Township Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Penn Township Municipal Authority Office located at 2595 Route 522, Selinsgrove, PA. Chairman Thomas Ferry presiding.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Thomas Ferry, Vice-Chairman Pete DeWire, Treasurer Michael Kuhns (via telephone), and Secretary Gregory Aungst

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Isaac Ramer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Solicitor Robert Cravitz, Engineer Joseph Pfirman, and Admin. Secretary Susan Seebold

**VISITORS PRESENT:** None

*Chairman Thomas Ferry called the July 2, 2024 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### **MINUTES:**

The Authority members reviewed the minutes of the June 6, 2024 PTMA meeting. After a brief discussion, Vice-Chairman Pete DeWire motioned to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 Penn Township Municipal Authority meeting as presented. Secretary Gregory Aungst seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### **BRIGHT FARMS / PENN GREENHOUSE WATER USAGE:**

Chairman Thomas Ferry reported that Bright Farms / PENN Greenhouse has exceeded their permitted water usage of 34,400 Gallons Per Day (GPD) (or 200 EDUs), therefore, putting them in violation of their maximum permitted water usage. Chairman Ferry further reported that during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2024 billing period, they used a combined total of 3,200,000 gallons of water, which equates to 36,782 GPD (or 214 EDUs). Chairman Ferry also noted that although they were notified of the violation multiple times, they have continued to exceed their permitted water usage by as much as 28,743 GPD (or 168 EDUs) when they had a combined total use of 63,143 GPD (or 368 EDUs). After a brief discussion, Chairman Thomas Ferry motioned to have Solicitor Robert Cravitz send a letter to Bright Farms / PENN Greenhouse expressing the Authority's concerns of their water permit violation and extremely high water usage. Chairman Ferry further motioned that the aforementioned letter demands that Bright Farms / PENN Greenhouse come up with a solution to keep their water usage **under** their required 200 EDUs and implement said plan within the next 30 days; otherwise, the Authority will consider imposing a very strict quarterly penalty for exceeding their permitted water EDUs. Vice-Chairman Pete DeWire seconded the motion with Treasurer Michael Kuhns abstaining. MOTION PASSED.

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***ALTERNATE WELL #2 PROJECT:***

Vice-Chairman Pete DeWire reported that the temporary access road for the Alternate Well #2 test well has been constructed. Vice-Chairman DeWire further reported that the drilling of the test well is scheduled for later this month. After a brief discussion, Vice-Chairman Pete DeWire motioned to approve the GeoServices, Ltd. Proposal and Cost Estimate for the installation of Test Well B in an estimated amount of \$8,300.00 as presented in their June 21, 2024 proposal conditional upon Engineer Joseph Pfirman getting satisfactory clarification of (1) the potential extra costs and (2) the Pump Test Flow Rate. Secretary Gregory Aungst seconded the motion and unanimously approved. Further discussion was tabled until the next PTMA meeting.

***WATER BOOSTER PUMP STATION REPAIR:***

Inspector Pete DeWire stated that he has nothing new to report on the Water Booster Pump Station Repair. Further discussion was tabled until the next PTMA meeting.

***WELL #1 REPLACEMENT PUMP:***

Chairman Thomas Ferry reported that the Well #1 Replacement pumps are scheduled to be delivered to Modern Pump on September 9, 2024. Further discussion was tabled until the next PTMA meeting.

***CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Thomas Ferry:***

Chairman Thomas Ferry stated that he had nothing further to report.

***VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Pete DeWire:***

Vice-Chairman Pete DeWire stated that he had nothing further to report.

***INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Pete DeWire:***

Inspector Pete DeWire reported that the road subsidence over the sewer mains at 218 Fairview Drive and 727 Hower Street will be repaired early next week. Inspector DeWire further reported that the construction of the new Fike Brothers Carpet One Floor and Home has begun. After a brief discussion, Solicitor Robert Cravitz was reminded to send a letter to Fike Brothers Carpet One Floor and Home stating that PTMA will not be responsible for repairs to their parking lot in the event the water main has to be accessed by the Authority, since the land development was not constructed according to the approved plans.

***OPERATOR'S REPORT – Cody Cutler:***

The Authority members reviewed and discussed the Monthly Operating Reports submitted by PTMA Operator Cody N. Cutler. (See Attachment A)

***TREASURER'S REPORT – Michael Kuhns:***

***Financial Reports / Authorization of Bill Payments:***

The Authority members reviewed and discussed the financial reports. (See Attachment B and C) After a brief discussion, Vice-Chairman Pete DeWire motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Payments, and Timecards as presented. Secretary Gregory Aungst seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

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***ADJOURNMENT:***

With no further business to discuss, Treasurer Michael Kuhns motioned to adjourn the July 2, 2024 PTMA meeting at 7:35 p.m. Secretary Gregory Aungst seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan L. Seibold, Administrative Secretary  
Penn Township Municipal Authority***