

MOUNT GREтна AUTHORITY

MINUTES

February 5, 2024

Edward Kosoff, chairman, presiding at 6:00 pm, called the meeting of the Mount Gretna Authority to order. The meeting was held in the Authority office.

Board and staff members present:

Edward Kosoff, Chairman	Karl Kerchner
Jessica Kosoff	Michael Sherman
Keith Kilgore, Solicitor	
William Care, Public Works Director	
Linda Bell, Secretary/Treasurer	

Board Members Absent: Brad Kleinfelter

Visitors:

Jennifer Bessi, Mount Gretna Heights
Ed Spayd, HRG Engineering

MINUTES, FINANCIAL STATEMENT & INVOICE LIST:

Michael Sherman made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Jessica Kosoff.

Karl Kerchner made a motion to accept the January financial reports; seconded by Jessica Kosoff. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jennifer Bessi gave a presentation on the Mount Gretna Heights' current situation concerning their well. This well is located within Lebanon County in Clarence Schock Memorial Park at Governor Dick. An easement was executed and signed by all parties at the time the well was drilled in 2002, however, it was not recorded with the County. This shortcoming should be corrected within the near future.

Ms. Bessi then reported on Governor Dick's tree removal and planned vegetation control in the area surrounding the well. It is of great concern to the residents of Mount Gretna Heights that the spraying of any chemicals, especially the ones planned, would be very detrimental to the quality of the drinking water from the Heights well. The Heights is first and foremost requesting a 400 feet protection area around the well head. However, it is felt that this is not adequate to protect the water source. The Authority board members asked questions of Ms. Bessi and a lengthy discussion followed. Board members suggested that the entire community should be aware of the situation.

Solicitor Kilgore proposed that concerns be voiced and that an information letter be composed and provide to the Mount Gretna community as a whole.

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REPORTS

WATER:

William Care gave the following operation report:

Water Usage for the Month of January 2024:

Total Gallons Pumped	835,800
Maximum Usage per Day	27,000
Minimum Usage per Day	19,857
Average Gallons per Day (GPD)	23,880

There were no issues with the wells or system.

Princeton Avenue: The new water main on Princeton Avenue, Chautauqua Drive and Carnegie Avenue is now in service.

Lafayette & Vasser Avenues: New water mains are being installed on Lafayette Avenue and Vasser Avenue to Gettysburg Avenue.

- 4 inch main in Lafayette
- 6 inch main in Vasser
- 2 inch line in the alley to the museum
- 3 inch line for the Jigger Shop and the Hall of Philosophy

New Hydrants will be installed at Gettysburg and Pennsylvania Avenues

A proposal from L & N Zimmerman Excavating for directional drilling for these areas was discussed. Michael Sherman made a motion contract Zimmerman for the project. Karl Kerchner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Lead Service Lines: Ed Spayd stated that a lead line survey must be completed for DEP by October 16, 2024. Mr. Care stated that he is certain that there are no lead lines within the Borough.

SEWER:

William Care gave the following operation report:

Wastewater Treated for the Month of January 2024:

Gallons Treated	2,881,000
Maximum Gallons per Day	250,000
Minimum Gallons per Day	59,000
Average Gallons per Day	93,000

Rainfall: Rainfall for the month of January was 4.91”.

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DMR: No violations in January

Treatment Plant Upgrade Plans: Ed Spayd reported that no grants have been received.

Summer testing will be a challenge to meet DEP limits. The state needs to know that the Authority is trying to meet the required limits. The results of these efforts will determine the future of the treatment facility.

This does not necessary mean that an entire new treatment facility will need to be constructed. The cost of millions of dollars would be beyond that community ability to support. The facility could be upgraded in increments.

Michael Sherman stated thoughts on incremental staging of upgrades, one area at a time.

Ed Spayd suggested that one important upgrade would be to the electric service from single phase to triple phase.

Mr. Spayd also noted that it may be very beneficial to have the plants capacity re-rated. This should be given some thought.

It was noted that Bryan Heisey now has a water license and will be getting his sewer license. This will valuable to the operation of the facility.

Mr. Care stated that an additional test kit is needed. Michael Sherman made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Jessica Kosoff. All were in favor.

SOLICITOR:

Grease Traps: Solicitor Kilgore questioned whether or not the Timbers has a grease trap and stated that he will prepare a letter to South Londonderry. Mr. Care will speak with John Eberly, South Londonderry Township supervisor, on this matter as well.

Mr. Care expressed concerns that grease trap inspection procedures be established in writing. Solicitor Kilgore will take action on updating and/or preparing documents concerning these matters.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Authority Dinner: The Authority board will schedule a dinner for February 29th at 6:00 PM at the Timbers.

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ADJOURNMENT

Jessica Kosoff made a motion, seconded by Karl Kerchner to adjourn the meeting at

7:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Bell
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Authority