

MOUNT GREтна AUTHORITY

MINUTES

June 5, 2023

Edward Kosoff, Chairman, presiding at 5:59 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
Michael Sherman
William Care, Public Works Director
Keith Kilgore, Solicitor
Linda Bell, Secretary/Treasurer
Karl Kerchner

Board Members Absent:

Brad Kleinfelter
Jessica Kosoff

Visitors:

Ed Spayd, HRG Engineering
William Osburn, resident, 110 Temple Avenue

MINUTES, FINANCIAL STATEMENT & INVOICE LIST:

Karl Kerchner made a motion was made to accept the May meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Michael Sherman. All were in favor.

Michael Sherman made a motion to accept the May financial report; seconded by Karl Kerchner. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

REPORTS

WATER:

William Care gave the following operation report:

Water Usage for the Month of May 2023:

Total Gallons Pumped	1,500,200
Maximum Usage per Day	91,900
Minimum Usage per Day	36,100
Average Gallons per Day (GPD)	48,393

Mount Gretna Borough:

Total Gallons Pumped	961,535
Average Gallons per Day	31,017

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Mount Gretna Campmeeting:

Total Gallons Pumped to the Campmeeting	538,665
Average Gallons per Day (GPD)	17,376

Usage per EDU:

Mount Gretna Borough	$31,017 \div 230.5 \text{ EDU} = 135.0 \text{ GPD/EDU}$
Mount Gretna Campmeeting	$538,665 \div 241 \text{ EDU} = 72.1 \text{ GPD/EDU}$

There were no issues with the wells or system.

Mount Gretna Campmeeting Water Project: Mr. Care has met with the Campmeeting Representatives and was given the projected completion date is June 25th. The new tank is scheduled to be painted on the interior this coming week. Much discussion followed.

Mr. Care connected via phone with Joseph Lamont, Campmeeting representative. Mr. Lamont confirmed that the construction company feels the project will be completed prior to the end of June. In fact, their completion date is June 16th. The Authority board members and Mr. Lamont discussed the need to expediate the testing and approval for the new tank and water supply. Mr. Lamont assured the board that they have been and will be in contact with DEP.

Water Conservation Notice: The need to conserve water due to abnormally dry conditions was discussed. Mr. Care reported being informed of residents blatantly wasting water for such things as washing down driveways! Water restriction need to be enacted as soon as possible. Board members instructed Mr. Care and Mrs. Bell to prepare a notice to conserve water and to send it to all water customers.

Mr. Lamont remained involved in the discussion via phone and requested that the notice be shared with the Campmeeting office in order for it to be sent to Campmeeting homeowners as well. (Mr. Lamont exited the meeting at the end of this discussion)

Security for Reservoir Pump #1: Comcast will be installing internet service at well #1 and the reservoir. Upon completion of this installation, security cameras will be installed.

Princeton Avenue/Chautauqua Drive Project: No report

SEWER:

William Care gave the following operation report:

Wastewater Treated for the Month of May 2023:

Gallons Treated	2,329,000
Maximum Gallons per Day - May 7 th	151,000
Minimum Gallons per Day - May 11 th	56,000
Average Gallons per Day	75,000

Rainfall: Rainfall for the month of May was only 1.14” which was recorded on May 1st & 2nd.

DMR: There were no violation for the month of May for NH₃N.

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Trickler Filter: The recycle project is working and seems to be helping.

The trickle filter distribution bearings need to be replaced. We have the parts and will be performing the repair work with the help of Dourte Electric.

Equipment Demonstration: The pilot study of a sludge dewatering system is completed.

Mr. Spayd, HRG Engineer, reported on the results of the **Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project**. The demonstration went well and greatly reduces the amount of water in the sludge. This in turn reduces the hauling costs for sludge, but leaves a large amount of water to be processed per use of the sand filter. Per attached copy of the engineering’s opinion of the project, the construction cost and maintenance cost are significant. Although, the dewatering screw press works well, it requires a good bit of maintenance manpower. Mr. Spayd’s opinion is that if the Authority does not receive a grant the project is too costly, “no grant, not worth doing”.

Grant Application: Mr. Spayd reported that awarding of grant monies has been delayed until July/August. Larger grants delayed until September/October.

Personnel: Gerald Hallman was hired as a new fulltime member of the staff. He is a very valuable staff member and is planning to take classes/testing for his sewer and water licenses.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Kilgore stated that the Pennsylvania Chautauqua is proposing placing the ownership of Albright Avenue area into the Lebanon Valley Conservancy. If not already in place, easements will be necessary for the reservoir and water lines and water mains which run through this area.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Karl Kerchner and seconded by Michael Sherman, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at

7:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Bell
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Authority