

MOUNT GRETNA AUTHORITY

MINUTES

September 6, 2023

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
Brad Kleinfelter	Jessica Kosoff
Michael Sherman	
William Care, Public Works Director	
Linda Bell, Secretary/Treasurer	

Board Members Absent:

Keith Kilgore, Solicitor

Visitors:

William Osburn, resident, 110 Temple Avenue

MINUTES, FINANCIAL STATEMENT & INVOICE LIST:

Brad Kleinfelter made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Karl Kerchner. All were in favor.

Michael Sherman made a motion to accept the August financial report; seconded by Brad Kleinfelter. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

REPORTS

WATER:

William Care gave the following operation report:

Water Usage for the Month of August 2023:

Total Gallons Pumped	1,197,150
Maximum Usage per Day	47,529
Minimum Usage per Day	41,243
Average Gallons per Day (GPD)	42,755

Mount Gretna Campmeeting: The Campmeeting project has been completed.

There were no issues with the wells or system.

Water Conservation Notice: The Department of Environmental Protection has continued the drought watch for Lebanon County and surrounding counties. It is advisable for the local water companies (Timber Hills, Heights, Campmeeting) to meet concerning the contingency plans.

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Security for Reservoir Pump #1: Security system at the reservoir, well #1, has been completed.

Princeton Avenue: The contractor for the Princeton Avenue water line project has been contacted and a tentative start date is late September, early October. Notice will be sent to affected residents as soon as a schedule is confirmed.

Rural Water: Mr. Care will be meeting with a PA Rural Water representative concerning the completion of the mapping of water and lines.

Lead line inventory must be completed.

Steering Committee: A steering committee will be formed to develop a source water protection plan. DEP representative Rhonda Hakundy will be in attendance.

SEWER:

William Care gave the following operation report:

Wastewater Treated for the Month of August 2023:

Gallons Treated	2,417,000
Maximum Gallons per Day - 08/20/2023	102,000
Minimum Gallons per Day - 08/29/2023	58,000
Average Gallons per Day	78,000

Rainfall: Rainfall for the month of July was 3.45”.

DMR: Ammonia levels were in violation for the month of August.

We have been treating with soda ash to help with the alkalinity for ammonia removal. Assistance may be needed to deal with the ammonia issue.

Ed Spayd, HRG Engineer, reported on the grant application and equipment pilot project.

Grant Application: Mr. Spayd expects to know the status of the grant application by the end of October. The board briefly discussed the options for the use of the grant monies should they be received.

Pilot Equipment Project: The screw press employed for the pilot project worked well at dewatering sludge. A considerable amount of polymer is required for this function. The cost of purchasing the equipment and purchasing the necessary polymer is high. The question discussed was does the reduced amount of sludge hauling result in enough savings to merit these purchases. The answer appears to be no. Other options must be pursued.

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Trickler Filter: Mr. Spayd stated that the trickle filter is removing about 70% of the ammonia but it should be 80% to be compliant with DEP requirements.

The board members discussed the sludge removal process, costs, etc. at length. Discussion led to the construction of a new treatment facility considering that the current facility was built in 1942. Special workshop sessions will be scheduled to discuss long range planning for the treatment facility, financing being the most important issue.

Equipment: No Report

SOLICITOR: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Michael Sherman and seconded by Jessica Kosoff, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at

7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Bell
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Authority