

MOUNT GRETNA AUTHORITY

MINUTES

September 11, 2025

Edward Kosoff, Chairman, presiding at 6:09 pm, called the meeting of the Mount Gretna Authority to order.

Board and staff members present:

Edward Kosoff, Chairman

Karl Kerchner

Keith Kilgore, Solicitor

Betsy Goepfert, Secretary/Treasurer

Jessica Kosoff

Brad Kleinfelter

William Care, Public Works Director

Board Members Absent:

Michael Sherman

Visitors:

None

MINUTES, FINANCIAL STATEMENT & INVOICE LIST:

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REPORTS

WATER:

William Care gave the following operational report:

Water Usage for the Month of August 2025:

Total Gallons Pumped	1,049,000
Maximum Usage per Day	40,886
Minimum Usage per Day	32,057
Average Gallons per Day (GPD)	37,464

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Reservoir Inspection:

Following the DEP inspection, an inspection of the reservoir must be completed within six months. This is required every 5 year. The inspection will determine what repair is needed, if any. William Care received a quote from I.K. Stoltzfus Service Corp. in the amount of \$3,950.00. Jessica Kosoff made a motion to accept the quote and schedule the inspection. Karl Kerchner seconded the motion. All were in favor. William Care to schedule.

Lead and Copper Samples:

DEP requires lead and copper samples to be collected every three years from 5 properties in the Chautauqua. Samples will be taken in upcoming week. Samples are required by the end of September.

Water Line Project:

William Care meeting with LN Zimmerman to review water main project (Lafayette and Vassar Avenue). Project to start at the end of September. Project will be funded by Special Water fund.

Timber Service Project:

William Care stated that Timber Service voted to commit to permits crossing RT. 117 at a cost of \$7,000 to \$9,000. He will request an updated quote from LN Zimmerman to update pipe size from 4" to 6". He is waiting for an updated quote to upgrade the Timber Service Well pump for use by the Mount Gretna Authority. He had a conversation with South Londonderry Township regarding a fire hydrant on Timber Road. South Londonderry Township is willing to contribute \$6,000 towards the project and to waive the permit requirement for the Mount Gretna Authority. They are also willing to provide grant information to the Mount Gretna Authority. William Care also stated that he would like the Art Show to support the project as well. Jessica Kosoff suggested that documentation be put together to list the value of Timber Service well, authorities labor, new pump, etc.

SEWER:

William Care gave the following operational report:

Wastewater Treated for the Month of August 2025:

Gallons Treated	2,567,098
Maximum Gallons per Day (7/1/2025)	124,000
Minimum Gallons per Day (7/27/2025)	69,000
Average Gallons per Day	82,809

Rainfall:

Rainfall for the month of August was 1.23"

Treatment Plant:

William Care stated that there were issues with ammonia again, due to the lack of rain. The last rain of any significance was on August 21, 2025.

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Sewer Rates:

William Care brought up possibility of a special assessment to cover the loan payments. He suggested that there will also need to be an increase in rates for 2026. Preliminary budget to be available at October meeting is possible.

Tool Cat Replacement:

William Care stated that the Tool Cat needs to be replaced before Winter. Cost of new equipment is \$66,030.80. The Board granted him permission to look into funding. He recommended that the Mount Gretna Borough take over ownership to take advantage of COSTARS pricing and use of State Funds.

DEP Permit:

William Care stated that samples for the DEP Permit will be taken and submitted.

SOLICITOR:

Water Assessments:

Solicitor Kilgore stated that there are 7 accounts that are outstanding.

Grease Trap:

Solicitor Kilgore reported that a grease trap will be installed at the Timbers Restaurant by the end of September.

Enclosing Sand Beds:

Solicitor Kilgore brought up the Commonwealth Finance Agency grant due at the end of October. Brad Kleinfelter to reach out to grant writer used by the Fire Company.

Conservation Easements:

Solicitor Kilgore stated that an easement is needed to protect the Authority. He recommended a survey should be done for Lafayette Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

Brad Kleinfelter made a motion which was seconded by Karl Kerchner to adjourn the meeting at **6:55 pm**. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Goepfert
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Authority