Myerstown, PA 17067

 August 14, 2025

 Chairman Patrick Angley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Myerstown Water Treatment Facility situated at 601 Stracks Dam Road, Myerstown, PA, 17067.

ROLL CALL:

 Present were: Steven Hammer; Treasurer Bryan Rittle; Secretary Brian Ziegler; Vice Chairman Samuel Moyer: Chairman Patrick Angley; Engineer Farley F. Fry; Solicitor Kenneth Sandoe; and Business Manager Steven Hickernell(absent) and Operations Manager Casey Walborn.

MINUTES:

 Motion by Mr. Moyer; Second by Mr. Hammer: To approve the minutes of the July 10, 2025 meeting as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

INVOICES:

 Motion by Mr. Ziegler; Second by Mr. Rittle: To approve payment of the invoices as presented and attached. Motion passed unanimously.

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Was reviewed.

OPERATIONS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2025:

* Yearly maintenance completed on the Chlorine equipment w/ Neal Systems
* Scheduled DEP required testing is up to date (i.e. – TOC’s, Alkalinity, Nitrates, TTHM/HAA5)
* 216/218 W. Carpenter – Was called by Sam Moyer. He was doing plumbing work at the residence. They had water in the basement. I found that once the curb stop was shut off the leak stopped (their side leak). However, knowing from past experience on that street (lead goosenecks) I decided to have our side replaced as well. It was a single lead gooseneck service line to a Tee at the curb stops. New plastic and 2 new curb stops were installed. Sam Moyer did the residence side w/ copper
* Completed a project site walkthrough w/ A.H. Moyer, Hanover Engineering, Steve Hickernell, and Ryan Ward. All of S. Railroad and the Transmission Main project areas were checked. All was good except a few valve boxes needed to be re-aligned and were done within a few days afterward
* Water Plant storm sewer – Erik from Hanover met w/ A.H. Moyer and myself for a final check of the piping. Seemed that water wasn’t fully getting to the end drain across the driveway. It was determined to have A.H. Moyer come out and run a camera through. Farley will cover this thoroughly
* Sinkhole in rear lot – Seems unrelated to the storm drain project and the conduit install. We feel as though it is from not being paved and allowing water to run down through the soil. Farley will cover this thoroughly
* Power outage 7/26 – Affected the Ground Tank. We couldn’t operate the valve through SCADA. Luckily it was at a level we did not need to. The outage caused the OIT touch screen to go haywire. It is now scrambled and barely readable. I do not plan on replacing it at this point. We do have a spare but would be more important for the booster stations if they were to go out. I want to limp this one along until we know if SCADA will be getting an overhaul (\*update\* as of Wednesday 8/13 the screen has come back to normal and will hopefully stay that way)
* A.H. Moyer has run a camera through the floor drain lines in the plant today. I will receive a report soon
* All lettering has been removed from each booster station and windows have been coated so you can’t see in
* Crack Monitors have been checked. I have the current info available. None moved except at the middle of the north side in the rear of the F250 bay
* Electrician was out and is working on getting parts to fix the situation at Well 6. Power shut-off, bad contacts, and a wire with the coating extremely brittle
* 7/28 – GAF had a problem. “a dry riser system tripped and caused the system to charge with water” from their tank. They hammered us for 51,000 gallons in the matter of minutes.
* 8/11 – GAF “testing the fire hydrant loop looking for a leak” They hammered us for 71,000 gallons
* Bayer – continues to use a lot more water than they used to. Steve and I had a conversation with their head of Maintenance, it sounds like this is going to be the way going forward. They added a at least one cooling tower on the new building and a new product line that requires much more frequent washings of the bins. An average daily use of our pumped water has reached 34% (We filtered 486,000 gallons and they used 166,416 in 24 hours) If you look back to 2019 and 2021 their daily usage was in the ballpark of 63,000 – 72,000 gallons/day. They are now over double that. I’ve included several compilations of consumption data over the years

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| Date |   | Well #3 |   | Well #5 |   | Well #6 |   | Well #8 |
| 7/10/2025 |  | 14' P |  | 14' P |  | 12' S |  | N/A |
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| 7/17/2025 |  | 16' P |  | 8' S |  | 13' S |  | N/A |
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| 7/24/2025 |  | 14' P |  | 19' P |  | 15' P |  | N/A |
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| 8/1/2025 |  | 18' P |  | 13' S |  | 14' S |  | N/A |
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| 8/7/2025 |  | 19' P |  | 16' S |  | 16 ' S |  | N/A |
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| 8/14/2025 |  | 21’ P |  | 25’ P |  | 18’ P |  | N/A |

OFFICE REPORT AUGUST 2025

1. There were 0 new connection fees paid since last meeting.
2. There were 4 bad checks and debits last month. Three have paid, one is still delinquent since July 16th. We posted a letter on the property (39 Wheatland Dr.) giving them until tomorrow to pay or water would be shut off. We did not charge a fee for the one bad debit as the customer’s account was hacked and he had to close it out, and the bank did not charge us a fee so we waived his fee.
3. Shutoff notices were sent to 50 properties this month.
4. We posted 13 properties this month.
5. Attached is a copy of the most recent Auditor’s Report that I do monthly.

CASH POSITION:

 Was reviewed.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Termination and release of easements were prepared for the Brubaker and Layser properties. They will need to be signed at Steiner and Sandoe’s Office in the presence of a Notary.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Transmission Main update was discussed in the Engineer’s Report.

The Railroad St. Project was discussed in the Engineer’s Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following motions were all made as one by Mr. Hammer; Second by Mr. Ziegler:

Invoice #s 199333 for $203.26

 199338 for $203.25

 199335 for $272.88

 199337 for $1150.00

 199339 for $1084.01

 199340 for $25.88 (from S. Ramona Rd. Escrow Account if ever established)

All to Hanover Engineering from the General Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Rittle; Second by Mr. Moyer: To approve Invoice # 199334 for $535.63 to Hanover Engineering from the 651 W. Lincoln Ave. Escrow Account and to require the builder to add $2000.00 to the Escrow Account. Motion passed unanimously.

The following motions were all made as one by Mr. Rittle; Second by Mr. Ziegler:

Invoice #s 199332 for $14601.28

 199336 for $12083.72

All to Hanover Engineering from the Wilmington Trust Account. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Rittle; Second by Mr. Moyer: To approve Redemption 43-2024 for $275,626.26 for payment application #9 to A. H. Moyer from the Wilmington Trust Account as per recommendation from Hanover Engineering. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hammer; Second by Mr. Ziegler: To approve Redemption 44-2024 for $105,958.73 for payment application #5 to A. H. Moyer from the Wilmington Trust Account as per recommendation from Hanover Engineering. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Ziegler; Second by Mr. Moyer: To approve the bid from Fox & Long to replace the Heat Pump/ AC unit for the 2 main offices in the Water Plant. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hammer abstained from the voting due to family relations with the contractor.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M., prevailing time.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Brian Ziegler

 Secretary

Transcribed by Terry Miller

Asst. Sec.

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