CALL TO ORDER – Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of September 12, 2011 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL – David Monn, Staat Stymiest, Tommy Gilbert, Curtis Finney and Sid Miller present.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY STAFF – Fred Heerbrandt Engineer, Timothy Misner Solicitor, Larson Wenger Maintenance Supervisor, Patti Strite Treasurer and Patricia Kocek Recording Secretary

INVOCATION – P. Kocek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS
Dennis Monn **–** Mont Alto Borough Council representative

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT August 31, 2011 – After review of the Financial Report Chairman D. Monn stated that the Financial Report stands accepted as submitted.

Chairman D. Monn noted that P. Strite provided the members with information as to the cost of meeting attendance. He asked that the members review this information and provide their opinions and comments during budget discussions.

Sewer
Payment of Invoices
$518,578.92 Conewago STP Upgrade Contract #1
$ 43,245.00 PSI, Inc. STP Upgrade Contract #2
$ 263.25 L/B Water Service
$ 5,394.39 William H. Hill & Assoc. STP Upgrade
$567,481.56 Total

P. Strite told the members that there is $5,535.70 in wages for the Borough employees for the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade for the time period from October 2010 through August 2011. The members discussed whether or not to borrow the money to reimburse the Sewer Fund for the wages for the Project. The consensus was not to borrow the money to reimburse the wages. P. Strite will continue to keep track of the wages for the Project.

S. Stymiest made a motion to pay the bills out of the Line of Credit, T. Gilbert seconded, any further questions or
discussion, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

F. Heerbrandt pointed out to the Authority that the invoices submitted by the contractors are reviewed and inspections made by the engineers prior to the bills being submitted for approval of payment.

Quincy Water Project (Escrow Account)
Payment of invoices – No invoices for payment this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
August 8, 2011
Chairman D. Monn stated that the Minutes of the August 8, 2011 meeting stand approved as submitted.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – GENERAL
OLD BUSINESS
Orrstown Bank – P. Strite reported that Orrstown Bank is covered by the FDIC in the amount of $250,000.00. Then any funds over $250,000.00 are fully secured by securities. Discussion.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – GENERAL
NEW BUSINESS
Water/Sewer Billing Register Adjustments for the month of August – None

OLD BUSINESS - SEWER
Sewer Plant Upgrade – F. Heerbrandt reported that the work is proceeding ahead of schedule. The week of September 26, 2011 there will be a start up of the equipment. After that the work will begin on the next phase of the Project.

The Committee will meet the week before the start up in order to sit down with the contractor to discuss the steps for start up.

Short discussion about the fine bubble system vs. the new system that is being installed. The members also discussed the electric bill for this past month for the Sewer Treatment Plant and the proposed savings with the new system. The savings will be realized after the Upgrade is completed.

West Penn Power Agreement – L. Wenger is working on getting the required electrical connections completed for the Sewer Plant. West Penn won’t install it until the confusion with the names on the Agreement is corrected. The utility invoice still comes to the Mont Alto Sewer Authority and the Agreement is for the Mont Alto Municipal Authority. At this point this problem has supposedly been corrected.

The check was sent back to the MAMA for the fee to connect the electric at the Sewer Treatment Plant. West Penn said that this was already paid. L. Wenger wanted the Authority to be aware of this in case a bill for this connection fee is received at a later date.

Kline's invoice Tank cleaning – L. Wenger is disputing the amount of the invoice from Kline's. This invoice is to be held until Kline's present an updated invoice. Discussion.

Change Orders against Contract #1
Change Order #1 – Installation of insulated drop ceiling in old building $3496.45

Change Order #2 – Supply and installation of a pressure reducing valve $599.50

D. Monn feels this information should have been brought to the Authority by the Sewer Committee instead of the engineer and he also thought there wasn't going to be any change orders.

The members of the MAMA discussed the pros and cons of installing the drop ceiling. T. Gilbert feels the drop ceiling will save money over the years in heating costs.

T. Gilbert made a motion to approve Change Order #1 and #2, C. Finney seconded, any further questions or discussion, hearing none is there any objections to the motion as it was made and seconded, D. Monn No, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS - SEWER
Operations Report – L. Wenger presented the following verbal Report.

1. Average daily flow 70,000 gallons
2. Maximum daily 410, 000 gallons
3. L. Wenger explained the steps that were taken to keep the Plant from overflowing because of the heavy rainfall last week. This was further complicated because of the construction and only running on one (1) tank
4. Plant is in compliance at this time

John Kahl invoice – L. Wenger told the members that the MAMA received a bill in the amount of $993.00 for work J. Kahl did at the former Otterbein Church on Park Street. J. Kahl was installing the sewer line for the owner/buyer of the property.

J. Kahl billed the Authority for part of the project because of additional work he had to do to install the sewer line. The one sewer line was incorrectly hooked up years ago. He feels the Borough/Authority inspector allowed this to happen when the line was installed originally and therefore the Authority is responsible for this invoice.

A lengthy discussion followed on whether or not the Authority would be responsible for this invoice.

C. Finney made a motion not to pay the invoice presented by John Kahl, S. Miller seconded, further discussion, hearing none are there any objections to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

A letter will be sent to J. Kahl advising him of this decision.

OLD BUSINESS
WATER
Inter-municipal Agreement Quincy Township – T. Misner will set up a meeting for the Committee to review the comments provided by Quincy Township regarding the Inter-municipal Agreement.

Janet McNally, T. Misner, David Monn, S. Stymiest, Larson Wenger and Todd Sharrah will meet and review the comments and bring their findings back to the MAMA.

Other members of the Authority are to provide their comments on the Agreement to P. Kocek within two (2) weeks and she will pass these on to the Committee.

Drilling wells in the Borough of Mont Alto – Not all of the members received their copy of the information concerning drilling of wells. Copies were made and distributed after this fact was discovered. The members will review this information and discuss at the next meeting.

T. Misner told the members that this subject can also be discussed with J. McNally during the committee meeting for the Quincy Agreement.

An Ordinance such as this would be recommended to Council for adoption.

D. L. George Valve replacement Project – L. Wenger told the members of the Authority that there was a Change Order during the Project in the amount of $2970.00. The change allowed for easier operation of the valves in the future.

S. Stymiest made a motion to approve the Change Order in the amount of $2970.00 to the Valve Replacement Project at Fir and Center Square, T. Gilbert seconded, any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

Dennis Monn reported that D. L. George Company was a very nice outfit to work with and they did a very good job.

Route 997 – L. Wenger is being told 997 will be milled during the road work in 2012.

NEW BUSINESS – Water
Operations Report
L. Wenger presented the following verbal report:

1. Average daily flow 139,000
2. Spring was low but held its own
3. L. Wenger will try to flush hydrants during September
4. SOC Testing – J. McNally told L. Wenger that waivers are not being issued. L. Wenger will do the testing as required for the rest of the year
5. There were a lot of high water bills reported for August
6. Pizometer – Discussion. L. Wenger will look into this to see if it is being tested
7. Dennis Monn – Very high water bill (24,000 gallons) on Hickory Street. Two (2) elderly people live there. The Borough will continue to look into this matter
8. Vision Quest has a water leak. L. Wenger is waiting to hear back from them. He has informed them that they have to fix the leak

Removal of water meters for winterization of foreclosed & Bankruptcy properties – T. Misner wrote a Resolution for adoption to control this situation.
T. Gilbert made a motion to adopt the following: "The Authority hereby adopts a resolution prohibiting anyone other than Mont Alto Borough employees from removing, installing or otherwise tampering with the Authority's water meters. In the event a property owner requests a water meter be removed, a charge of $125.00 must be paid in advance of such removal which fee will cover both the cost of removal and the replacement of the water meter.

If it is discovered that a land owner has failed to comply with this requirement, the land owner, in addition to any other fines and penalties imposed, shall be responsible for paying the charge for removal, the cost of a new water meter and will also be required to pay the minimum monthly water charges retroactive to the date the water was shut off.

In addition, the Authority hereby requests that Borough Council adopt an ordinance prohibiting tampering with water meters and set fines and any other penalties permitted by law for violations of the ordinance.", S. Miller seconded, any further questions or discussion, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.
Rosenberry water line Furnace Road – L. Wenger reported that this line is being replaced tomorrow by the property owner because of a bad leak. The line will be inspected before the ditch is closed.
Adjournment – T. Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2011 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 7.54 p.m., S. Stymiest seconded, adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Mont Alto Municipal Authority for their approval on October 10, 2011.

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