



Borough of Mount Penn

"The Friendly Borough"

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PUBLIC NOTICE **Board Member Vacancy** **Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority**

The Borough of Mount Penn is accepting letters of interest to fill one (1) vacancy on the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority Board. The appointment will be made by Borough Council.

About the Authority

The Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority is responsible for the ownership, operation, and stewardship of the Borough's public water system. Board members serve as fiduciaries for the Authority and are charged with protecting critical public infrastructure, ensuring regulatory compliance, and safeguarding the long-term interests of ratepayers and the community.

Current Policy Context

Borough Council has publicly affirmed that:

- The Borough opposes any sale of the water system to any private or public entity.
- The Borough is actively evaluating and pursuing a Conveyance-Leaseback structure designed to:
 - Prohibit the sale or transfer of water assets;
 - Provide a sustainable payment to the Borough of Mount Penn;
 - Integrate the staff of both the Borough and Authority; and
 - Strengthen long-term operational stability and stewardship of the system.

Applicants should understand this policy posture and be prepared to serve within that framework.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for appointment, an applicant must:

1. Be a registered voter in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;
2. Be a resident for at least one (1) year of one of the following municipalities:
 - a. Mount Penn Borough
 - b. Lower Alsace Township
 - c. St. Lawrence Borough
 - d. Exeter Township
3. Be a customer of the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority water system.

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Qualifications

While prior municipal or utility experience is helpful, it is not required. Ideal candidates will demonstrate:

- Commitment to local control and long-term public stewardship;
- Clear opposition to the sale of the water system;
- Understanding of, or willingness to learn about, and support the Conveyance-Leaseback model;
- Ability to exercise independent judgment consistent with fiduciary duties;
- Professionalism and collaborative temperament.

Term & Expectations

- Board members attend regular monthly meetings and occasional special meetings.
- Members are expected to review materials in advance and participate actively in governance discussions.
- The current vacancy has a term that expires December 31, 2029
- This is a public appointment subject to Pennsylvania law.

Application Process

Interested residents of Mount Penn must submit a letter of interest. You may also submit other information pertinent to the discussions including a resume or personal statement.

Applications must be submitted no later than Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 12:00 PM (Noon):

Borough of Mount Penn

200 N. 25th Street

Reading, PA 19606

Email: hahrens@mtpennborough.com

Interviews will be held Monday, February 23, 2026 or Tuesday, February 24, 2026, as necessary; the scheduling of that interview will be done with the Borough Manager. An appointment is intended to be made at the Borough's Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

The Borough of Mount Penn is committed to transparent governance, responsible stewardship, and the long-term protection of essential public infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Hunter L. Ahrens, MPA, SHRM-SCP
Borough Manager