

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

May 1, 2025

The regular meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, May 1, 2025. Board members Carl Sharpe, Phil Gogel, Matt Motsko and Duane Deppe were present as were Angelika Forndran, Michael Corriere, Ken Fulford, Alyssa Fulford, Owen Baker and Dave Getz. Board Chairman Steve Arnold was absent. Vice-Chairman Sharpe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The minutes of the April 3, 2025 meeting were presented for approval. Phil Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Matt Motsko seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Getz presented the financial report as follows:

Sewer Operating Account:

Balance April 3, 2025		\$ 876,215.96
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User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$53,829.34	
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Operating Expenses	\$39,029.09	
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Balance May 1, 2025		\$ 891,026.21
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Assets: Truist Money Market	\$150,021.68	
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Total Available		\$1,041,047.89
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Truist CDS	\$506,233.12	
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Sewer Balance May 1, 2025		\$1,547,281.01
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The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of May 1, 2025 is \$245,671.78.

Sewer Escrow Account:

Balance April 3, 2025		\$ 25,329.81
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Interest Received	\$.62	
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Expenses	\$ 2,573.40	
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Balance May 1, 2025		\$ 22,757.03
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Total Sewer Accounts May 1, 2025		\$1,570,038.04
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Water Operating Account:

Balance April 3, 2025		\$ 20,907.51
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User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$ 8,990.65	
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Operating Expenses	\$ 1,715.02	
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Truist Loan Payment	\$ 5,163.28	
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Total Expenses	\$ 6,867.98	
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Balance May 1, 2023		\$ 23,030.18
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The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of May 1, 2025 is \$1,879.20.

Water Escrow Account:

Balance April 3 & May 1, 2025	\$ 114.90
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Total Water Accounts May 1, 2025	\$ 23,145.08
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The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account was \$6,867.98. Matt Motsko made a motion to pay these bills. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Operating Account was \$39,029.09. Matt Motsko made a motion to pay these bills. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Escrow Account was \$2,573.40. Matt Motsko made a motion to pay these bills. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Operations Report, Ken Fulford said Chris Knopf installed dishes on the manhole that were just repaired. He said there are only 3 dishes left so more should be ordered. Ken said the floats were replaced on the Danielsville WWTP. He said the outlets at the digesters on both plants were out and were repaired by Bellview.

Ken said Mike of Automation Resources and Chris Knopf will be in on Friday May 9 to address the problems with the new PLC system at Danielsville. He said Zach Alexander presented a list of problems he has encountered with the system that need to be addressed and repaired.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika Forndran said the two DCED PA Small Water & Sewer grants were submitted. One is for generators for the three pump stations in the Danielsville system and one for a generator for the Water System on Blue Mountain Drive in Cherryville.

On the Cherryville water storage tank repair and replacement, MIDCO will be setting up a schedule to inspection and clean out the tank in June 2025. MIDCO sent a checklist of items needed for the job. They said the structural condition for access equipment of the tank including the gates, caged ladder and hatch must be checked by Bellview Pump to ensure the tank is safe for climbing and entry. Dave will call Keith Lorah about this. Other items on the list need to be addressed prior to scheduling the job are the well operation, communication between the tower and well house, sediment pump out procedure, power supply, etc.

On the Danielsville WWTP expansion of the reed beds, Angelika provided a letter concerning the availability and limitation of the land on the site. It appears that there does not appear to be any remaining land on the LTMA owned WWTP property for the expansion of the beds. Dave Getz asked Ken Fulford if we were going to proceed with continuing with the use of the beds. Ken said we will use the beds until they are full and then discontinue their use and start to haul sludge to Lehigh County. Phil Gogel said we should investigate installation of reed

beds at Pennsville WWTP when the new plant is constructed. He said there should be a backup system if Lehigh County is no longer going to haul our sludge.

On the System Infiltration Inflow, Angelika reported there were 13 rain events totaling only 1.86 inches at the Danielsville WWTP. The difference between the WWTP and the Wood Drive Pump Station Omni-Site is only 7.83%.

Angelika said the Danielsville collection system manhole lining is complete and the plant operators installed dishes on the necessary manholes to prevent inflow. She said PPL and Bellview Pump personnel will on at the Blue Mountain Drive pipe break. PPL will move the pole to its original spot and Bellview Pump will repair the break in the main line.

On the Northwoods Project, Angelika said the installation and calibration of the metering manhole instrumentation is complete. The outstanding items on the metering manhole is the confirmation by Lehigh Engineering of the manhole grade adjustment to provide OSHA compliant entry, receipt of CCTV data for Cowan review.

On the Hilltop Center Project, Angelika provided a letter concerning the Pennsville WWTP Expansion from their revision dated February 21, 2025. She recommended the Authority to have the Chairman forward the Pennsville WWTP expansion revision to Lehigh Township. After a brief discussion, Phil Gogel made a motion to have the Authority Chairman Steve Arnold sign the Pennsville WWTP expansion for the revision dated 2/21/25 Land Development Plan subject to approval with the Engineering Department and forward to Lehigh Township. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Angelika said Fred Ebert provided a letter dated May 1, 2025 to be sent to Amy Bellanca of the PA DEP concerning the WQM Permit No. 4819402, The letter stated that as of the date of the letter, no construction has begun, however the Authority received three grants for the construction of improvements authorized in this permit as well as the improvement authorized in this permit for the Phase II improvements to the Pennsville WWTP.

On New Business, Carl Sharpe said Dave Getz has requested a water rate increase. Dave said due to the increased higher sampling costs, water tank inspection, a mandated generator for the Well House and a higher loan payment from Truist has cut our operating balance nearly in half. Dave proposes a 20% rate increase on all water use beginning the 3rd quarter of 2025. The 20% increase would cover the repairs to the tank and the generator. He said we would have to address the situation for any other increase after the new year. Carl Sharpe asked the Board if we should make the increase higher now instead of waiting for the end of the year. After a brief discussion, this item is tabled and will discuss at the June 5 meeting.

On the Manager's Report, Dave Getz said our Liability and Workers Comp Insurance with Selective Insurance policy will expire on May 2. Chairman Steve Arnold has been in contact with Brown and Brown (Selective Insurance) and Grundy Insurance to review the policies.

Due to Steve's absence at the meeting, he has requested a pro rata thirty-day extension from Selective Insurance to have additional time to review the policies. They have agreed to do so. We will address this item after review.

There being no further business to conduct, Carl Sharpe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.