

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

April 3, 2025

The regular meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, April 3, 2025. Board members Carl Sharpe, Daune Deppe, Phil Gogel and Steve Arnold were present as were Angelika Forndran, Ken Fulford, Ed Andres and Dave Getz. Board member Matt Motsko was absent. Chairman Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The minutes of the March 6, 2025 meeting were presented for approval. Carl Sharpe made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On Public Comments, Mr. Ray Foerster of Grundy Insurance presented information for a proposal for our liability and workers comp insurance. After a brief discussion with the Board which included lead and asbestos exclusion, fungi or bacterial exclusion etc. Mr. Foerster will forward a proposal prior to the end of April for review for our next meeting.

Dave Getz presented the financial report as follows:

Sewer Operating Account:

Balance March 6, 2025		\$ 857,251.95
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$46,405.23	
Operating Expenses	\$27,441.22	
Balance April 3, 2025		\$ 876,215.96
Assets: Truist Money Market	\$150,020.45	
Total Available		\$1,026,236.41
Truist CDs	\$506,233.12	
Sewer Operating Balance April 3, 2025		\$1,532,469.53

The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of April 3, 2025 is \$240,671.78.

Sewer Escrow Account;

Balance March 6, 2025		\$ 25,329.22
Interest Received	\$ .59	
Expenses	\$ .00	
Balance April 3, 2025		\$ 25,329.81
Total Sewer Accounts April 3, 2025		\$1,557,799.34

## Water Operating Account:

Balance March 6, 2025		\$26,668.97
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$1,662.82	
Operating Expenses	\$2,261.00	
Truist Loan Payment	\$5,163.28	
Total Expenses	\$7,424.28	
Balance April 3, 2025		\$20,907.51

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of April 3, 20i25 is \$2,333.50.

## Water Escrow Account:

Balance March 6, 2025 & April 3, 2025	\$ 114.90
Total Water Accounts April 3, 2025	\$21,022.41

The total bills to be paid on the Water Operating Account was \$7,424.01. Carl Sharpe made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Operating Account was \$27,441.22. Carl Sharpe made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Operating Report, Ken Fulford said the digesters at Danielsville WWTP will be cleaned out one day next week. Ken said there is a breaker on the deck keeps tripping out and should be checked out by an electrician. He said the new waste pumps which we have been using at Danielsville plant have now been installed at the Pennsville WWTP.

Ken said that the operators are still having some problems with the new PLC installed by Automation Services. Ken said the system works in the office, but you can't make changes when needed. We also keep getting false alarms for high water which can't be acknowledged until you physically come to the office. Also, the remote access feature has not worked from the beginning.

The Board said we should contact Automation Resources and give them 90 days to get this system working properly or file suit on them. Dave Getz will forward contact information for them to Steve Arnold.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika Forndran provided copies of the Resolutions for the PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant for generators. The first was Resolution No. 2025-1 for emergency generators for the purchase and installation of three sewage pumping stations in the Danielsville WWTP Sewage Collection system with a total project cost estimate of \$466,830.00 with a matching 15% total of \$70,025.00 in the Sewer Operating fund. Phil Gogel made a motion to proceed with the PA Small Water and Sewer Application No. 10419127. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The second was Resolution No. 2025-2 for the purchase and installation of the Cherryville Public Water Supply emergency generator with a total project cost estimate of \$118,638.00 with a matching 15% total of \$17,796.00 in the Water Operating fund. Steve Arnold made a motion to proceed with the PA Small Water and Sewer Application No. 10419145. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Angelika provided a review letter for the Hilltop Center LVRS Kola Road Gravity Interceptor. She asked the Board to approve sending the letter to LTMA, Adam Jandl, Nicole Gallo, Fred Ebert, Alice Rehrig, Michael Muffley, Joseph Zator, Edward Andres and Ken Fulford. The Board agreed to release the letter.

Angelika also provided a review letter for the Hilltop Center LVRS for the Low Pressure Water Main Extension for the same people as the previous letter. The Board also agreed to release the letter.

Angelika mentioned that the Authority received an email from the PA DCED concerning the need of a Resolution from an LSA Statewide Grant for the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the construction of the proposed water booster station that will service the proposed Lehigh Valley Resort and Spa. The DCED also wants a signed estimate from a licensed professional. Angelika said neither Cowan Associates or LTMA knew about this request. The Board authorized Angelika to contact Fred Ebert about this. Atty. Andres will call Atty. Zator about it also.

On the water tank repair from MIDCO, Angelika asked if Dave Getz heard anything about the scheduling. Dave said they are supposed to start in early spring. He will call MIDCO to get a solid date.

On the Danielsville collection system manhole lining project, Angelika said Advanced Rehabilitation Technology started the work on 3/24/25 and should be completed the week of 4/7/25.

On the Turkey Hill Project, Dave Getz finally got a contact person for the project. She is Dawn Johnson, Senior Project Manager of Cumberland Farms. She said the project is on the schedule but will not be started until early 2026. Dave forwarded the two old invoices. Dawn said she will send escrow funds for payment. Dave will forward contact information to Angelika.

On the Northwoods Project, Angelika said the metering manhole installation has begun installation of associated electrical and instrumentation, design by Lehigh Engineering of manhole grade adjustment to provide OSHA compliant entry, calibration and start-up of instrumentation.

Steve Arnold had nothing on the Chairman's Report. Phil Gogel asked Angelika about the installation of additional reed beds at the Danielsville Plant. She provided a drawing showing

what property would be available for new reed beds. We will have to clarify with Lehigh Township what is available for LTMA.

On the Solicitor's Report, Atty. Andres said the Judicial Sale for the property in Danielsville is pending on 4/9/25. He will let us know if the property will be on that sale.

On the Manager's Report, Dave Getz met with the Truist bank to discuss setting up credit card payments of Sewer and Water customers. Pamela Merkey of Truist gave us several options for setting up credit card payments. She said the preferable option would be a virtual terminal for the payments. The Board agreed to have Dave set up the payment schedule for credit card payments.

Dave will be working on details for a water rate increase beginning the third quarter of 2025. Increased sample costs, chlorine costs and repair work on the water tank will mandate a rate increase.

There being no further action required, Steve Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Daune Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.