

## LEHIGH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

September 4, 2025

The regular meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, September 4, 2025. Board members Carl Sharpe, Duane Deppe, Phil Gogel and Steve Arnold were present as were Angelika Forndran, Ed Andres, Ken Fulford, Owen Baker and Dave Getz. Board member Matt Motsko was absent. Chairman Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The minutes of the August 13, 2025 meeting were presented for approval. Phil Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Getz presented the financial report as below:

## Sewer Operating Account:

Balance August 13, 2025		\$ 846,903.50'
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$42,960.70	
Operating Expenses	\$24,866.51	
Balance September 4, 2025		\$ 864,997.69
Assets:		
Truist Money Market	\$150,026.68	
Total Available		\$ 996,930.18
Truist CDs	\$506,233.12	
Sewer Balance September 4, 2025		\$1,503,163.30

The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of September 4, 2025 is \$254,710.59.

## Sewer Escrow Account:

Balance August 13, 2025		\$ 23,110.35
Receipts	\$5,000.78	
Expenses	\$6,292.10	
Balance September 4, 2025		\$ 21,819.03
Total Sewer Accounts September 4, 2025		\$1,543,228.86

## Water Operating Account:

Balance August 13, 2025		\$28,988.62
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$1,616.13	
Operating Expenses	\$1,584.31	
Truist Loan Payment	\$5,374.85	
Total Expenses	\$6,959.16	
Balance September 4, 2025		\$13,645.59

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of September 4, 2025 was \$632.31.

Water Escrow Account:

Balance August 13 & September 4, 2025	\$ 114.90
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Total Water Accounts September 4, 2025	\$23,760.49
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The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account was \$6,959.16. 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 \$24,866.51. Carl Sharpe asked what the SAM Registration was for. Dave Getz said it was for Federal Grant funding organization. Carl Sharpe made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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On the Operations Report, Ken Fulford said we had a pump failure at the Wood Drive Pump Station over the weekend. Bellview Pump was in to get the pumps back in order. Ken requested the Board get a proposal to replace the panel wiring on the pump station. This panel has been running for nearly 30 years. He said we have not had any work done on it since Barry Hoffman retired. Steve Arnold made a motion to have Cowan Associates get a proposal for an electrician to replace the panel as well as contacting Envirep about the change. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ken added there was a small sewer overflow at the digester at the Pennsville WWTP. He said it was only 40 gallons or so and it was cleaned up and limed right away. Ken also notified PA DEP about the spill.

Ken was notified by a customer that lives across the street from the Butternut Drive Pump Station of a terrible odor coming from the pump station lately. He said he will work with the operator to alleviate the odor with addition of potassium permanganate or chlorine.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika Forndran started with the Hilltop Center items. She said the WWTP plans, including revised alignment for Kola Road sewer, the contract award by LTMA for the grant funded construction stage 1 of phase 1 work is estimated for the November 6 Board meeting. A pre-bid meeting will be set up for Thursday, October 2 at 1:00 PM at the Lehigh Township meeting room.

Angelika provided a letter dated August 29, 2025 for the most recent design plans for the proposed LVRS water and sewer systems. A few items were addressed concerning retaining wall relocation and force main calculations.

Steve Arnold requested that all Jaindl contractors and sub-contractors should carry a one million dollar policy for contractors' pollution and liability coverage with a three year extension.

On the MIDCO water storage tank repairs, Angelika will have Bellview will provide lift equipment to inspect the top of the tank prior to start the job. Once it is inspected, MIDCO will need a two week period to set up the job.

Angelika said Cowan set up a walk through meeting with Carl Shapre, Phil Gogel and Audrey Wood to discuss proceeding with an appraisal of a 4-acre area. Phil said it would be addressed at an Executive session.

Angelika said the 4083 Mountain View Drive Development is now awaiting DEP sewage planning module approval with Lehigh Township.

On the Service Line Inventory, Angelika said DEP proved further guidance to water system owners via email on 8/28/25 including an updated version of the SLI spreadsheet. Owen Baker said the new spreadsheet will be needed for DEP.

Steve Arnold had no further items and no other items were brought up by the other Board members.

On the Solicitors Report, Atty. Andres said he has received a review from David Backenstoe from Hilltop Center.

At 6:45 PM, the Board excused themselves for an Executive Session for general discussion.

Upon their return at 7:06 PM, the Board said there was no further business to discuss and asked for a motion to adjourn. Phil Gogel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.