

The regular meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, February 5, 2026. Steve Arnold, Duane Deppe and Phil Gogel were present as were Angelika Forndran, Ed Andres, Ken Fulford, Alyssa Fulford, Owen Baker and Dave Getz. Board members Carl Sharpe and Matt Motsko were absent. Chairman Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The minutes of the January 6, 2026 were presented for approval. Phil Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Getz presented the financial report as below:

Sewer Operating Account:		
Balance January 6, 2026		\$1,000,148.12
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$43,133.51	
Operating Expenses	\$31,243.17	
Balance February 5, 2026		\$1,012,038.46
Assets:		
Truist Money Market	\$150,029.22	
Total Available		\$1,162,067.68
Truist CDs	\$506,357.96	
Sewer Balance February 5, 2026		\$1,668,425.64

The balance of our delinquent sewer customers as of February 5, 2026 is \$242,918.65.

Sewer Escrow Account:		
Balance January 6, 2026		\$ 318,772.79
Total Receipts	\$ 5.22	
Expenses	\$ 1,141.20	
Transfer to Hilltop Construction	\$300,000.00	
Total Expenses \$	\$301,141.20	
Balance February 5, 2026		\$ 17,636.81
Hilltop Construction Account:		
Balance February 5, 2026		\$ 300,000.00
Total Sewer Accounts February 5, 2026		\$1,986,062.45
Water Operating Account:		
Balance January 6, 2026		\$ 14,751.28
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$10,129.44	

Operating Expenses	\$ 4,926.97	
Truist Loan Payment	\$ 5,317.34	
Total Expenses	\$10,244.34	
Balance February 5, 2026		\$14,636.38

The balance of our delinquent water customers as of February 5, 2026 is \$10,267.78.

Water Escrow Account:

Balance January 6 & February 5, 2026	\$14,751.28
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The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account was \$10,244.34. Phil Gogel 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 it is cold. The cold has been causing several problems with freezing air lifts, pumps, valves and air lines. Bellview Pump is working to insulate the air lines to the digesters tomorrow.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika Forndran said we have been approved for grants from the 2025 DCED PA Small Water & Sewer. One grant application was approved 1/20/26 for \$396,804.00 for the generators for Wood Drive, Butternut and Elm Pump Stations. 15% matching funds of \$70,025.00 will be needed. The other grant application approved on 1/20/26 for \$100,842.00 for the generator at the water station on Blue Mountain Drive. 15% matching funds of \$17,796.00 will be needed. Liz Henry is the contact from DCED for both projects.

Angelika said quotations for the engineering consulting services for the three generators on the sewer system was for \$39,900.00. The other quotation was for engineering consulting services for the generator on the water system was \$10,140.00. No action was taken for these quotations and tabled until next month.

Angelika provided a letter for the Cherryville Standpipe Inspection and Repair Recommendations after the MIDCO project. In summary, the tank walls are in generally good condition. Minor corrosion around the base, anchors and access port were observed, but there is very little section loss to the wall plates. The roof is in fair condition with several holes, corrosion and paint peeling on the interior of the roof at the seams of the roof plates. The exterior ladder and safety cable need painting and minor repair. The tank base is in good condition, as is the inlet pipe. There is a section of interior ladder that was broken and was

removed. This needs replacement. There are several minor EPA issues that may be upgraded, subject to Operator review. The Board said we will have to put the repairs on hold due to lack of funds to make all the repairs.

On the Danielsville WWTP, Angelika will provide a proposal for sludge handling feasibility analyses report including requirements for permits and approvals subject to approval by LTMA.

On the Wood Drive Pump Station, the Huber inspection was re-scheduled for March 19 and March 20, 2026.

On the System Infiltration Inflow, there were 10 rainfall events total 2.28 inches at the Danielsville WWTP. There was a difference of 15.05 % from the WWTP and the Omni Site.

On the Northwoods Development, Angelika said the Authority issued seven letters to Lehigh Township confirming inspection of identified sanitary lateral connections passed so the Township may issue Certificates of Occupancy (CO).

On the Hilltop Center, Angelika said the SWM NPDES Permit Application is under NCCD review. She said the application was complete and moving on to technical review. LTMA received the draft NPDES Permit PAD480134 Intent to issue dated 1/29/26. LTMA is required to post notice for 30 days. Dave Getz will post it tomorrow.

Angelika added that the LTMA PWS Permit No. 4820502 for the construction of the water line from the City of Bethlehem water filtration plant received 2-year time extensions via email on 4/17/24 and 1/21/26, now expires 5/25/28.

On the Chairman's Report, Steve Arnold will have Attorney Andes prepare a loan from the Sewer Operating Account to the Water Account to cover repair and inspection of the water tank, etc.

On the Manager's Report, Dave Getz said the cold weather allowed us to have the reed beds harvested and burned.

On Public Comment, Janet Sheats said she will be coming to our meeting every other month. She said there is nothing to report this month.

On New Business, the Board will discuss the potential land purchase offer. Steve Arnold sent a notice to the Township of the potential purchase.

The Board excused themselves for an Executive Session at 6:45 PM. Upon their return at 7:15 PM. Upon their return, Atty. Andres said the Executive Session was concerning a Real Estate Matter. He said the Board can entertain a motion to authorize any work deemed necessary on the agreement of sale. Phil Gogel made a motion to authorize anything needed during the agreement of sale. Steve Arnold seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business to conduct, Phil Gogel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM