LEHIGH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY August 6, 2026

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

The minutes of the July 2, 2026 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.

Dave Getz presented the financial report as below:

Sewer Operating:		
Balance July 2, 2026		$1,125,991.11
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	$58,864.16	
Operating Expenses	$59,686.16	
Operating Balance August 6, 20265		$1,125,169.11
Assets:		
Truist Money Market	$150,040.41	
Total Available		$1,275,209.52
Truist CDS	$506,482.82	
Sewer Balance August 6, 2026		$1,781,692.34

The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of August 6, 2026 is $266,938.08.

Sewer Escrow Account:		
Balance July 2, 2026		$ 42,385.81
Receipts – Interest	$ 1.15	
Expenses	$ 1,297.35	
Balance August 6, 2026		$ 41,089.61
Hilltop Construction:		
Balance July 2, 2026		$ 243,714.41
Total Sewer Accounts August 6, 2026		$2,066,496.35
Water Operating Account:		
Balance July 2, 2026		$14,306.17
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	$18,940.60	

Operating Expenses	$ 1,379.23
Truist Loan Payment	$ 5,350.90
Total Expenses	$ 6,730.13

Balance August 6, 2026 $26,516.64

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of August 6 is $1,013.59.

The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account was 6,730.13. 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 $59,686.16. Phil Gogel asked if the invoice for Envirep was only for the PM work on the pump stations of if they make repairs as needed. Dave Getz said were is an annual charge for the PM service and Envirep does make necessary repairs they can do during the inspection. Audrey Karnatski said the total from Cowan Associates was much higher than normal because it was work performed from the beginning of the year to date. Duane Deppe made a motion to pay these bills. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was one bill from the Sewer Escrow Account for $1,297.35. Carl Shapre made a motion to approve this bill. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Operations Report, Ken said the operators changed the limit switches at the Danielsville WWTP. He said the chlorine contact tank and the digest at Danielsville were cleaned out today. Ken said we received a Notice of Violation from PA DEP concerning all violations from December 2024 to the present. Ken will work with DEP on the violations.

Ken and Phil Gogel met at the Wood Drive Pump Station concerning the repair or replacement of the current equipment which is now nearly 30 years old. Items noted on the inspection were rotating assemblies, three way-valve, electrical panel box, electric motor etc. Phil said we should install a dehumidification system to lower the temperature in the station. He said there should be a separate underground electrical outlet for the sampler with dedicated service for the unit. Ken Fulford will send a detailed list of items needed to Dave Getz who will forward a quotation to Envirep for repair and replacement items.

On the Engineering Report, Audrey Karnatski has not started the necessary work needed on the Cherryville Wellhouse generator due to lack of funding, however, she has been given the okay to begin working on the proposal. The 15% matching fund total for the grant is $17,796.00 including engineering.

Audrey will provide the final design with draft specifications anticipated for September and October meeting for the standby generators at Wood Drive, Butternut Drive and Elm Road pump station. This will allow a fall bid and construction of summer of 2027, which is well before the grant expiration of 6/30/2029.

On the System Infiltration & Inflow, there were eleven rainfall events totaling 3.04 inches at the Danielsville WWTP. The total difference from the WWTP to the Omni-site at Wood Drive is 14.75%.

On the Danielsville collection system manhole lining, Cowan provided an updated summary table of manhole work on 7/28/26 which included 137 inflow dishes. Dave Getz is waiting for an estimate for the first 50 dishes from Exeter Supply. The estimated cost is nearly $200.00 each.

On the Mountain View Mobile Home Park and Heritage Village, Audrey said there were no surcharges needed on either.

On the Northwoods Development, Audrey said Phase IIA and Phase IIB sanitary sewer construction began as of 7/20/26. Cowan is providing part-time observations. Installation totals as of 7/31/26 are sanitary sewer main of 1,090 LF/3,118 LF, 5 of 15 manholes, and 11 of 60 laterals.

On the Hilltop Center at Pennsville, Audrey said the infiltration basin is completed, awaiting Blooming Glen as-built. The SBR tank excavation and shoring is in progress. Blooming Glen, Cowan, Ebert Engineering and Hanover Engineering personnel did a walk-through of the Kola Road gravity sewer stakeout on 8/6/26 to determine if field adjustment is feasible to minimize tree clearing.

Audrey said the Blooming Glen submitted Payment Request No. 2 recommending payment on 7/22/26 and 7/16/26 respectively for a total of $92,890.14. Steve Arnold made a motion to pay $92,890.14 from the Hilltop Construction Escrow account for the Payment #2 to Blooming Glen. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Dave Getz will send the check on Friday 8/7/26.

Payment Request No. 3 from Blooming Glen in the amount of $1,238,160.38 has been reviewed and found the amounts indicated to be consistent with the work completed. Phil Gogel made a motion to pay $1,238,160.38 to Blooming Glen contingent to when the payment from Jaindl to LTMA construction escrow account. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Atty. Andres said that Jaindl should also replace the previous payments made to Blooming Glen from the initial $300,000.00 escrow. The current balance is $150,824.00.

Audrey said there have been three Change Order Request of the Pennsville WWTP Expansion. The first concerns additional costs associated with utilizing the Lehigh Valley Resor and Spa proposed dump site for export of fill material as requested by Hilltop Center. The total of the change order is $7,733.75. Carl Sharpe made a motion to approve payment of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $7,733.75. Steve Arnold seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The second Change Order was for a contract time extension of 161 days due to the delay between issuance of the Notice to Proceed on December 4, 2025 and the issuance of "For Construction" drawings by Ebert Engineering's office on May 14, 2026. Phil Gogel made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for the contract time extension of 161 days from Blooming Glen. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The third Change Order represents additional costs and time incurred during relocation of the existing low pressure sanitary lateral from 445 Indian Trail Road. The total cost is $5,292.68. Steve Arnold made a motion to approve Change No. 3 for the cost and time incurred during the relocation of the existing low pressure sanitary lateral from 445 Indian Trail Road. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Service Line Inventory program, Audrey said EPA requires submission of the DEP baseline inventory using data from Step 2/Step 3 by November 2027. Staring November 2027, a plan for minimum 10% service line replacement per year for 10 years needs to be implemented.

Steve Arnold said a request from Dave Getz has made for a water rate increase effective on the fourth quarter of 2026 (October 1 2026). After a brief discussion, Steve Arnold made a motion for a 10% water rate increase effective water usage beginning October 1, 2026. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Steve Arnold has nothing additional to add on the Chairman's Report,

Phil Gogel has requested Steve Arnold to contact Lehigh Township to discuss the Authority paying off the section inside the fencing at the Danielsville WWTP for use in proposed new work. The Authority is now limited to the section from the roadway behind the reed beds to the main gate.

On the Solicitor's Report, Atty. Ed Andres provided a draft for a Resolution to transfer funds from the Sewer Operating Account to the Water Operating Account. The transfer will be as a loan from the Water Operating Account to the Sewer Operating Account. The amount will be $50,000.00 at the rate to be determined. Steve Arnold made a motion to approve a loan of $50,000.00 from the Sewer Operating Account to the Water Operating Account with the rate to be determined. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Atty. Andres said there were liens needed for two properties. The first one is for Matthew Moyer at 1227 Meyer Drive in Walnutport in the amount of $34,833.21. The property has been deemed uninhabited by the Township. Ed asked if LTMA would like a judgement against this property. The Board said they would like to start a judgement.

The second property was on 3898 Jenny Drive owned by Marek Chorzewski in the amount of $23,724.98. There are currently people living in the trailer on the property, however, there is no sewer service available because the grinder pump is inoperable. Lehigh Township Zoning is now working on this one.

Dave Getz has nothing else on the Manager's Report. We have covered everything previously.

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 7:30 PM.