

The Bloomfield Borough Water Authority held their quarterly meeting on April 28, 2026 at the Borough Building. The following were present: Larry Weller, Chuck Sheaffer, Jim Swenson, George Dorundo, Pete Fleszar, Jerry Philpott, Larry Fisher, Stone Caldwell, and Denice Fisher.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Larry Weller at 7:00pm.

The minutes of the January 27, 2026 meeting were approved on a motion of George, seconded by Jim. Motion passed.

The Financial Report was distributed to all members by Denice Fisher. The detailed report is attached to the minutes. There was a motion made by Chuck, seconded by George to approve the financial report and to approve paying the bills. Motion passed.

There was no business from the floor.

For the audit, Jim said about the lack of segregation of duties in the auditor report. Jerry said that it is checks and balances and when you have one person doing everything, it is a risk. Jim said we should have a back up if Denice can't work and asked if she had her bible done. Denice said she did have it finished. Denice and Stone read the meters and she and Larry record the meter readings in the billing software. Chuck said it would be good to give Larry and Stone an overview of the billing system. There was a motion made by George, seconded by Chuck to approve the audit. Motion passed. There was a motion made by Chuck, seconded by Jim to accept, retain and sign Herring, Roll & Solomon for another year. Motion passed.

Jerry Philpott, solicitor, said that Attorney Wakefield called him. He said there is a rumor that the Water Authority has financial problems. There is a management agreement between the Borough and the Water Authority he wants to discuss in the future. He wanted to know if the Water Authority had a debt service plan. If the Water Authority is going to sell the property at Cold Storage Road, the Borough needs to be involved. Jim said he was trying to find the pros and cons of selling the property at Cold Storage Road. He talked to several people about the property and they asked what would be done with the funds. He said the Water Authority would probably put it in the general fund or to reduce debt. The Board is not sure if this is what started the financial problem rumor.

The Water Authority does not use the reservoir or spring; however, the swimming pool uses it. They fill the pool in the spring from the reservoir and during the summer they use the well beside the reservoir. Jim asked if the water is usable. Pete said the water allocation permit has expired. There is a pipe through the foundation. For Talmudic when The Water Authority tried to get an easement going all the way across so they could get the spring water to the plant, Talmudic denied it. It is possible to put in a separate filtration system. It was decided that it was better to keep the property as the swimming pool uses it and it could possibly be used by the Water Authority in the future. Jim said there should be some maintenance done to the property such as brush clean up and painting the building.

Attorney Linus Fenicle responded to Jerry's water service agreement between the Water Authority and Centre Township. He had several changes to the agreement. Jerry wasn't sure whether the Water Authority would have to secure PUC approvals to get service into Centre Township. He is going to check into that further. A motion was made by Chuck, seconded by George to approve the changes made by Attorney Fenicle to the water service agreement. Motion passed. Jerry will give the revised agreement to the solicitor after the changes are made for his approval.

Pete Fleszar, engineer, reported for the PennDOT Maintenance Facility and West End Looping project. He is not sure when the surveyors are going to start. The survey letters were sent to the property owners seeking right of entry. When putting in for the cost estimates, we included replacing everyone's water service line back to the house. We need to decide if we are going to do that because we are short funded. For every connection to an existing water line, The Water Authority is going to want to tap.

For Aishel Development, Pete has nothing to report.

For the East Main Street grant, we have not heard anything.

Larry said during the cold spell, we had a leak in town. He called Pa Rural Water to do some leak detection, but they were not able to find the leak. We were losing 15,000 to 20,000 gallons of water a day. When we were going over our billing, we found a large bill for 367,000 gallons. When called, they said they had a pipe break and water had run for a month and a half.

Grosser's Excavating came to fix a leak at 5 West High Street. We could not find the curb stop at first, but when we did, we could not shut the water off. It will need to be replaced. Grosser's found that the boiler drain cap needed replaced. They started to do some hydrovacing, but the tube broke after one hole. Grosser's fixed another leak at 215 West Main Street replacing the curb stop.

The dehumidifier at Well 3 was taken to CH Burns to be fixed. It cost \$274.

The compressors at Well 3 are to be serviced next week at a cost of \$5,000.

The check valve was replaced for the chemical pumps at Well 3 at a cost of \$280. A new one was ordered for backup.

Denice said that the Well 2 renewal has been approved. It will not have to be renewed until 2041.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Chuck to renew the CD's that matured February 4, 2026 for a 7-month period at 3.61% interest rate and withdraw \$34,000 to pay for JHA's invoice for the PennDOT Maintenance Facility project. Motion passed.

For the West End Looping project, the Board approved JHA's proposal for the replacement of the existing water main along West Main Street from the western edge of the PennDOT County Office property around Cold Storage Road and the west end of High Street. A motion was made by Chuck, seconded by George to approve the JHA proposal for replacement of the existing water main in the amount of \$34,800 for Larry Weller's signature on April 14, 2026. Motion passed.

In the meeting in December 2025, it was discussed about reducing Damon Hartman's consulting fee. Jim talked to him and it was agreed that his fee would be reduced to \$600 per year. A motion was made by George, seconded by Jim that Denice would send a letter to Damon Hartman regarding his reduced consulting fee of \$600. Motion passed.

There was a motion made by Jim, seconded by George, to close the regular meeting. Motion passed.

There was a motion made by Jim, seconded by George, to open executive session to discuss personnel matter at 7:54. Motion passed.

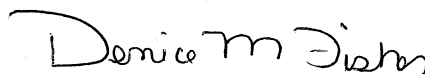
There was a motion made by Jim, seconded by George, to close executive session. Motion passed.

There was a motion made by Jim, seconded by George, to enter back into regular meeting at 8:06. Motion passed.

There was a motion made by George, seconded by Jim, to approve a 3% raise for Larry Fisher. Motion passed. Jim said that starting in 2027, all three employees will have their salary reviews done in January.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:22pm was made by Jim, seconded by Chuck. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Denice M. Fisher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Denice" being more prominent.

Denice M. Fisher