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

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

The minutes of the April 28, 2026 meeting were approved on a motion of Alex, seconded by Chuck. 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.

Under Business from the Floor, John Hair said about the places that have been dug up in the past on Main Street that have now settled down. The old ones have started to become sink holes in front of the café and in front of PennDOT. Whose responsibility is it to repave those areas, PennDOT or the Water Authority? Jim said that six months after paving they have to come back and cut the hole six inches wider and put a finish top on and seal around the joint. It is the Water Authority's responsibility. Pete said we have to get a new permit. These will need to be taken care of by the Water Authority.

Also under Business from the Floor, Colin Reynolds of Centre Township said there is a rumor of a data center looking into Centre Township. They want a formal introduction with the township. They have obtained letters of intent for at least 1,300 acres of all of Pine Grove Road. He wants to know Bloomfield Borough's water capacity in the water aquifers. Pete said that for any large consumptive use the data center would have to go through SRBC approval. The Water Authority usually pulls between 80,000 – 90,000 gallons of water a day. The Water Authority has two tanks holding about 600,000 gallons and is regulated on how much water can be pulled out a day. Jerry wondered whether the data center would be on the same aquifer or on an adjacent aquifer.

Mr. Reynolds said he also had an issue getting bulk water. He called in May because he had an issue with his pool. Thompsontown was going to get water but it was a long weekend and there wasn't staff, so they weren't allowed to get water. In July he called and was told no because there were 400 kids at Talmudic drawing a large amount of water and he wasn't able to get water. He only wanted 8,000 gallons. He is concerned because the Water Authority wants him to sign a water agreement. Larry said there were a lot of unfortunate circumstances that happened at that time. We had a long weekend which drew the tank down and we had to catch the tank up. Jim said there should be a work schedule where the staff works it out so there isn't a three day weekend. Larry said we usually do that but didn't on the Memorial Day weekend. The Fourth of July weekend, there was staff covering the holiday in addition to the staff coming in over the weekend to cover the Talmudic water demand. The bulk water company was requesting 20,000 to 30,000 gallons of water per day. Two of the wells are automated and come on and off every day. Well 3 has to be turned on and someone has to be there during the day. We are limited to drawing 180,000 gallons of water a day. Jerry said within range we have capacity to supply water.

Jerry Philpott, attorney, handed out the Water Service Agreement between Bloomfield Borough and Centre Township. Both solicitors have agreed upon the agreement. There were a few minor changes. It is ready to be signed. It will be forwarded to Centre Township for their approval after the Board enacts on it. We may need to get PUC approvals. They need to be done whether you have an agreement or not. A motion was made by Chuck, seconded by Alex to approve and enact on the Water Service Agreement between Bloomfield Borough and Centre Township. Motion passed. Denice will email the agreement to Centre Township.

Pete Fleszar, engineer, received the highway occupancy permit for the water line replacement for the West End Looping project. The PennDOT and West End Looping projects are being done together but have different line items for the auditors, separating the PennDOT money and the West End money for DCED purposes. He would like to schedule a pre-bid meeting on August 19 at 11:00 at the Borough Building. He also would like to schedule a special meeting on September 15 at 5:00 at the Borough Building. Denice will check the Borough's conference room availability and email Pete.

For Aishel Development, Pete has nothing to report. Jim said he spoke to the engineer. The engineer said about putting in plastic from Barnett Woods Road to where they will tap on. Jim said they have to put in ductile. He should have clarified that it should be ductile throughout the development. Also, the laterals have to be copper. They received a sewer, water and storm water easement from Jamey Halke. Pete is going to reach out to John Melham.

Pete said that the LSA grant is going to be open again. Do we want to apply for the rest of Karns and East Main Street again? We would have to put it on the agenda for the special meeting if we want something else. The Resolution will have to be done at October's meeting since the grant application closes the end of November. Jim said that Aishel will pay for the area from Barnett Woods Road up to Jamey Halke's property at 40 E. Main Street. A motion was made by Jim, seconded by George to apply for the LSA grant from Barnett Woods Road to Jeanne Fry Lane for main line replacement. Motion passed.

Larry said in May Atlas Copco serviced the compressors for Well 3. They changed the oil in both compressors. One of the dryers is not working. They are working on a price to either replace or fix the dryer. They said it would be cheaper to replace it.

We had PFAS testing done on all the wells. Well 3 had additional Federal testing done. Federal testing on Well 3 will be done quarterly for one year.

For the work truck, it was taken to Tresslers and had the wheel bearing, axle assembly, rotors, and brakes replaced at a cost of $1,492. Alex asked if it would be a good time to replace the work truck with a truck in better condition. How much money have we been putting into the truck? Denice will print a report on the expenses on the truck for the past seven years for the next meeting.

For Fersters, they are replacing the sidewalk and want to raise the curb stop. A curb box top riser was purchased from LB Water for $50. Jim said that we should tell them to put a lateral in if it is not copper.

The battery in the Well 2 logger died. When we called for a replacement, we were told they no longer make that style of logger. They did have three in old stock so we ordered two at a cost of $1,000.

The pump at the Booster Station stopped working. The power went out. Modern Pump came and did a reset.

There was a leak at 9 West Main Street. Grosser Excavating came to repair the leak. The flare nut was leaking at the corp on a 90 degree elbow. There was a 6-8 inch terra cotta pipe right beside the water pipe. Jim said pretty much for all of Main Street they come off the top.

Larry said that Fred Thebes came into the office. He said there was a dead tree at the spring house and would like to have permission to cut it down. Jim had also talked to him and told him there was already a tree down that needed to be cleaned up and Mr. Thebes was agreeable to that. He is going to have a logger come in to cut the tree down. Jim will call Mr. Thebes to give him permission to cut the tree down and clean up the other downed tree.

Denice Fisher, secretary, had no new business to discuss.

There was a motion made by Jim, seconded by Chuck, to approve a 3% raise for Stone Caldwell and Denice Fisher. Motion passed.

Under New/Old Business, Chuck asked how much bulk water billing we do in a month. Denice and Larry did not know without looking at the records. Chuck said we need to have a plan to accommodate those customers who want bulk water. The Water Authority should not go more than two days without someone being at the office.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm was made by George, seconded by Chuck. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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