

LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

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MINUTES

August 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority was called to order at 5:00 p.m., at the Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority office.

Those members present were:

Tom Goughenour, Chairman

Tim Phillips, Vice Chairman

Jamie Forman, Secretary

Benjamin Bupka, Treasurer

George Riecks, Asst. Sec-Treas.

Brian Sypin

Tom Davidson

Gary Mylan

Joshua Forman

Also attending were:

Adam Belletti, Solicitor

Bob Dengler, Engineer

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator

Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the July 15, 2026 meeting was made by Mr. Mylan seconded by Mr. Joshua Forman and the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion approving the Treasurer's Report and to pay the outstanding invoices was made by Mr. Joshua Forman, seconded by Mr. Sypin and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

OPERATION'S REPORT

Mr. Howard stated he just ordered eight more riser rings for the Authority in case the municipalities need them when blacktopping the roads. The price for the riser rings are now \$200.00 each. Mr. Mylan made a motion requesting Mrs. Confortini send a letter to each of the municipalities informing them Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority will start invoicing them when they request riser rings from the Authority to get their response. The charge for the riser rings to the municipalities will be at cost. Mr. Jamie Forman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Belletti stated the Authority received the list of the Upset Sales for Washington and Greene Counties. There are four customers from Washington County and two customers from Greene County on the Upset Sale list that have sewer affidavits on their accounts due to unpaid bills. Because of the small amount of money owed on each of these accounts and the fact most properties do not get sold at the Upset Sales, the board decided not to spend additional money to have Mr. Belletti submit the documents to Washington and Greene County for reimbursement.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated the Authority had submitted a grant request to Representative Reschenthaler's office, as well as the Offices of Senators Fetterman and McCormick, for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project. Representative Reschenthaler has notified Gannett Fleming the Authority's project will be included in their FY 2027 Appropriations Request, which is scheduled for October 2026.

Mr. Dengler stated he has still not heard back from the Greene County Planning Commission regarding the Act 537 Planning Module for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project. Mr. Dengler will contact Greene County for an update. Once Mr. Dengler receives the documents from Greene County, he will send them to Morgan Township to adopt a Resolution accepting the Act 537 Planning Module before sending to PaDEP for approval.

Mr. Dengler stated the Commonwealth Finance Authority is scheduled to meet in September 2026 to review grant applications for the Statewide LSA Grant Program. Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority has submitted an \$830,000.00 grant application for the Sewer Rehabilitation Project for Pitt Gas.

Mr. Dengler stated the new Statewide LSA Grant application process would begin September 1, 2026. The application doesn't have to be submitted until November 2026 so Mr. Dengler will bring this back to the board in September to decide which project the Authority wants to submit for possible grant money.

Mr. Dengler stated DEP published a draft copy of the General Permit for Land Application of Non-Exceptional Quality Biosolids, which include changes. The most concerning change is the limits and requirements based on the concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate in biosolids. The public is concerned with these chemicals going into the ground since there is no way to treat these chemicals. The options would be either hauling sludge to a larger sewer plant or looking into a sludge dewatering facility at the Authority's plant, which would need to be constructed and operated. Mr. Dengler suggested the Authority run a sample test to see how much of these chemicals are currently in their sludge. Mr. Dengler will provide Mr. Howard with the procedure on how to collect and run the sample.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Confortini stated the interviews for the new part time secretary are scheduled for August 20, 2026; from the six applicants that the hiring committee selected only two are still interested in the position.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sypin made a motion to adjourn at 5:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Joshua Forman and the motion carried unanimously.