

LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

JEFFERSON, PA 15344

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MINUTES

December 17, 2025

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:

Kenneth Frameli, Chairman
Tom Gougenour, Vice Chairman
Jamie Forman, Secretary
Benjamin Bupka, Treasurer
George Riecks, Asst. Sec-Treas.

Brian Sypin
Tim Phillips
Gary Mylan
Joshua Forman

Also attending were:

Christopher Simms, Solicitor
Bob Dengler, Engineer
Adam Belletti, Solicitor

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator
Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Jamie 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

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Simms presented the board with Resolution #5, which authorizes the monthly rate increase of \$7.00 per month per EDU to take effect at the February 2026 billing cycle. Mr. Gouhenour made a motion approving Resolution #5 raising the monthly EDU rate from \$65.00 to \$72.00 per month per EDU beginning February 25, 2026. Mr. Mylan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated he received the draft copy of the NPDES Permit for the Mather STP on July 25, 2025 but as of this date has still not received the final version.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming is working with EPA regarding the reallocating of the \$500,000.00 grant secured under the USEPA FY2023 Community Project Funding Program to the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project instead of the Chartiers Road Sewer Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated the Authority's grant application in the amount of \$922,000.00 for the Country Club Road Extension Project had been added to Senator McCormick's FY2026 Appropriations request. Mr. Dengler stated the final decision of which applications would be awarded grant money would probably take place in the fall of 2026.

Mr. Dengler stated the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania would not meet to discuss the grant application requests for the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Program until after the first of the year 2026. The Authority had submitted a grant request in the amount of \$269,000.00 for the Greene County Country Club Sewer Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming finalized the information RCAP Solutions needed to complete the Emergency Response Plan and Risk & Resiliency Assessment required by USDA for the Authority's USDA loan.

Mr. Dengler stated the Authority is waiting for an electrician to look into the causes of the issues of the Mather Blower VFDs. Cambria Systems feels the issues are not with the VFDs but with either the wiring and/or motors of the blowers. Mr. Howard stated his electrician agreed to look into the problem sometime in the near future.

Mr. Dengler stated he was informed the grant application for the Statewide LSA Grant that was submitted in November 2025 for the Pitt Gas Sewer Rehabilitation Project would not be reviewed and considered until September 2026. The estimated cost for the Pitt Gas Sewer Rehabilitation Project is \$830,000.00.

Mr. Dengler distributed the 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Budget to the board members. Mr. Bupka made a motion approving the 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Budget. Mr. Jamie Forman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The board scheduled the annual organizational meeting for January 21, 2026 at 5:00pm, immediately preceding the regular monthly board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Riecks made a motion to adjourn at 5:14 p.m., seconded by Mr. Joshua Forman and the motion carried unanimously.