

**LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY**

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

JEFFERSON, PA 15344

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MINUTES

February 18, 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

Brian Sypin  
James McCollum  
Gary Mylan  
Joshua Forman  
Tom Davidson

Also attending were:

Adam Belletti, Solicitor  
Bob Dengler, Engineer

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator  
Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the January 21, 2026 meeting was made by Mr. Jamie Forman, seconded by Mr. Sypin 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. Jamie Forman, seconded by Mr. Davidson and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

OPERATION'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Confortini distributed the annual Water Consumption Report for the year 2025. Mr. Joshua Forman made a motion authorizing the changes to the EDUs for 2026 on the eight (8) business accounts that are subject to annual review. Mr. Bupka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Confortini stated she prepared the Annual Obligor's Compliance Certificate to US Bank for the Authority's bonds. Mr. Mylan made a motion authorizing Mr. Goughenour to sign the Obligor's Compliance Certificate for the Authority. Mr. Sypin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Confortini stated she received a proposal from Energy Pricing for the Authority to consider installing solar panels to help curtail their rising energy costs. Mr. Mylan made a motion authorizing Gannett Fleming to contact Energy Pricing, along with First Energy, to obtain information regarding a solar panel feasibility study and research any state and/or federal rebates for solar installation. Mr. McCollum seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Goughenour arrived at 5:06pm.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Belletti stated he submitted a standard letter to the Authority's auditors indicating Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority has no pending or threatened litigation claims or assessments against them.

Mr. Belletti stated he received a Municipal Lien List from Mrs. Confortini that showed two properties that should have their municipal liens refilled with the county to maintain their lien status. However, the balances on the accounts are below \$300.00 and it would cost a couple hundred dollars more to refile the municipal liens. The board decided not to refile the municipal liens; since the customers had not paid any money toward these balances for over twenty years it would be unlikely they would pay after refiling the liens.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated DEP issued the final version of the Mather STP NPDES Permit on October 31, 2025.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming is still working on reassessing the \$500,000.00 grant, secured under the USEPA FY 2023 Community Project Funding, to the Country Club Sewer Extension Project instead of the Chartiers Road Sewer Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated Representative Guy Reschenthaler's office is starting to look at the FY 2027 Appropriations Process. Mr. Mylan made a motion authorizing Gannett Fleming to apply for a grant that would be used toward the Country Club Sewer Extension Project. Mr. McCollum seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Howard stated the Authority's contractor, NexGen Industrial Services, was able to reprogram two of the three VFDs that were not working properly after Cambria Systems installed them in 2025. NexGen Industrial will return to fix the remaining VFD. The board decided to wait until the last VFD is fixed before sending Cambria Systems a letter stating the Authority would not pay them the remaining monies owed because Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority had to pay another company to get the VFDs to work properly.

Mr. Dengler stated the Statewide LSA Grant application that was submitted in the amount of \$830,000.00 for the Pitt Gas Sewer Rehabilitation Project would probably not be decided on until September 2026.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming is working on the annual Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Reports for the Authority. The reports will be ready for approval at the March 2026 board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jamie Forman made a motion to adjourn at 5:18 p.m., seconded by Mr. Davidson and the motion carried unanimously.