

LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

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MINUTES

July 15, 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

George Riecks, Asst. Sec-Treas.

Brian Sypin

James McCollum

Gary Mylan

Joshua Forman

Tom Davidson

Also attending were:

Adam Belletti, Solicitor

Bob Dengler, Engineer

Susan Dains, Secretary

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator

Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the June 17, 2026 meeting was made by Mr. Mylan, 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. Joshua Forman, seconded by Mr. McCollum and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

OPERATION'S REPORT

Mr. Howard stated the operators are having trouble getting cell phone service in the lab at the Mather STP to respond to PA One Calls. Atlantic Broadband quoted the Authority \$110.00 per month to install Wi-Fi in the lab building. The board asked Mr. Howard to look into pulling a network cable from the existing phone service at the Mather STP office building to the Mather STP lab building.

Mr. Howard stated the Authority in the past has provided the townships with riser rings when the roads they are repairing need to be level with the manholes. According to Mr. Howard, the riser rings used to cost approximately \$79.00 each but are currently \$279.00 each. The townships request approximately ten to fifteen riser rings each year; this is getting expensive for the Authority. Mr. Howard suggested the Authority make the townships pay for the riser rings in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Phillips made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:07 pm. Mr. Sypin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:14 pm. Mr. McCollum seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to run an ad in the newspaper for a Part Time Secretary. The ad would run for three consecutive days July 21, July 22, and July 23, 2026. Mr. Riecks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCollum made a motion approving Mr. Phillips, Mr. Jamie Forman, and Mr. Riecks for the hiring committee for the new Part Time Secretary. Mr. Mylan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated the ad for the 30-day public comment period for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project was placed in the newspaper on June 16, 2026; as of this date, there was no public response. In addition, Mr. Dengler is waiting for a response from the Greene Country Planning Commission regarding this project. The next step in the process is to get Morgan Township to pass a Resolution approving the sewer extension on Country Club Road. The final step is for DEP to approve the project.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming submitted an \$830,000.00 grant application to the Statewide LSA Grant Program for the Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the Pitt Gas Area. Since the Pennsylvania budget has passed, there is a very good chance the committee will meet to approve the grant applications in September 2026; hopefully Lower Ten Mile's grant application will be approved.

Mr. Dengler stated he received a draft copy of the PaDEP General Permit for Biosolids Land Application. The main requirement of concern is the limits and requirements based on the concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate in biosolids. PaDEP is concerned with these forever chemicals, which can't be treated, affecting the environment. Mr. Dengler suggests the Authority take a preemptive sampling of their sludge to see where Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority stands in regards to the new regulations. Gannett Fleming is currently reviewing the draft permit and will recommend any changes if needed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Riecks made a motion to adjourn at 5:28 p.m., seconded by Mr. McCollum and the motion carried unanimously.