

**LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY**

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

JEFFERSON, PA 15344

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MINUTES

May 20, 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

James McCollum

Gary Mylan

Also attending were:

Adam Belletti, Solicitor

Bob Dengler, Engineer

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator

Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the April 15, 2026 meeting was made by Mr. Mylan, seconded by Mr. Bupka 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. Sypin, seconded by Mr. Phillips and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

OPERATION'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Confortini stated the Authority's six-month certificate of deposit matured May 20, 2026. First National Bank quoted the renewal rates as 3.65% for a 3 month CD, 3.60% for a 6 month CD, 3.60% for a 9 month CD, and 3.50% for a 12 month CD. Mr. Phillips made a motion authorizing First National Bank to renew the Authority's certificate of deposit for a nine-month period at a rate of 3.60%. Mr. McCollum seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Confortini stated USDA needs an updated Assurance Agreement on file. The Assurance Agreement states the Authority would continue to comply with applicable regulations prohibiting discrimination and cooperate with all reviews of mandatory documents. Mr. Phillips authorized Mr. Goughenour to sign the Assurance Agreement required by USDA. Mr. Sypin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Belletti stated he finalized the Waiver Agreement between Daniel Foster, 76 Main Street Clarksville PA, and Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority. Mr. Foster's attorney approved the Waiver Agreement and Mr. Foster signed it. The Waiver Agreement states Mr. Foster would release the Authority from any liability; if anything should happen to Mr. Foster's garage or fence the Authority would not be responsible. Mr. Mylan made a motion approving the Waiver Agreement and to have Mr. Goughenour sign on behalf of Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority. Mr. Sypin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming amended the Act 537 Planning Module; designating the \$500,000.00 grant for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project, instead of the Chartiers Road Extension Project. Mr. Goughenour, as Chairman, is required to confirm in writing Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority has the capacity to handle the additional flow from the residences on Country Club Road. The next step in the process is the 30-day public comment period; an ad would need placed in the newspaper publicizing the potential sewer extension project on Country Club Road. The Greene County Planning Commission will then be required to sign off on their portion of the form before sending to Morgan Township Supervisors for approval. The final step is the submission to DEP for approval.

Mr. Dengler stated he received official notice from Senator Fetterman's office that the Authority's grant application will not be included in his FY 2027 Appropriations Package. However, Senator Reschenthaler has notified him they will include the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project in their FY 2027 Appropriations Request.

Mr. Dengler stated he feels the Authority probably will not hear whether they are granted the \$830,000.00 grant funds from the Statewide LSA Grant for the Pitt Gas Sewer Rehabilitation Project until September 2026.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jamie Forman asked Mr. Belletti if the Authority is authorized to survey the board members, while not at a board meeting, for their vote on certain issues. Mr. Belletti stated the Authority can contact each board member for his or her opinion on a matter but the decision can not be made outside of a scheduled board meeting.

Mr. Jamie Forman mentioned the social media posts where customers were stating Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority's office staff is holding checks until after the due date so the customers get late fees. Mrs. Confortini stressed that the office staff is definitely not holding checks. The problem arises when the customer tells their bank to send the Authority a check for their payment by the due date without realizing the bank mails a physical check through USPS and it arrives after the due date.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mylan made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. McCollum and the motion carried unanimously.