

LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

JEFFERSON, PA 15344

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MINUTES

November 19, 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 Goughenour, 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

David Brichetti, Lead Operator
Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the October 15, 2025 meeting was made by Mr. Joshua Forman, seconded by Mr. Riecks 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. Bupka, seconded by Mr. Sypin and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

OPERATION'S REPORT

Mr. Bricchetti stated the lagoon was sludge judged by AMS (Advanced Microbial Solutions LLC). AMS gave Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority a quote of \$164,000.00 to remove the sludge. Mr. Dengler stated the Authority should start looking to remove the sludge when the volume gets to be approximately 30% volume. The data from the sludge judge done by AMS shows that number one lagoon has the most sludge of 18.76 inches compared to the depth of ten feet (16% volume); therefore, there is still 84% capacity in lagoon number one. Mr. Dengler feels there is no need at this time to have the sludge removed; however, it will probably need done in the next couple of years. At this time, Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority is still meeting sampling permit levels and the worst lagoon is only at a 16% volume. The board decided not to have the sludge removed at this time but to continue getting the lagoons sludge judged each year.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Confortini stated the Authority's six-month certificate of deposit would mature November 20, 2025. First National Bank quoted the renewal rates as 3.75% for a 3 month CD, 3.65% for a 6 month CD, and 3.50% for a 9 month CD. Mr. Joshua Forman made a motion authorizing First National Bank to renew the Authority's certificate of deposit for another six-month period at a rate of 3.65%. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Simms stated the new union contract is completed. Mr. Frameli signed the contract for the Authority. Mrs. Confortini will get the union representative to sign for the employees.

Mr. Simms introduced Adam Belletti from Pollock Morris Belletti & Simms LLC as a possible solicitor for the Authority once Mr. Simms becomes judge for Greene County.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated he has still not heard from DEP regarding the final version of the NPDES Permit for the Mather STP.

Mr. Dengler stated the \$922,000.00 grant application for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project is part of Senator McCormick's FY 2026 Appropriations continuing resolution. Mr. Dengler stated he would continue to monitor the progression of the grant application. If awarded, there will be a 20% matching funds requirement of \$184,000.00; total estimated project cost is \$1,675,215.00.

Mr. Dengler stated, now that the government has reopened, he would pursue the reallocating of the \$500,000.00 grant awarded under the USEPA FY2023 Community Project Funding to be used for the Country Club Road Extension Project instead of the Chartiers Road Extension project; since the Morgan Township Supervisors did not approve the Chartiers Road Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated, now that the Pennsylvania budget has passed, he is anticipating the lawmakers will start to review the grant applications submitted. The Authority has submitted a grant application in the amount of \$269,000.00 for the Greene County Country Club Sewer Extension Project. The grant has a 15% matching funds requirement, which will be \$40,350.00.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming is finalizing the information needed by RCAP Solutions Inc. for the development of an Emergency Response Plan and Risk & Resiliency Assessment required for the Authority's USDA loan. Mr. Dengler expects to complete this task by the end of 2025.

Mr. Dengler stated he spoke with Cambria Systems regarding issues with the operation of the new VFDs for the Mather Blowers. Cambria Systems feels the issue is not with their VFDs but with the wiring and/or motors. Mr. Brichetti stated the Authority has scheduled an electrician to inspect the blowers and VFDs to determine the cause of the issue.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming had reviewed a prior Pitt Gas Rehabilitation Project grant application and determined the cost of the Sewer Rehabilitation Project in Pitt Gas would be approximately \$830,000.00. Mr. Mylan made a motion approving a resolution to apply for a Statewide LSA Grant for the Pitt Gas Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Sypin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dengler distributed three situations on how the Authority could proceed in 2026 regarding their annual budget. Situation number one (1) would increase the monthly EDU rate by \$5.00/month; situation number two (2) would increase the monthly EDU rate by \$7.00/month; and situation number three (3) would increase the monthly EDU rate by \$10.00/month. Mr. Phillips made a motion to increase the monthly EDU rate by \$7.00/month per EDU. Mr. Bupka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The new monthly EDU rate would be \$72.00 per EDU per month beginning with the February 2026 billing cycle. Mr. Dengler stated he would complete the Annual Budget for 2026 reflecting an increase of \$7.00 per EDU per month.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Phillips made a motion to go into Executive Session for an employee matter. Mr. Goughenour seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mylan made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Sybin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mylan made a motion to give each employee, as well as the part time employee in 2025, a \$100.00 Giant Eagle gift card for Thanksgiving and another \$100.00 Giant Eagle gift card for Christmas. Mr. Jamie Forman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bupka made a motion to adjourn at 5:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Riecks and the motion carried unanimously.