

# **LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY**

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

JEFFERSON, PA 15344

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## **MINUTES**

October 15, 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

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator  
Sharon Confortini, Secretary

### **MINUTES**

A motion approving the minutes of the September 17, 2025 meeting was made by Mr. Jamie 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. Joshua Forman, seconded by Mr. Sypin and the motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

## OPERATION'S REPORT

None

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Confortini stated she received the contract from Strayer Communications for 2026 in the amount of \$2,533.00, which includes quarterly maintenance for three computers, cybersecurity monitoring and daily backups of the data. Mr. Goughenour made a motion approving the contract for Strayer Communications for \$2,533.00. Mr. Riecks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Simms stated he worked with Mr. Goughenour to finalize the new union contract. Mr. Howard stated he submitted the updated union contract to the employee's union representative for his approval.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated PADep, as of this date, has not issued the final version of the Mather STP NPDES Permit.

Mr. Dengler stated he had contacted EPA regarding the reallocating of the \$500,000.00 grant secured under the USEPA FY2023 Community Project Funding Program to the Country Club Sewer Extension Project instead of the Chartiers Road Extension Project. However, the government is currently shutdown so Mr. Dengler is unsure when EPA will return his call.

Mr. Dengler stated the \$269,000.00 grant application from the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Program for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project is on hold because of the Pennsylvania State Budget gridlock.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming is pulling together all the information RCAP Solutions is requesting to develop an Emergency Response Plan and Risk & Resiliency Assessment required by USDA. Mr. Dengler is hoping to complete this task by the end of October 2025.

Mr. Dengler stated he spoke to Cambria Systems regarding the Mather blower VFDs they had installed but are still not working properly. Cambria Systems feels since both blowers keep tripping the VFDs are not the problem; feels it could be faulty wiring or some other external issue. Mr. Dengler is attempting to get a conference call arranged between Cambria Systems, Mr. Howard, Mr. Brichetti and himself. Mr. Howard stated he contacted the Authority's contractor NexGen Industrial Services to inspect the situation to determine what the issue could be.

Mr. Dengler stated the Statewide LSA Grant application, which would be used to improve the Pitt Gas sewer lines, is due by the end of November 2025. Mr. Mylan made a motion authorizing Gannett Fleming to prepare and submit the grant application for the Pitt Gas Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Bupka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dengler stated he met with several of the board members regarding the 2026 budget. Gannett Fleming will update the draft budget and bring to the November 2025 board meeting for approval.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Phillips made a motion to adjourn at 5:09 p.m., seconded by Mr. Riecks and the motion carried unanimously.