LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

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MINUTES
October 21, 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
Joshua Forman

Also attending were:

Adam Belletti, Solicitor
Bob Dengler, Engineer
Roy and Susan Dains, Customer
David Brichetti, Lead Operator
Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the September 16, 2026 meeting was made by Mr. Joshua Forman, seconded by Mr. Mylan 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. Mylan, seconded by Mr. McCollum and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Roy and Susan Dains stated they purchased property from Debra Kuhns, 1002 Third St Mather PA, and plan on building a home on the property. Mrs. Kuhns, at one time, had two homes on the property but have since removed one of those residences. Mrs. Kuhns offered to transfer her second sewer TAP that she had paid for, and no longer uses, to Mr. and Mrs. Dains, to use for their new home. Mr. Belletti advised Mrs. Dains to draw up an agreement letter indicating the two parties are in agreement with the transfer of the TAP and that Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority would not be liable if anything would come up in the future, regarding the transfer. Mr. Belletti offered to review and approve the letter prior to the two parties finalizing the agreement.

OPERATION'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Confortini stated the Authority's electric contract with Energy Harbor is up for renewal December 1, 2026. Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority's energy accounts went up for auction and the best rates for the renewal came from Interstate Gas Supply, LLC. Mr. Joshua Forman made a motion committing to a four-year contract with Interstate Gas Supply, LLC for the Authority's power bills at a rate of $0.1029 per kwh. Mr. Bupka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Confortini stated the office staff became aware in January 2026 that one of the Authority's customers had not paid a sewer bill since February 2020. Mrs. Confortini sent this customer a certified letter explaining why she would be receiving a bill over $4,000.00; the customer agreed to pay $172.00 a month until the back bill was paid in full. However, the customer recently contacted Mrs. Confortini and said her husband lost his job and cannot pay the agreed upon amount. Mr. Sypin made a motion authorizing Mr. Belletti to contact the customer, prepare a written agreement of at least $85.00 a month and have the customer sign off on the letter. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Belletti stated he is working with the Greene County Sheriff's office regarding a Sheriff Sale on one of the customers that owes the Authority money. Mr. Belletti told Mrs. Confortini she would be receiving a packet from the Sheriff's office in the next week regarding this sale.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated the Authority still has the $500,000.00 grant money for the Country Club Sewer Extension Project, which is estimated to cost $1,675,215.00. Mr. Dengler stated although Representative Reschenthaler's Office had notified the Authority that the Country Club Sewer Extension Project would be included in the 2027 Appropriations Request for additional funds, Mr. Dengler is not hopeful it will be included in the budget for 2027. Mr. Dengler feels the Authority may have to try again to be included in the 2028 Appropriations Request.

Mr. Dengler stated he received the completed Planning Agency Review forms from the Greene County Planning Commission for the Country Club Sewer Extension Project. Gannett Fleming will now send the updated Act 537 Planning Module to Morgan Township to pass a resolution for adoption. The Planning Module would then be sent to PaDEP for review and approval.

Mr. Dengler stated there is a new Statewide LSA Grant Program; applications are due November 30, 2026. Mr. Sypin made a motion authorizing Gannett Fleming to prepare an application to the Statewide LSA Grant Program for $300,000.00 to be used for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Dengler stated he would bring a Resolution for the board to approve at the November 2026 board meeting.

Mr. Dengler stated the public comment period for the Draft General Permit for Land Application of Non-Exceptional Quality Biosolids has closed; it will take PaDEP some time to review all the comments from the public. In the meantime, Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority is checking with H&H Water Controls to see if they can provide sampling of the Authority's sludge for the concentration of perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctaine sulfonate in the biosolids. Mr. Brichetti will follow up with H&H Water Controls.

Mr. Dengler distributed a draft copy of the 2027 budget for the Authority. Mr. Dengler received input from Mrs. Confortini, Mr. Howard and Mr. Brichetti to determine how the budget would look in 2027. The board members made a few changes to the 2027 totals. Mr. Dengler advised the board members to review the draft copy of the budget and bring any suggestions for additional changes to the November 2026 board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Phillips stated the hiring committee reviewed the six (6) applicants that sent in resumes for the Wastewater Operators position. The hiring committee selected three of the six applicants to interview. Mr. Phillips stated he would get together with the rest of the hiring committee to determine a day and time to complete the interviews.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jamie Forman asked Mr. Brichetti if it would be possible for the operators to start riding together in one truck instead of two trucks when they inspect the pump stations every day. Mr. Brichetti said he would discuss it with Mr. Howard when he returns from vacation.

Mr. Goughenour stated he has been talking to Mr. Howard regarding the possibility of the employees' health insurance be changed to a union backed health insurance policy. The employees and the union representative will be meeting the following week to compare policies.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jamie Forman made a motion to adjourn at 6:07 p.m., seconded by Mr. Sypin and the motion carried unanimously.