

The regular meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, March 5, 2026. Carl Sharpe, Phil Gogel and Duane Deppe were present as were Angelika Forndran, Wayne Doyle, Ed Andres, Ken Fulford, Owen Baker and Dave Getz. Board members Steve Arnold and Matt Mottsko were absent. Vice-Chairman Sharpe called the meeting to ourder at 6:00 PM.

The minutes of the February 5, 2026 meeting were presented for approval. Phil Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Getz presented the financial report as below:

Sewer Operating Account:		
Balance February 5, 2026		\$1,012,038.46
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$60,490.83	
Operating Expenses	\$30,207.43	
Balance March 5, 2026		\$1,042,321.86
Assets:		
Truist Money Market	\$150,035.49	
Total Available		\$1,192,357.35
Truist CDs	\$506,482.82	
Sewer Balance March 5, 2026		\$1,698,840.17

The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of March 5, 2026 is \$246,579.97.

Sewer Escrow Account:		
Balance February 5, 2026		\$ 17,636.81
Receipts	\$12,294.15	
Expenses	\$12,293.74	
Balance March 5, 2026		\$ 17,637.22
Balance Hilltop Construction Escrow		\$ 300,000.00
Total Sewer Accounts March 5, 2026		\$2,016,477.39

Water Operating Account:		
Balance February 5, 2026		\$14,636.38
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$5,843.91	
Operating Expenses	\$3,773.26	
Truist Loan Payment	\$5,305.87	
Total Expenses \$	\$9,079.13	

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of March 5, 2026 is \$4,649.72.

Water Escrow Account:	
Balance February 5 and March 5, 2026	\$ 114.90
Total Water Accounts March 5, 2026	\$11,516.06

The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account was \$9,079.13. Duane Deppe made a motion to pay these bills. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Operating Account was \$30,207.43. Carl Sharpe asked what the invoice from Bellview Pump was for. Dave Getz said it was for insulation on the digester pumps per Ken Fulford. Phil Gogel made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Escrow Account was \$12,293.74. Duane Deppe made a motion to pay these bills. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Operations Report, Ken Fulford said Bellview Pump completed the insulation on the pumps mentioned earlier. He said it is now getting warmer but this insulation will be good for future cold snaps. Ken said Bellview also worked on the Wood Drive Pump Station screener. Ken added that the PM for the Huber screen will be on the 19th and 20th of March.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika turned the meeting over to Fred Ebert of Ebert Engineering to update the Hilltop project.

Mr. Ebert provided a drawing for the scope of work on the contract 25-1 Pennsville WWTP Expansion, Phase 1 for the Board for work from Value Engineering. Notes from Value Engineering include; remove certain manholes, remove gravity sewer between sludge fill station and manhole MHP1, add new lateral between sludge fill station and manhole MH43, remove gravity sewer between manhole MHP1 and influent screen, extend force main from influent pump station to influent screen, raise influent screen to provide and invert out depth of 3'-0", remove sand infused top coat from the treatment tanks and replace with brushed finish, remove pipes, fitting, and valve from inside of valve vault at influent pump station and final landscaping and planting removed from Phase 1.

Fred provided a letter to be signed by the LTMA Manager to request a time extension for the previously approved PA Local Share Account Fund Statewide Grant Contract C000085815. Although the project is on schedule, Fred said the extension should be sent due to any problems that rise due to weather, etc.

Back to the Engineering Report, Wayne Doyle of Cowan Associates provided a letter to LTMA Chairman Steve Arnold for Engineering Services for a minor subdivision in Lehigh Township for property boundary survey, wetland delineation and base prep, minor subdivision plans, zoning plans and application to Zoning Hearing Board, sludge disposal feasibility, reimbursement etc.

Phil Gogel said the work will not be done right away but we need to get the land before proceeding. Atty. Andres suggested that the motion should be made to authorize the proposal for the minor subdivision. Carl Sharpe made a motion to authorize the proposal for engineering services on the minor subdivision. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Angelika Forndran said the grant applications approved on 1/20/26 for \$396,804.00 and \$100,842.00 respectively for generators at the Wood Drive, Butternut and Elm pump station and the Blue Mountain wellhouse. Angelika contacted Liz Henry, the contact person for DCED. She previously provided quotations on January 27, 2026 for engineering costs for the preparation of the final design and bid specs for the generators. The Board approved the proposals but starting the final design and bid specs should wait until the grant agreement has been signed with LTMA.

On the MIDCO report recommendations and cost estimates was discussed. Due to lack of needed funds to proceed for all items, Angelika requested that the Authority should proceed with the minor maintenance items until funding is available for the rest of the job.

On the Wood Drive Pump Station, Angelika said Huber will be in on March 19 and 20 for inspection of the Huber screen. Ken Fulford said Chris Knopf will be there for the Operations.

On the System Infiltration Inflow, Angelika said there were seven rainfall events totaling 1.13 inches at the Danielsville WWTP with a total difference of 13.04% from the Wood Drive Omni-Site. She said the flows on both trailer parks are higher than normal but no surcharges are needed. Ken Fulford said it could be the customers were running more water due to the extreme cold temps in the period.

Angelika said nothing has been done on the Northwoods project, Turkey Hill, or Blue Mountain Minor Subdivision. She added Hilltop Center was covered previously by Fred Ebert.

Vice-Chairman has nothing to add, nor does the Board members. The Solicitor has nothing else to add.

On the Manager's Report, Dave Getz said we will have to work on a rate increase on the Water System. We will discuss this at a later date.

There being no further business to conduct, Phil Gogel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.