
NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP
WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday –January 15, 2026 - 6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Sewer Authority was held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:07 pm in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls and adjourned at 6:22 pm, the Water Authority meeting was called to order at 6:22 pm. In addition to the Board Members, in attendance were the Manager, Lisa Crespo, Field Supervisor, Ryan Cooper, Engineers, David Ritsema and Jason Stanton, Solicitor Gene Dimeo and various members of the public

PUBLIC SPEAK:

None

MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Scott Morrow and seconded by Arthur Hayes to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Water Authority, dated December 18, 2025. Four ayes, motion carried.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

The bills for the North Sewickley Township Water Authority were presented in the amount of \$83,848.76 for discussion and approval. **Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow to approve payment of the bills as presented. Four ayes, motion carried.**

BUDGET REVIEW:

The budget for the month of December 2025 was presented for review and discussion.

GENERAL REPORTS:

- a) Water Loss Report – Kim Evans asked if it could be the new meters causing the water loss numbers. Emmett Santillo asked if we could use the bond money for a new meter pit and meter at the Beaver Falls interconnect. Jay Griffen (Marion Township) asked if we could put in non-invasive meters for monitoring water loss. Jim Rombold asked if people could be stealing water.
- b) Balance Sheet
- c) Aged Accounts Receivables – No report
- d) Fire Department Report
- e) Delinquency/Collection Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Meter Replacement Program Update – Begin scheduling evenings and weekends to try to get customers that work during the day.
- b) Garage Update – We are currently waiting on PennPower and Columbia Gas to being getting utilities to the buildings. Lisa will get an estimated project completion from the contractor.
- c) Truck Update - Lisa and Ryan will keep working on trucks to be sure we get what we need.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) None

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- a) Monthly Engineer’s Report –David Ritsema presented the Engineers Report which is attached with the meeting packets. Discussion on the Water System Master Plan, drawings presented for review and discussion. There are 55.74 miles of water line, and it would cost \$59 million dollars to replace the entire system. Discussion on the pressure zones that will be created. There is approximately 1.3 million left in the bond to be spent to date. Discussion on the merger and rates are not in our favor for that right now. Discussion on cheaper ways to fix water leaks. Other ways are going to be more expensive than conventional excavating. Lead and Copper service line update. Mercer and Chapel water line replacement update. LSA grant for Chapel, Fairview and Rustic Park was not awarded and the PA Small Sewer/Water grants open later in the month. Discussion on the PA DEP inspection violations from 2024 and working on getting the plans in place.
- b) **Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow to approve the E2 Landscape and Construction Partial Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$103,755.43. Four ayes, motion carried.**
- c) **Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Arthur Hayes to approve the US Bank Requisition #29 in the amount of \$29,944.57. Four ayes, motion carried.**
- d) **Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow to approve the US Bank Requisition #30 in the amount of \$103,755.43. Four ayes, motion carried.**

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Solicitor, Gene Dimeo, updated the Board that he and Lisa were working on the meter replacement program for final attempts to get meters replaced.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:04 pm, Emmett Santillo made the motion to adjourn the Water Authority meeting, Arthur Hayes seconded the motion. Four ayes, motion carried.

ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP SEWER AND WATER AUTHORITY
January 15, 2026

Solicitor Gene Dimeo opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Emmett Santillo, Arthur Hayes, Scott Morrow, Brian Cooper, Engineers, Jason Stanton and David Ritsema, Manger, Lisa Crespo, Field Supervisor, Ryan Cooper and various members of the public were present. Jason Wilds, absent.

Solicitor Gene Dimeo asked for a nomination for a chairman. **Motion by Scott Morrow and seconded by Brian Cooper to appoint Emmett Santillo as the Chairman of the Sewer and Water Authority Board for 2026. Four ayes, all in favor.** Solicitor, Gene Dimeo, turned the meeting over to Emmett Santillo

Sewer & Water Authority Board Positions:

Assistant Chairman – Scott Morrow - Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow. Four ayes, motion carried.

Secretary – Arthur Hayes - Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow. Four ayes, motion carried.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Jason Wilds, Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow. Four ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer – Brian Cooper - Motion by Emmett Santillo and second by Scott Morrow. Four ayes, motion carried.

See worksheet on current terms

Sewer & Water Appointments:

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Arthur Hayes to appoint Gene Dimeo as the Sewer and Water Authority Solicitor, with an hourly rate of \$150.00 and monthly retainer of \$380.00 for both the Sewer and the Water Authority combined. This is a \$15 increase to the retainer and \$10.00/hour increase to the hourly rate. Four ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow to appoint the Engineering firm of LSSE, with an annual retainer fee of \$1,200.00, no increase from 2025, and fee schedule as provided to both the Sewer and the Water Authority, fees billed separately. Four ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow to appoint Herrmann and Loll, CPA as the Authority Auditor. The fee for the Sewer Authority will not exceed \$3,400.00 and the fee for the Water Authority will not exceed \$3,800.00. Four ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Brian Cooper to set the 2026 Meeting Dates as the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm with the meetings to be held at 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010 and to be published in the Ellwood City Ledger. Four ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow that the mileage rate be set at the IRS rate, which is 72.5 cents per mile, up 2.5 cents from 2025. Four ayes motion carried.

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Brian Cooper, to select WesBanco Bank as the Sewer and Water Authority's primary depository with a PLGIT prime savings account and an Edward Jones savings. Four ayes motion carried.

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow to select signers on the below NSTSA/NSTWA bank accounts, one joint Sewer and Water account and one PLGIT account as all current 2026 Board members which are the current Chairman, Emmett Santillo, Vice Chairman, Scott Morrow, Secretary, Arthur Hayes, Treasurer Brian Cooper and the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Jason Wilds and the Manager, Lisa Crespo, with two signatures required on all checks. Four ayes, motion carried.

WesBanco Bank Accounts:

1. General Account - Ending in 1827
2. Sewer Relief Fund - Ending in 2122
3. Pennvest Construction - Ending in 2221
4. Phase II Project - Ending in 2429
5. Security Deposit - Ending in 2627
6. Phase III Pennvest - Ending in 3910
7. Joint Sewer/Water Sweep Account - Ending in 7682
8. Phase II Tap Fee - Ending in 5419
9. Phase III Tap Fee Account - Ending in 0015
10. PLGIT Savings Account

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Arthur Hayes to approve the Sewer Authority and the Water Authority payment of the Township Lease Rental of \$1.00 from each entity. Four ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow to approve the 2026 Sewer Authority Budget with no user rate increase for residential and commercial customers. Four ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Brian Cooper to approve the 2026 Water Authority Budget with a 9% user rate increase for residential, commercial customers and bulk water purchasers, effective January 2026 billing usage. Four ayes, motion carried.

Residential & Commercial User Rate Resolution:

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow to approve the Sewer Residential & Commercial User Rates stating no Increase from 2025. \$46.88 base and \$13.07/1,000 gallon usage charge and no increase to commercial customers as well remaining at \$27.27/1,000 gallons over 3,300 gallons billed. Four ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Arthur Hayes to approve Water Authority Residential and Commercial Rates stating a 9% increase to residential, commercial and bulk water purchasers. Four ayes, motion carried. See attached worksheet in meeting packet for break out of rates.

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Arthur Hayes to approve all employee wages as described on the attached worksheet. Four ayes, motion carried.

The organization meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm by Scott Morrow and seconded by Arthur Hayes, all in favor and moved into the regular business meeting.