

LEHIGHTON WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES Wednesday, February 4, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Lehigh Water Authority was held on the above date in the Municipal Building. Chairman David Harleman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attendance:

Chairman David Harleman, Vice-Chairman Larry Markley, Secretary Russell Schoenberger, Treasurer Timothy Tkach, Asst. Treasurer Donald Rehrig, Superintendent Tucker Haberman, Admin. Secretary Nicole Nothstein and Solicitor Jenny Cheng

Asst. Superintendent Jeffrey Ebbert was absent.

Minutes:

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting of Wednesday, January 7, 2026, were approved on a motion by Russell Schoenberger seconded by Donald Rehrig and passed.

Visitors:

1. Michael Montone, PenTeleData was present to discuss the proposal for an internet upgrade for the office and garage, as well as phone service for the garage. The proposal was approved on a motion made by Donald Rehrig, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed.
2. Dawn Gorham, Wildlands Conservancy was present to give updates and discuss next steps with the board for the conservation easement. Closing date extended to May 31, 2026. Need to remove the Christman parcel from the easement because no title was found. 50' wide access easement needs to be moved, due to removing the Christman parcel. Requesting an option agreement to add the Christman parcel back into the easement if the Authority decides to do quiet title on that parcel, they will have that option to add the parcel onto the easement for just \$1. Dawn has not forgotten Jenny requested something for our records from as to why the tax ID's are changing, she will have that taken care of once they get to that point, she will request assessment.

A motion was made by Donald Rehrig, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed to approve the second addendum to the agreement conditional upon the review and approval of Jenny Cheng.

A motion was made by Timothy Tkach, seconded by Donald Rehrig and passed to change the easement and the new location of the access easement at the location specified at tonight's meeting upon Jenny Cheng's review and approval.

A motion was made by Larry Markley, seconded by Timothy Tkach for Jenny Cheng to complete the necessary requirements to do a quiet title for the Christman property.

3. Joe Flickinger was present to discuss the NIMs 402 class (storm recovery funding), wanted to know which board members didn't complete the class yet, so he can include them when the class takes place.

Solicitors' Report:

1. Penn Forest Data Center

Secretary's Report:

1. The letter submitted by Armen Galasso requesting a main extension for the property at 134 N. 5th Street was tabled for further review/clarification on which houses would benefit from such an extension.
2. GFT Infrastructure, Inc. provided comments on the application submitted by SGB Realty to change 413-415 Mahoning Street into apartments. No action required by the board, just informational purposes.
3. Phifer Rentals, LLC submitted an application for 3-story wood frame buildings on the vacant lot next to 889 Fairyland Road, GFT Infrastructure, Inc. is currently reviewing that application.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Timothy Tkach made a motion, seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed to roll the 12-month \$100,000 CD maturing 2/6/26 with Edward Jones into a 6-month CD at the best rate available.

Superintendent's Report:

1. The Pittsburgh Tank & Tower inspections report was sent to Terry Funk, GFT Infrastructure, Inc., for review and comments.
2. Tucker Haberman discussed the Hunter access program we participate in with the Pennsylvania Game Commission.
3. There was a tractor trailer roll over on the PA Turnpike mile marker 82.4, that spilled concentrated vinegar.

Old Business:

1. Lehigh River Crossing – the soil boring took place, waiting on results and final design from GFT Infrastructure, Inc.
2. Keystone Timber & Forestry, LLC – check for \$57,513.55 was received, the timber harvest is paid in full per Zac Hess.
3. Storm Lumber – no updates.
4. Aston Glen-the pit has not been installed due to weather.

Approval of all Reports, Account Payables and Additional Account Payables:

On a motion by Donald Rehrig seconded by Russell Schoenberger to accept all reports and pay all bills.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Donald Rehrig, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed to go into executive session at 8:19 p.m. for personnel matters.

Regular Session:

On a motion by Timothy Tkach, seconded by Donald Rehrig and passed to go back into regular session at 8:52 p.m.

Action Taken on Executive Session Item:

No action taken.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Timothy Tkach seconded by Donald Rehrig the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Russell Schoenberger
Secretary