

LEHIGHTON WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES Wednesday, March 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, Treasurer Timothy Tkach, Asst. Treasurer Donald Rehrig, Superintendent Tucker Haberman, Asst. Superintendent Jeffrey Ebbert, Admin. Secretary Nicole Nothstein and Solicitor Jenny Cheng

Secretary Russell Schoenberger was absent.

Minutes:

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting of Wednesday, February 4, 2026, were approved on a motion by Donald Rehrig seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed.

Visitors:

1. Lisa Murray the current owner of 321 & 321 ½ N 4th Street is planning to sell the property. She was present to request approval to not separate the water line as the property is deeded as one. Donald Rehrig made a motion, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed to allow her to leave the line shared, but the line would have to be separated by new owner if they should ever subdivide the property. Nicole is to notify the Zoning Office that they should keep the separation of shared water lines in mind if someone ever subdivides a property within the Borough.
2. Brian Preski was in attendance to discuss a cross-connection and backflow prevention program.
3. Patrick Holland was present to discuss the trail system he is trying to coordinate in Penn Forest. Looking for a 50-foot wide 30-year easement from the authority along SR 903. David Harleman said that the Authority's long-standing policy has always been to not grant any easements, sell or use our property. If the Authority would grant the easement, it would be out of our norm. Patrick stated he would reach out in a few weeks to see where the Authority is at on a decision.
4. Dawn Gorham, Wildlands Conservancy was present to give updates on the easement. The Tax ID stuff is cleared up and is ready to be recorded.

Solicitors' Report:

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report:

1. David Harleman made a motion, seconded by Larry Markley and passed the approval of GFT Infrastructure, Inc.'s proposal to conduct an updated water capital charges study, cost to range between \$8,000 to \$10,000. The board stated that they want the study for approval by the regular scheduled meeting of June 3, 2026 or sooner.

2. ½ page ad at a cost of \$50 for the Carbon County Sports Hall of Fame program was approved on a motion made by Donald Rehrig, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed.
3. A draft of the 2025 Financial Audit was provided for review. No action was required or taken.
4. Timothy Tkach made a motion, seconded by Donald Rehrig and passed to authorize David Harleman to sign the representation letter in connection with the audits of the 2025 financial statements.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Donald Rehrig made a motion, seconded by Larry Markley and passed to cash out the 3-month CD maturing 3/9/26 with Edward Jones.

Superintendent's Report:

1. A small discussion was held about the need to purchase new leak detection equipment.

Old Business:

1. Lehigh River Crossing – no updates.
2. Keystone Timber & Forestry, LLC – no updates.
3. Storm Lumber – Nic Storm contacted Tucker Haberman to inform him of property boundary issues (Wildland's Conservancy markers) he came across while doing the forestry work he has contracted with the authority. Dawn Gorham asked that Nic stops in the corner of the property. Tucker is to share the map from Dawn with Nic to show area she wants him to stop at.
4. Aston Glen--planning to install the meter pit in March, weather permitting.
5. Armen Galasso's letter requesting a main extension for 134 N. 5th St.—Timothy Tkach made a motion, seconded by Donald Rehrig and passed to table the item again this month so Tucker Haberman can get a cost for this project.
6. Data Center—Terry Funk shared more information about the proposed center—No action required or taken.

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

On a motion by Donald Rehrig seconded by Timothy Tkach to accept all reports and pay all bills.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Timothy Tkach seconded by Larry Markley the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Nicole Nothstein
Administrative Secretary