

# LEHIGHTON WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES Wednesday, January 7, 2026

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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:**

David Harleman; Chairman, Larry Markley, Russell Schoenberger, Timothy Tkach, Donald Rehrig, Tucker Haberman; Superintendent, Jeffrey Ebbert; Asst. Superintendent, Nicole Nothstein; Administrative Secretary and Jenny Cheng; Solicitor

## **Reorganization:**

The meeting was turned over to Jenny Cheng, Solicitor, all positions were declared vacant.

Donald Rehrig made the motion, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed to elect the following board member positions, positions/professional services and regular meetings:

Chairman:	David Harleman
Vice-Chairman:	Larry Markley
Secretary:	Russell Schoenberger
Treasurer:	Timothy Tkach
Asst. Treasurer:	Donald Rehrig
Asst. Mgr. & Pub. Relations:	Russell Schoenberger
Superintendent:	Tucker Haberman
Asst. Superintendent:	Jeffrey Ebbert
Administrative Secretary:	Nicole Nothstein
Solicitor:	Jenny Cheng
Bank & Depository:	Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank
Engineer:	GFT Infrastructure, Inc.
Auditors:	Buckno Lisicky & Company
Insurance Agent:	Seltzer Group Partners

Meeting Night: The first Wednesday after the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.  
\*September changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> week

## **Minutes:**

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting of Wednesday, December 3, 2025, were approved on a motion by Doanld Rehrig seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed.

## **Visitors:**

1. Brianna Herstine was present to request reimbursement for a \$350 towing bill she incurred on December 15<sup>th</sup>. She did not receive prior notice that her car needed to

be moved. There was a service line break and her car needed to be moved for the authority to repair the break. There were attempts made to reach her, however, during the discussion it was determined that everyone was knocking on the wrong door. Donald Rehrig, made a motion, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed to reimburse her, but only because the attempt made to reach her failed due to knocking on the wrong door.

2. Dawn Gorham, Wildlands Conservancy was present to give an update on the easement project. Have three issues: 1. Tax parcel ID was four different numbers, is now just two tax parcels. Will have to record the survey to get the tax numbers officially updated. 2. Title issue on the one shoulder piece of the "T-shirt". Had a deed that was Christman to Christman then later information says the Authority owns it. We need proof that the Authority owns it, if not may need to make a quick claim deed. This is needed to get title insurance on the easement. 3. Valuation from the appraisal, there was an assumption that there was access to the property. This is legal access to the property from the road. If the authority would sell the property, there would be no access to the property causing it to be land locked. Dawn is unsure if it is an issue because currently the authority owns the property in front, so there is access to the property. May need to talk about recording a right-of-way to the property which would be a right-of-way from the Authority to the Authority.

#### **Solicitors' Report:**

1. Penn Forest Data Center meetings will be a lengthy process, many meetings will be held (each meeting would be three hours max), next meeting is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup> at Penn's Peak. Jenny feels it's in the best interest to work together with the Township and the group of citizens that are against the center. Also, it is important to have engineer(s) (Terry or Lori) present at the meetings.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

1. The 2026 Operating & Capital Improvement budgets were approved on a motion made by Donald Rehrig, seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed.
2. Adoption of Resolution 1-2026 Ratifying the Increases of Water Rates effective January 1, 2026, was approved on a motion made by Timothy Tkach, seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

1. Nothing to report.

#### **Superintendent's Report:**

1. Aston Glen meter pit we only have 16 ½ foot from center of road per Franklin Townships right-of-way. It would be enough room for the pit, but not enough room for the equipment to install the pit. Employees will try to figure out a way to install the pit without going onto the Aston Glen property.
2. Tucker provided a year overview and strategic plans for projects, the filtration plant, pump stations and equipment for informational purposes.
3. Donald Rehrig made a motion, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed to sell three pallets of a variety of barrel couplings, a 2014 GMC Sierra 2500 drift shaft, and a motorized pallet jack.

**Old Business:**

1. Lehigh River Crossing - Tucker spoke with the owner of the Hofford Mill (Lucy), she is ok with drilling test holes wherever needed. She wants something in writing pertaining to the open cut levee that we and/or the contractor have insurance to cover flood damage if that occurs.
2. Keystone Timber & Forestry, LLC – the contractor Wager Lumber has scheduled to do the job will start sometime in summer. Payment was due 12/1/25 and one 3/1/26, they apologized for the delay of payment, and they will be sending both payments out.
3. Storm Lumber – no updates.

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

On a motion by Russell Schoenberger seconded by Timothy Tkach to accept all reports and pay all bills.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Timothy Tkach seconded by Russell Schoenberger the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Russell Schoenberger  
Secretary