

# LEHIGHTON WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES Wednesday, April 8, 2026

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The regular monthly meeting of the Lehighon 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, Secretary Russell Schoenberger, Treasurer Timothy Tkach, Asst. Treasurer Donald Rehrig, Superintendent Tucker Haberman, Asst. Superintendent Jeffrey Ebbert, Admin. Secretary Nicole Nothstein and Solicitor Jenny Cheng

Vice-Chairman Larry Markley was absent.

## **Minutes:**

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

## **Visitors:**

1. Manual Dacosta was present to request an adjustment on the high-water bill for his rental unit. Russell Schoenberger made a motion, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed to deny the request. It has always been a long-standing policy of the Authority to bill what goes through the meter.
2. Dawn Gorham, Wildlands Conservancy was present to tell the board that everything is completed. Closing date is scheduled for May 20, 2026.

## **Solicitors' Report:**

1. Nothing to report.

## **Secretary's Report:**

1. The 2025 Audit Report completed by Buckno Lisicky & Company was approved on a motion made by Donald Rehrig, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed.
2. The request to purchase bulk water submitted by Aqua-Duck was denied on motion made by Donald Rehrig, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed.
3. Timothy Tkach made a motion, seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed to table the request from the Borough to switch term life insurance carriers for more information/costs.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

1. Timothy Tkach made a motion, seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed to cash out \$100,000 + interest of the 6-month \$200,000 CD maturing 5/5/26 with Edward Jones and roll the remainder \$100,000 into a 3-month CD as the best rate available.

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

1. Russell Schoenberger made a motion, seconded by Donald Rehrig and passed to move forward with the Mahoning Alley main extension for 134 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. requested by Armando Galasso.
2. PA Turnpike working on stream rehab of the Pine Run Stream after several accidents occurred. Jenny Cheng mentioned she'd be seeing the Senator so she will mention the issues these accidents could cause to our water supply and request better barriers.
3. Service pump for the filtration plant had to be ordered at a cost of \$44,600.
4. Small discussion was held on whether a program could be started for commercial meter replacement. The Board does not think we can charge for the meters, unless the customer(s) negligently cause damage by not protecting the meters.
5. Hydro Vac truck estimate is approximately \$563,000.

### **Old Business:**

1. Lehigh River Crossing – no updates, but the Board would like to know from GFT when this project will be moving along. Grant Funds are good until June 30, 2027.
2. Keystone Timber & Forestry, LLC – no updates.
3. Storm Lumber – Nic Storm has everything cut, will be working on getting the lumber out, should be done by the end of the extension. Per contract still owes Authority \$13,000.
4. Aston Glen--planning to install the meter pit, weather permitting.
5. Data Center—no updates.

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

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

### **Adjournment:**

On a motion by Timothy Tkach seconded by Russell Schoenberger the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Russell Schoenberger  
Secretary