

Stewartstown Borough Sewer & Water Authority Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16th, 2026

Members present: Jason Roberts, Lisa Mohan, Linda Miller, Kevin Brunicke, Joyce Ryer (arrived @ 6:52pm)

Others present: Engineer Jason Brenneman, Engineer Jason Lytle, Solicitor John Baranski, Sewer & Water Supervisor Ira Walker, Jr., Recording Secretary Stacy Myers

1. The meeting was called to order @ 6:30pm. A moment of silence was observed in recognition of William Amberman, Sr's passing, as he formerly served on the Sewer & Water Authority Board.
2. **Engineer's Report**—Jason Brenneman reported:
 - **Bridgeview Lot 3**—Revised plans were received & reviewed. Comments were submitted by James R. Holley's office in a letter dated Sept 10, 2026, most of which have been addressed. Those outstanding include:
 - The Authority shall determine if a generator should be installed at the existing pumpstation. *The plans for this development were signed/approved before the Authority decided to require onsite generators. The hookup for the pull-behind generator is different, but the developer won't need to supply this, only a connection for it.*
 - Exhibit A's for water & sewer have been provided & will be approved once the Authority is ready to approve sewer & water for that development.
 - Private street ROW agreement will be prepared & executed by the Authority for access to the sewer & water facilities.
 - Public surety to be established for sewer & water.
 - As-built plans/advisory comments received that these will be submitted & approved prior to adoption of the water/sewer systems. A CAD file will be required noting the location of all hydrants, valves, fittings, curb boxes, manholes, etc.
 - Water capacity for the development—Because of isolation distances required by DEP, a well on the property is not possible. The Authority is in discussion with York Water regarding upgrading their (YW's) infrastructure to allow more flow into the system. Storage capacity & additional storage are being discussed with DEP as well. *There's a possibility of the developer contributing towards the public water (and infrastructure) based on the cost of the pumpstation generator. Jason B. will obtain an approximate cost & pass that along. Atty. Baranski will draft a letter to the developer requesting this once that cost is known.*
 - **Tapping fee updates**—in progress
 - **PennDOT project**—The Borough received a letter regarding a PennDOT project to pave down Mill Street, sometime in 2027. They asked for planned Borough/Authority projects that may be affected. Jason B, Ira, Jason L & Jason R met to discuss this & the possibility of extending the force main (from Bailey's) to Cemetery & down Mill which will eliminate the "pinch point" in the line as well as pick up a few houses in the area that are currently on gravity sewer. The vacant lots on Mill Street can also be connected (one of which has already paid sewer/water tapping fees). Jason can gather pricing on design, bidding & PennDOT permitting for the 9/21/26 budget meeting. He can also contact PennDOT for the timeframe for their project. The Poplar Springs sewer main replacement, Trout Lane sewer replacement, Hollow Road project & the Bailey Springs Pumpstation are the four main sewer projects being planned right now, but some may be able to be postponed, should the Authority want to move forward on the Cemetery/Mill Street force main extension.
3. **Public Comment/Visitors**—No one to address the Board
4. **General Business**
 - **Approval of Meeting Minutes**—Mrs. Mohan made a motion to approve the August 19th, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Miller seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - **Consent Agenda**—It was the consensus of the Board to approve the following expenses:
 - **Water Funds**—Water bills & payroll (\$21,343.83) dated August 18th thru September 14th, 2026 totaling \$43,335.02.
 - **Sewer Funds**—Sewer bills & payroll (\$21,332.45) dated August 18th thru September 14th, 2026 totaling \$73,738.91.

5. **Solicitor's Report**—Atty. Baranski reported:

- **Injunctive Relief (Section 1602)**—No response has been received to the letters sent to the counsel of these property owners. Next step is injunction petition with York County per Section 1602 of the Authority's Rules & Regulations.
 - **4614 Bridgeview Rd. (Engel)**
 - **19045 Barrens Rd. South (Crislip)**
- **New associates**—John reported that MPL has 6 new associates, some who will be coming to future meetings to eventually take over as Authority Solicitor upon his retirement.

6. **Sewer & Water Supervisor Report**—Ira Walker, Jr. submitted his report and the following expenses for action:

- Pipe Data View cleaned out the bioset reactor two (2) times at a cost of \$4,005.
 - We ordered two (2) new impellers for Sewer #4 (Ecker Ave.) from HNS at a cost of \$5,489.22
 - We purchased five (5) dehumidifiers for the Wellhouses from Amazon; cost was \$755.20.
 - We ordered a new hydraulic oil cooler for the backhoe from Broken Tractor at a cost of \$1,852.72.
 - We ordered a new radiator for the backhoe from C.R. Smith Radiator at a cost of \$1,820.30.
 - We purchased two (2) portable air compressors from Grainger at a cost of \$589.78.
 - Ira received pricing for a 2027 Ford F350 (\$45,600) and a 2027 Chevrolet 3500HD (\$49,017.32). Both quotes are through COSTARS, and \$61,000 has been budgeted for this vehicle to replace our 2007 truck. \$30,500 is budgeted from the Water fund; \$30,500 is budgeted from the Sewer fund. Ira and some Board members prefer Chevys, but more discussion/decision can be made.
 - Ira's been working with two vendors to spec out the hydro-vac truck. One quote has been received for \$414,250. Jason B. is preparing the paperwork for the LSA grant application for this purchase.
 - Lastly, Ira suggested we participate in the backflow prevention program that was presented last month. This will be on the October agenda for more discussion.
- Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the above expenses. Mrs. Mohan seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

7. **GMB Engineering Report**—Jason Lytle reported:

- **Task 009—Operational Support**
 - **Pumping Station Odor/H2S mitigation**—Quorum's August Service Report was distributed. The additional aeration unit was installed to improve performance & Quorum visited the site to conduct testing. H2S results have improved since 2025, showing 62% reduction over the baseline of last year. Since adding the aeration, spikes of H2S have reduced since June with slightly improved results on average. Treatment for areas of sewer lines with settled (depressed) sections should hopefully yield improvement. Run times & the correlation of the pumpstations were also considered. Discussion had been held on Sewer Pumpstation #3 site/Hollow Rd Easement—the Authority owns the property there & the homeowner (87 Hollow) has an access easement to gain access to their driveway. There's a potential to use the land at the rear of the SPS site for an odor control system. This could be discussed with the property owner, as that would give us a larger footprint for treatment, but the house is currently vacant.
Action needed:
 - **Quorum/additional aeration unit**—\$200/month including maintenance service. Mrs. Mohan made a motion to approve this continued service & monthly cost. Mr. Roberts seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - **Pursue land expansion at SPS #3 (Hollow Rd) site**—Atty. Baranski will put a letter together to start discussions with the current property owner.
 - **Bioset Operation/Service**—The Acid Feeder failed during the Bioset startup/testing. The new unit was delivered but there were some operational issues with the motor. Bioset plugging had occurred multiple times since the August meeting. Schwing was onsite earlier this month. After their visit, the plugging occurred again. Schwing has many sites in which they seasonally switch polymer based on summer vs. winter months. Previous testing on Stewartstown's unit was done in the winter. Continuing to work with Schwing to get the Acid Feeder up & running.
 - **Water Booster Pump**—Met with Johnston Contractors on 9/11/26 for a COSTARS proposal—pending
 - **Ozone Disinfection Pilot**—Parts for the UV Disinfection System are expected this week. An update will be given once this Pilot is started. An alternative UV replacement was also researched.
- **Task 005—Treatment Improvements Design**
 - Will revisit the budget items for the 2027 Budget

- Working through necessary items & paperwork for a PENNVEST submission.
- **Task 007—PFAS Preliminary Planning & Design**—on hold/no updates
- **Task 010—Bailey Spring Sewer Pumpstation Upgrades**
 - Tentative manufacturing completion date is November-December 2026.
 - Met with Johnston Construction onsite on 9/11/26 regarding a COSTARS price
 - Bypass pumping setups/Construction activities—the Board to determine when conversations should begin with adjoining property owners (Mason Dixon Library, Bailey Springs Homeowners Association).
- 8. **Treasurer's Report**—Stacy Myers stated a preliminary budget meeting will be held Monday, Sept 21st @ 8:30am. More discussion will be held at the October 21st meeting & other meetings planned after that.
- 9. **Chairman's Report**—
 - Mr. Roberts extended well wishes for Felicia Markline on her recent surgery. He also stated there's a sympathy card for Bill Amberman's family, if Board members want to sign it. A donation will be sent to Eureka in Bill's memory.
 - Mrs. Mohan reported that discussions are being held from a previous Executive Session. Things are moving forward & more will be reported as it's gathered.
- 10. **Adjournment**—With no more business before the Board, Mrs. Mohan made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 7:29pm. Mrs. Ryer seconded. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers, Recording Secretary