

MINUTES

WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

February 19, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of the West Manchester Township Authority was called to order in the offices of the Shiloh Water Authority on February 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm by Chairman James Bentzel, Jr. Also present were Mr. Williams, Mr. Thomassy, Mr. Woodmansee, and Ms. Smith, WMTA; Mr. Horvatinovic, Manager; Diana Young, Engineer; and Attorney John Baranski, Solicitor.

PUBLIC COMMENT, QUESTIONS: Steve and Karen Washington and their contractor, Neil Gingerich approached the Board. They are developing a housing project at the intersection of Baker and Taxville rds. and wanted to discuss the installation of water lines to the development. They asked what route the water lines would take when extended to their property and what size piping would be required. One section of the proposed line would only be extended to two houses and asked if they could reduce the size of the line to 2". Mr. Bentzel pointed out that the Authority expected that this line would be extended in the future to service the possible development of the Steidler Farm – but that the Authority would pay for the upsizing of the line required for the development of the Steidler property. The Washingtons described the location of the lines and possible other properties that could be serviced by the line. Other possibilities for cost reductions of the new water lines were also discussed.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Thomassy to approve the minutes of January 15, 2025 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion was approved 5-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Cash:

Cash Balance **1/01/2026** **\$515,764.53**

Account Balances: **1/31/2026**

PNC Money Market	\$	2,563,740.53	
PNC Checking	\$	25,000.00	\$ 2,588,740.53
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Escrow Funds \$ 68,379.76

Available Balance **1/31/2026** **\$ 2,520,360.77**

Capital Reserve Fund

PLGIT Balance **1/01/2026** **\$ 1,656,927.88**

Interest **\$5,327.62**

Purchases		--
Fees		--
PLGIT Balance	1/31/2026	\$1,662,255.50

JANUARY 2026 Profit/Loss

Income:

Cellular Tower Rental	\$	9,083.08	
Water Revenue	\$	46,124.32	
Penalty	\$	770.04	
Interest	\$	66.65	
WMT Hydrant Collections	\$	25,100.00	
Total Income:			\$ 81,144.09
Total Expenses:			\$ 134,054.46
Net Income/(Loss):	1/31/2026		\$ (52,910.37)

MOTION was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. **MOTION** was approved 5-0.

MANAGER’S REPORT

1. Control Systems 21 will be looking at Well 9 emergency generator which is not calling when it runs.
2. Gingerich is planning to add valves on hydrants on Basswood and Redwood next week.
3. Interview scheduled to hire new meter reader.
4. A pipe had frozen and water was heard running in an unoccupied house. A neighbor let John into the house and he was able to turn off the water.
5. John and Steve attended a class on hydrant and main repair. The instructor does hydrant surveys and the John is interested in doing one for our system,
6. He has developed a list of 4” lines throughout the system.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

1. Ms. Young stated that she has been told that the developer of the property on Baker Rd is not interested in adding laterals at our expense when installing water lines to their development.
2. The flood plain project has been resurrected, and Dover Twp. wants the easement to be executed.
3. She asked if the contract for the line enlargements has been executed. The Chairman said that it was not and that he is waiting for additional information.
4. She has not heard any recent news regarding the PFA funds distribution.
5. A new, complete map of the system is being developed. She unfurled a copy; asked questions about the desired size; and stated that she was still checking for errors.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Baranski stated that the sale of the telecom leases has been finalized and the payment received. He also stated that he expects to hear soon from the attorney working on payments from the PFA settlement.

a. DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- i. **Transition Planning:** No new information.
- ii. **Building Modifications:** Work has mostly been completed. Missy described what she thought the general work for the next phase should include – basically gutting the existing office.
- iii. **Plans for Water System expansion project(s):** Mr. Horvatinovic stated that the one-page form that he provided to the Board includes all the information that he has regarding applications, forms, and schedules applicable to new customers.
- iv. **Status of October 2025 hydrant valve project:** Covered in the Manager's report.
- v. **Necessary work needed:** The Board discussed various system improvements including "sensaphones" to monitor 4 new well sites; a new check reader; and a new van may be needed since the old van has 90,000 miles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Motion to approve, disapprove, table, or take other action regarding the offer by the State of Pennsylvania to award grant funds to upsize existing pipes on Maple and/or Linden Roads:** **MOTION** by Mr. Thomassy and seconded by Mr. Williams to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract accepting the construction grant from the State of Pennsylvania after approval by the Solicitor and finding that the contract meets all requirements. Motion approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **MOTION to authorize the Engineer to develop bidding and construction documents:** **MOTION** by Mr. Bentzel, second by Mr. Woodmansee to authorize the Engineer to develop bid specifications and documents for repair work at well #6, construction of new contact tank at well #6; and for replacing undersized lines on selected streets. Motion approved 4-0 with Mr. Thomassy abstaining.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MOTION by Mr. Bentzel, second by Mr. Thomassy to authorize William Reichart to replace pump at well #6 with a new one that includes a Variable Frequency Drive. Motion was approved 5-0.

REVIEW OF PUMPING RECORDS: Pumping records were presented and reviewed.

PAYMENT OF JANUARY/FEBRUARY BILLS: Bills received since the last meeting were reviewed. **MOTION** was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve bills through February 19, 2026 totaling \$181,494.65 with Mr. Thomassy to check on "Water Rents" bill for \$44,120.73. **MOTION** was approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm by Chairman Bentzel

Respectfully submitted,

W. Lee Woodmansee, Secretary