

BOARD APPROVED
DATE 3-17-2026

**WYOMING VALLEY SANITARY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the WVSA Plant located in Hanover Township, PA.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Guesto, Chairperson

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Mr. Latinski, Secretary

Members

Mike Belusko(via phone)
James Blandina
Dante Bovani, Jr.
Shawn Brown(via phone)
Joseph Chernouskas

Gerald Cross
Anthony Glazenski
Samuel T. Guesto Jr.
Robert Jacobs
Rick Kamus

Phillip Latinski
Joseph Mazur
John Morgan
David Stochla
Thomas Wall(via phone)

Members Excused

Bob Linskey

Others Present

Andy Reilly
Samantha Albert, P.E.
Barry Motsko
Paul Keating
Bill Buckman

Atty. William T. Finnegan Jr.
Kim Philbin
Wendy Graves
Jeff Colella
Tim Pappas

Ron Filippini
Atty. Kelly Bray
Jim Zarra

IV. Announcements

Mr. Guesto notified everyone that the meeting was being electronically recorded. Any citizen wishing to address the Board was asked to give their name and address prior to addressing the Board.

Mr. Guesto announced that the Board met prior to the meeting to discuss litigation.

Mr. Cross made a motion to amend Township of Hanover Stormwater Municipal Savings Account from \$26,551.00 to \$26,581.00 on section XVI. of Agenda to correct typographical error.
Seconded by Mr. Morgan.
Motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Comment Period

Mr. Filipinni addressed the Board with his concerns over the Stormwater Fee relative to his vacant property in Plains Township, Jeff Colella updated Board on actions taken to address Mr. Filipinni's questions.

VI. Approval of WVSA January 20, 2026 Regular Board Minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Morgan.
Seconded by Mr. Bovani.
Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Approval of WVSA February 5, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Mazur.
Seconded by Mr. Morgan.
Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Community Relations Committee Report

Mr. Chernouskas, Chairperson

- A. Mr. Chernouskas made a motion to approve one-year retainer contract with Coal Creative effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027 with a retainer of 72 hours per year at a cost of \$960.00 per month and any additional hours beyond the retainer at \$160.00 per hour for the graphic design of quarterly inserts, signage at WVSA project sites, and literature for municipalities and events.
Seconded by Mr. Blandina.
Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Stormwater Committee Report

Mr. Cross, Chairperson

- A. Mr. Cross made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for Stonewood Landshaping, Inc. for a deduct amount of \$13,189.60 to adjust for final quantities of work completed on the Wyoming Valley Mall Stormwater Basin Retrofit Project, Contract No. 2025-21.
Seconded by Mr. Latinski.
Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Mr. Cross made a motion to approve proposal from Center for Watershed Protection in an amount not to exceed of \$8,636.00 to provide annual required MS4 training for WVSA's Stormwater Program member municipalities.
Seconded by Mr. Morgan.
Motion carried unanimously.

X. Operations and Infrastructure Committee Report
Mr. Morgan, Chairperson

- A. Mr. Morgan made a motion to enter into an agreement with Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$358,000.00 to provide professional services including preliminary and final design, agency permitting, public bidding, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation coordination, and funding application assistance for the Sans Souci Parkway Force Main Replacement Phase 2 as included in Wastewater Capital Budget line item No. 20-4315-026 subject to approval of Solicitor and Chief Technical Officer.
Seconded by Mr. Latinski.
Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Mr. Morgan made a motion to enter into an agreement with Hazen & Sawyer for an amount not to exceed \$49,455.00 for providing professional services related to odor control monitoring, evaluation, and odor control equipment recommendations at outplant sites including pump stations and junction chambers and at the wastewater treatment plant as included in Wastewater Capital Budget line item No. 20-4115-026 subject to approval of Solicitor and Chief Technical Officer.
Seconded by Mr. Mazur.
Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve purchase of two (2) Taskmaster Grinders, Model TM14032 from Franklin Miller, Inc. for installation at Pump Station No. 9B and a spare for a total price of \$74,580.00 included in Wastewater Capital Budget Line Item No. 20-4301-026.
Seconded by Mr. Glzenski.
Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve rebuild of Aerzen aeration train blower, Model No. GM-150S, to be completed by Aerzen USA Corporation for a price of \$40,817.25 as included in Wastewater Capital Budget Line Item No. 20-4102-026.
Seconded by Mr. Bovani.
Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Mr. Morgan made a motion to extend the contract with JCI Jones Chemical, Inc. for one (1) year effective March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027 to purchase liquid chlorine at an agreed upon price of \$1,983.00 per ton which represents a 3% increase from last years' contract.
Seconded by Mr. Blandina.
Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Mr. Morgan made a motion to authorize the preparation of plans/specifications and advertise for bids for WVSA Project #01-26 Spare Aeration Drop Fabrications as included in Wastewater Capital Budget line item No. 20-4109-026.
Seconded by Mr. Bovani.
Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Mr. Morgan made a motion to authorize the preparation of plans/specifications and advertise for bids for WVSA Project #04-26 Aeration Tank #3 "Dog Bone" Joint Rehabilitation" as included in Wastewater Capital Budget Line Item No. 20-4106-026.
Seconded by Mr. Mazur.
Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Mr. Morgan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 3 of 2026, authorizing the Board Chair or Chief Executive Officer to approve and sign any and all documents relative to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's request for a temporary construction easement for the Water Street Bridge Project, City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and approve the consideration of \$10,600.00 for said easement.
Seconded by Mr. Bovani.
Motion carried unanimously.
- I. Mr. Morgan made a motion to authorize the preparation of plans/specifications and advertise for bids for WVSA Project #02-26 for Blower Building #3 MCC Replacement Project as included in Wastewater Capital Budget Line Item No. 20-4111-026.
Seconded by Mr. Mazur.
Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve purchase of an Allen Bradley Centerline Motor Control Center from Schaedler Yesco and associated power cables and electrical materials from Cooper Electric for Blower Building No. 3 for a total price not to exceed \$180,000.00 as included in Wastewater Capital Budget Line Item No. 20-4110-026.
Seconded by Mr. Mazur.
Motion carried unanimously.

K. Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for Pioneer Construction Company, Inc. in an amount of \$18,545.50 for the Sans Souci Parkway Force Main Replacement Phase 1 Project, Contract No. General Construction for additional excavation and site work completed to locate the WWSA 24-inch PCCP force main crossing.
Seconded by Mr. Glzenski.
Motion carried unanimously.

L. Mr. Morgan made a motion to enter into an agreement with Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. for amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for providing Geographic Information System (GIS) services to support continued development of WWSA's GIS database subject to approval of Solicitor and Chief Technical Officer.
Seconded by Mr. Bovani.
Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Personnel Committee Report

Mr. Wall, Chairperson

A. Mr. Wall made a motion to authorize the proper officials to extend an offer of employment to a full-time Data Processing Clerk contingent on satisfactory results of Drug and Alcohol testing and Background Check.
Seconded by Mr. Morgan.
Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Payment of Operating Budget Bills.

Mr. Cross, Finance Chairperson

Mr. Cross made a motion to approve payment of the Operating Budget Bills as accrued and expended as of February 2026 Board Report:

• Sanitary-	\$835,539.18
• EFT Sanitary-	\$195,534.67
• Stormwater-	\$80,591.54
• Total for Operating Budget Bills-	\$1,111,665.39

Seconded by Mr. Latinski.
Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Payment of Capital Budget Bills.

Mr. Cross, Finance Chairperson

Mr. Cross made a motion to approve payment of the Capital Budget Bills as accrued and expended as of February 2026 Board Report:

- Sanitary- \$298,585.19
- Stormwater- \$63,002.46
- Total for Capital Budget Bills- **\$361,587.65**

Seconded by Mr. Mazur.

Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Payment of Special Project Bills.

Mr. Cross, Finance Chairperson

A. Mr. Cross made a motion to approve payment of the Stormwater Special Project Bills, M&T Line of Credit as accrued and expended as of February 2026 Board Report: **\$27,666.33**

Seconded by Mr. Morgan.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Mr. Cross made a motion to approve payment of the Sanitary Special Project Bills as accrued and expended as of February 2026 Board Report for the Sans Souci Force Main Project: **\$144,274.98**

Seconded by Mr. Morgan.

Motion carried unanimously.

XV. Payment of Cash Refunds.

Mr. Cross, Finance Chairperson

Mr. Cross made a motion to approve payment of the Cash Refunds as requested in the February 2026 Board Report:

- Sanitary- \$4,248.68
- Stormwater- \$57.12
- Total for Cash Refunds- \$4,305.80

Seconded by Mr. Belusko.

Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. Payment of Stormwater Municipal Savings.

Mr. Cross, Finance Chairperson

Motion to approve payment from the Stormwater Municipal Savings Account to the Township of Pittston in the amount of \$23,630.78, the Township of Hanover in the amount of \$26,581.00, the Township of Wilkes-Barre in the amount of \$80,714.70, the Borough of Hughestown in the amount of \$13,515.00, the City of Wilkes-Barre in the amount of \$419,217.09 and the Township of Jenkins in the amount of \$45,955.00 for a total of **\$609,613.57**.

Seconded by Mr. Bovani.

Motion carried unanimously.

XVII. Old Business

None.

XVIII. New Business

Mr. Guesto requested Mr. Keating to supply Mr. Filippini with the 2024 Audit.

XIX. The next meeting of the Board is Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

XX. Adjourn

Motion made by Mr. Morgan.

Seconded by Mr. Bovani.

Motion carried unanimously.