

**SUMMIT AUTHORITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING
MAY 8, 2025**

The Summit Authority meeting was held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at the Summit Township Municipal Building, 502 Bonniebrook Road, Butler, PA. The meeting was informational only and no decisions were made due to a lack of quorum.

CALL TO ORDER

David Barry called the informational meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All people stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Authority members present were David Barry and Brad Badali. Members absent were Rick Green, Larry Osche, and Robert Thompson. Also present were the Authority Secretary, Roxann Stickney and Authority engineer, Drew Null. There was no public present.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

There was no public present.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Due to lack of quorum, the April 10, 2025 meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer, Drew Null, presented the attached report.

Financing options for the Authority treatment plant Phase I and PA American Water Company bulk customer options were research.

The most feasible option for the Authority's treatment plant is the former ball field on Herman Road.

PA American most feasible bulk customer option the Ziegler Avenue location.

Financing options for Phase II will be presented at the next meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer, Roxann Stickney, presented the following report.

There were no deposits or disbursements. The account balance is \$216,039.68.

The treasurer report was not approved due to a lack of quorum.

INVOICES APPROVAL

No invoices were presented for approval due to a lack of quorum.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public present.

ADJOURNMENT

The informational meeting ended at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roxann L. Stickney, Secretary

NEXT REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 12, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.



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ENGINEER'S REPORT

TO: Summit Township Authority Board
DATE: May 8, 2025
FROM: L. J. Lennon, Jr., P.E.
D. I. Null, P.E.
S. O. NO.: 675-001
cc: File
SUBJECT: **May 2025 Meeting**

1. Project Design

- A. **Permitting:** PADEP provided the draft NPDES Part I Permit on April 21, 2025. This is observed as advertised in the May 3, 2025 edition of the Pennsylvania Bulletin commencing the 30-day public comment period.

Status of project related permits is identified below.

Permit Name	Permit Number	Issued Date	Expiration Date
PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP)	10025415	March 15, 2023	March 22, 2026
PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP)	10025419	March 12, 2023	March 22, 2026
Butler County Conservation District General Permit	GP-041000221-004 GP-051000221-022 GP-081000221-011	March 4, 2022	Does not expire.
NPDES Part 1 (Discharge Permit)	PA0272043	December 2, 2019	December 31, 2024 (Administratively Extended)
PaDEP Individual NPDES for Discharges of Stormwater During Construction	PAD100019	August 2, 2023	August 1, 2028
PaDEP Water Quality Management Part II	1024401	May 7, 2024	May 7, 2029

- B. **Project Easements:** Exhibits have been drafted and issued to the Solicitor for agreement preparation. Listing included 471 properties, it was determined that 327 properties require easements. Public Meeting be scheduled after a funding alternative is selected such that a conceptual user rate can be determined. **No change this month.**

- C. **Pennsylvania American Water Company Bulk Treatment:** LSSE attended the introductory meeting with PAWC representatives on February 4, 2025. Options for PAWC to serve Authority as a bulk customer through the BASA system were discussed. PAWC advised that the Authority would be responsible for any costs required to upgrade the BASA/PAWC system. **PAWC Sewer Service Information Request was received at the April 10, 2025 Meeting.** In addition, it was determined that an Authority owned and operated lift station is required to convey sewage to PAWC for all options. PAWC provided three (3) options described as follows:

1. **Option 1: Interconnection – Ziegler Lift Station.** This option requires conveyance to the Ziegler Lift Station including capital improvements to the lift station and upsizing of the existing discharge force main. PAWC advised that this option would only be feasible if gravity flow from Summit is achievable. Upon review, it is noted that gravity flow is not achievable. This option is not being reviewed for funding alternative comparison.

Engineer
best option
recommendation
2.

Option 2: Interconnection – New Summit Township Lift Station. This option requires conveyance to the PAWC collection system located near the intersection of Ziegler Avenue and Kaufman Drive. PAWC conditioned that this option would require design review of proposed peak flows. This option is being reviewed for funding alternative comparison.

3. **Option 3: Interconnection – Monroe Street Lift Station.** This option requires conveyance to the Monroe Lift Station located beyond the point of connection proposed for Option 2. This alignment would require assessment of restrictions including stream crossing, highway occupancy, railroad crossing and Freeport Trail. This option is not being reviewed for funding alternative comparison.

- D. **WTP Site Relocation – Stutz Road:** Following discussion at the March Meeting, plant location alternative for Stutz Road was reviewed and is being for funding alternative comparison.

2. Project Funding

- A. **PENNVEST:** PENNVEST advised of application requirements on January 9, 2025. Following the meeting with Butler Township, PENNVEST was advised that the Authority will not be making application for the February 5, 2025 Application Cut-Off. PENNVEST Board Meeting Dates and Application Cut-off Deadlines were published and are noted below:

Application Cut-Off Dates	Board Meeting Dates
July 30, 2025	October 15, 2025
October 29, 2025	January 21, 2026
February 4, 2026	April 15, 2026
April 29, 2026	TBD

Application, permits, Act 537 Plan and PADEP review including any modifications are required prior to the application cut-off date. These are subject to change after a funding alternative is selected.

PENNVEST advised that proof of agreement for other funding sources is required to be submitted at the time of application cut-off date.

- B. **FY2025 Community Project Funding:** *Congressman Kelley FY 2025 Appropriations: Kelley's office advised on June 28, 2024 that the project was included in the FY25 Interior Appropriations Bill for funding in the amount of \$750,000.00. Project is listed in the FY2025 U.S. Congress Committee spending items. Authority was advised on March 20, 2025 that congress passed a Continuing Resolution which included a lack of any funding for FY 2025 Appropriations. Authority was advised that the FY2026 funding round was opened for resubmission of projects selected for the FY2025 funding round. As directed by the Authority, application was not submitted due to timing and limited funding previously awarded.*
- C. **2024 PA DCED Statewide Local Share Account Program:** *Applications were submitted in November 2024 to request funding for Phase I and Phase II project. PENNVEST recently advised applicants that funding award is anticipated in September 2025.*
- D. **Overall Funding Alternatives Projection:** *LSSE is preparing a project for review with Board. A sample operating budget is included with the projection. Draft was provided for review with Board at the February and March Meetings. Updated projections are attached for review and discussion.*