

POINT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

March 12, 2026

The Point Township Sewer Authority held its regular scheduled meeting at the Point Township Municipal Building on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Board members present, Robert N Sulouff, Robert T Sulouff, Randy Yoxheimer (7:05) and Jared Wehry. Karl Bettleyon is absent. Also, present; are Attorney Richard Shoch, Authority employees; Fran McGovern arrived at 7:18, Donald Troxell, Michele Cope and Engineer Todd Pysher.

Regular Business

R N Sulouff called the March 12, 2026, regular meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Wehry made a motion to approve the January 8, 2026 minutes. R T Sulouff second. Motion passed with four (3) votes, two (2) absent.

Cope went over the bills noting a few of the larger out of the ordinary bills. The bill from Site Specific, grinder repairs, is on the list. We will be reimbursed by the homeowners. The total for all bills is \$37,815.54 (thirty-seven thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars and fifty-four cents). R T Sulouff made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Wehry second; the motion passed with four (4) votes, one (1) absent.

Public Comment

- No public comment.

System Maintenance - NEW

Troxell reported:

- There were problems at the Spruce Hollow pump station. He was called out on February 20th and 22nd, due to a failed pump. Orchard pumps came in as well as Bob Stauder who make adjustments which straightened everything out.
- There was a stalled pump at the Ridge Road station due to debris, removed and working.

Old Business

- Ridge Rd PS Control Board – McGovern stated that Troxell will receive a call tomorrow.
- Rt 11 Main Repairs – Nothing new to Report. We are waiting on the weather to finish up the televising the mains.

Engineers Report – NEW

- Pysher stated that he met with Wehry and Yoxheimer on Lahr's Rd. The Township is having drainage issues in a specific area. The Township is looking into doing the drainage on Lahr's Road. Since this drainage needs done, now is the time to look into sewer. WBRA has a staff engineer that they farm out. There is work that needs done such as surveying, design work which needs done up front. The grants should be applied for. If the State decides to put their new facility in the area, then sewer would be available. Discussion ensued. Yoxheimer made a motion to allow the engineer to approach West Branch Regional Authority's design / engineering staff to come up with an estimate of cost to have it done and an estimate for a fly over. Wehry second. Motion passed with 4 (four) votes and 1 (one) absent. Yoxheimer made a motion to have WBRA come and identify manholes and do some camera work on Rt 405. Wehry second. Motion passed with 4 (four) votes, 1 (one) absent.

Old Business

- Rt 405 Relining – McGovern / Mr. Rehab – Per McGovern this will be completed in the spring
- Rt 11 Force Main Phase III – The meeting with the Borough got cancelled, Cope will reschedule.
- Rt 405 Paving & Manholes – Nothing new to report
- Small Water & Stream Grant – Not awarded.
- LSA Grant Application – Nothing new to report (Submitted November 2025)
- CCTV Investigations – Nothing has been done due to the weather. Cope will email WBRA.
- Blue Hill Sewer Main - Pysher stated that everything is moving along. WBRA will be starting the work in the next week or so.
- PennDOT Maintenance Yard – Nothing new to report. Yoxheimer will talk to Peters asking him to talk to Representative Schlegel.

Solicitors Report - NEW

Richard Shoch reported.

- Township Agreement – The initial agreement was presented last month. Right now, the Township is looking into an acceptable hourly rate. There are different rates due to the employee's normal hourly rates. Wehry is looking into an hourly rate for equipment. R T Sulouff suggested that we make it simpler by stating the Authority reimburse the Township for the cost of the employee. Why go through this every year when they get an increase in pay. Discussion ensued.
- Feaster Agreement – Shoch said he hasn't gotten to it yet

Old business

- Nottingham Area Repair – Nothing new to report

Secretary / Treasurer New Business

- Cope reported that both the February bank statements have balanced. Revenue collected in February was \$186,485.21 (one hundred eighty-six thousand four hundred eighty-five dollars and twenty-one cents).
- Delinquent Accounts - Portnoff Collected – \$2,347.65
- Delinquent Accounts – Cope mailed 74 new notices. Cope noted on the notices that if it goes unpaid, they will either be sent to collection, have their water shut off or have the sewer lateral disconnected.

Old Business

- Cope stated that the Township doesn't want to have a locked mailbox. There is still an issue with the mail being place on the counter and I'm not aware of it. Wehry said he suggested at the very least, a drop box in front of my door. Clay Rowe stated that the checks should not be handled by the Township just in case they go missing. Shoch suggested putting the mail in the Township office, Cope said she initially asked for a hanging folder to be placed there. Yoxheimer said placing a plastic hanging folder in the hallway next to the Roadmaster's would be an easy fix.
- QuickBooks Training – Nothing new – Cope will contact her plus see if the Townships new Secretary Treasurer would like to attend.

Chairman - New Business

- Rt 11 – New Business Sewer – There was a discussion regarding the location where Governor Shapiro has pledged over 5 million dollars. Per Yoxheimer, they will be doing an on-lot septic system.
- Grinder Agreement - R T Sulouff stated that we have an agreement from 2014 regarding the personal grinders. Last month we discussed the homeowner's grinder pumps and how they should be handled if they need repairs. According to the agreement the homeowner owns the grinder and is responsible for the repairs / replacement. R N Sulouff stated that we have a legal document and there is no reason to change it. He said look at the delinquent list, we can't be funding repairs for grinders, that's on the property owner. Any calls that come in we will tell them to contact a plumber. Yoxheimer said we should send a new grinder agreement out to the customers as a reminder. Yoxheimer made a motion to allow Shoch to check at the county, on all the people who have a signed grinder pump agreement, to resend them, so they understand their responsibility. Wehry second. Motion passed with 4 (four) votes 1 (one) absent. Discussion ensued regarding the people who have grinders prior to 2014 and new grinder connections.
- Meetings outside of the monthly – R N Sulouff stated that everyone that attends the meetings will be getting paid by the sewer and would like to discuss board members getting paid. R N Sulouff said he doesn't get PTO at work. Yoxheimer said if he doesn't want to take off without pay then send R T Sulouff. The Authority doesn't pay for members to attend meetings. Cope stated that Montie Peters used to get paid. Yoxheimer said that was because he was doing a lot of paperwork for the Lithia Springs projects loan.
- Jean Smith was in attendance to present the Authority's yearly insurance quote. Smith stated that we should have a valuation of the pump stations done that way we know if we have adequate coverage. Yoxheimer made a motion to engage MIB to value our pump stations, not to exceed \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars). Wehry second. Motion passed with 4 (four) votes 1 (one) absent. Smith stated the insurance went up about 24% due to 3 claims in the past 2 (two) years and the overall insurance market has risen. There was a lengthy discussion covering the policies.

Old Business

- Manhole on Peters Road – Nothing new
- Generator Service – Open item – Bettleyon will check on service.

Motion to adjourn by R T Sulouff at 9:49 PM; second by Wehry.