

Meyersdale Municipal Authority  
Regular Meeting  
February 17, 2026

1. A motion to open the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. was made by Jack, seconded by Sarah, and duly passed.  
Board Members present were Don Anderson (remote), Jack Gauntz, Sarah Jones, Brian Witherite, and Barry Yoder. Solicitor Valentine was present.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Engineer's Report:

Items discussed in the report were as follows: B(1), E, F (1,2,4), G (4) , and Future Well Development.

B(1): A presentation outlining the results of the Hydraulic Evaluation and Capital Planning was given to the MMA on 01/20/26 and a task order (#7) to begin the next phase of the design was presented during the workshop on 02/02/26. This task order is to identify the lines to be replaced within the sewer project.

A motion to approve \$40,000 to proceed with the next phase of the design as outlined in the Corrective Action Plan presented at the 02/02/26 workshop was made by Don Anderson, seconded by Jack, and duly passed.

E: An informational mailer was updated and sent to state and federal representatives and senators outlining upcoming projects and grants won and lost.

F(1): Discussed bid opening for the Sherman Street Project held on 02/16/2026 at 10:30 a.m. Low bidder was Snyder Environmental Services, Inc. with a bid of \$363,733.00. A motion was made by Barry to accept the bid , #2025-S-01, submitted by Snyder Environmental Services, Inc. for the sum of \$363,733.00 for the Sherman Street Sewer Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Jack and duly passed.

F(2): Working on the environmental reports required by the ACOE for the Keystone Street Project. This project will required a General Permit and comments are being addressed for permit re-submission. Scott Swansinger has requested bi-weekly meetings to review project progress. The next meeting is scheduled for 02/23/2026 at 10:00 a.m. On schedule to have a construction contract in place prior to the end of 2026 as required by the funding agency.(

F(4): EADS is working on a task order for the 2024 PA DCED Local Shard Account Statewide Grant Program.

G(4): EADS assisted in identifying a potential total of 5 leaks on February 9-10, 2026. Terry and crew were able to repair the leaks which resulted in a 200gpm to 150gpm reduction in water flow at the plant. EADS surveyed approximately 80% of the town portion of the distribution system. The remaining areas in town could be surveyed with an additional two days from the leak detection crew.

A motion was made by Barry to identify any leaks remaining in the 20% of the town not surveyed by EADS' Leak Detection Crew. This motion was seconded by Sarah and duly passed.

Future Well Development: An Agreement for the Well Study is attached to the Bid Report.

4. Water/Sewer Report:

New Equipment arrived on 02/10/2026. Brian Witherite, Barry Yoder, Jack Gauntz and Sarah Jones met at the shop on 02/4 or 5, 2026 to discuss purchasing or renting a mini-excavator. It was determined that purchasing was a better option due to cost and availability. As there was a quorum, we agreed to make this purchase. Quotes will be filed in the office for reference.

Sarah made a motion to authorize the purchase of the mini-excavator allowed under the scope of emergency provision with TractorSource for \$18,700. The motion was seconded by Jack and duly passed.

There will be a meeting with DEP on 02/23/2026 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the Filter Plant Evaluation. They had a list of projects with a completion deadline of 02/21/2026. Most have been corrected. It was discovered that we will need a permit to correct the Flow Rate Averaged on the effluent. It was suggested that we file an extension to allow time to obtain the permit and correct the problem.

Due to the large amount of water loss attributed to broken pipes, it is hard to determine who may be running water. An all call went out asking customers to look for any water leaks on their property and inform the MMA. A few calls were received. It was determined that some leaks are coming from abandoned and vacant property, even those that may have already had water shut off. It was suggested by Solicitor Valentine that we create a form for customers that request their water be shut off. He will create a form requiring the homeowner's signature stating that their water is indeed off.

5. Old Business:

A. Handbook:

Discussion to be held in Executive Session.

B. Pressure Testing:

Valentine informed us that the Borough has sold 4 properties in the last month that all need pressure testing. Whether properties contain a building or are vacant, if they have a lateral that isn't capped or pressure tested, it will need to be. There are a total of 8 properties that are on the list.

Solicitor Valentine presented a form to take care of these issues. At one time these forms were part of the Pressure Test Package for buyers, sellers and realtors. Reinstating these forms would take care of these issues.

Jack made a motion to reinstate the Demolished/Vacant Property Pressure Test Form, the Application of Temporary Certificate of Compliance and the Adverse Weather Conditions Form to be included in the Pressure Test Package. The motion was seconded by Don and duly passed.

Brian requested these forms be on the website and distributed to area realtors and Secretary Ackerman.

6. New Business:

A. Bills Paid Report/Profit & Loss /Bank Account

A motion to accept the Bills Paid Report as presented was made by Don, seconded by Jack, and duly passed.

B. Approval of January 6, 2026 Workshop/Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the January 6, 2026 meeting minutes was made by Barry, seconded by Jack, and duly passed.

C. Approval of January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes was made by Jack, seconded by Sarah, and duly passed.

D. Emergency Action Equipment Purchase

Covered under Water/Sewer Report.

E. Bids for Sherman Street Project

Covered under Engineering Report.

F. Bank Signature Cards

Brian made a motion to add Sarah and Jack as authorized signers on the bank account at FNB and Somerset Trust. The motion was seconded by Don and duly passed.

G. Approval of the Audit

A motion to approved the audit as presented was made by Don, seconded by Barry, and duly passed.

A motion was made by Barry to allow Board Members and the Business Office electronic access to the FNB account. The motion was seconded by Jack and duly approved.

7. Solicitor's Report

A. G.I. Day Room is making progress but it looks like they may not make the deadline.

B. Car Wash has completed inside pressure testing and has paid for a curve box. They still need to hook-up the water. Bri to send letter.

C. 207 North St. – Solicitor Valentine has been dealing with Fannie Mae on this property. If this line is compromised, they will need to contact Terry and the office to determine where they can connect to the main line to do the pressure testing.

D. Windmills – Expecting a new lease agreement which will provide for revenue sharing and compensation for right-of-way.

E. School Board – They have agreed to everything and will get the Pressure Testing done before they use the building.

F. A buyer from New Jersey has purchased to properties that were mortgage foreclosures. His intent is to resell these properties. He is will not be able to resell with out pressure testing. This also impacts properties sold in Sheriff's Sales. This impacts approximately 10 properties in our area.

Motion to pause the Public Meeting and go into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. Don, by seconded by Sarah, and duly passed.

Motion to leave the Executive Session at 9:34 p.m. and go into the Public Meeting was made by Don, seconded by Brian, and duly passed.

A motion to adjourn the Public Meeting at 9:36 p.m. was made by Barry, seconded by Jack, and duly passed.

  
Sarah Jones Board Secretary

3-17-26  
Date