

Meyersdale Municipal Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2026

- 1) Meeting was called to order and opened at 6:00pm. Motion was made to open the meeting my Don Anderson, seconded by Jack Gauntz. Motion carried. Board members in attendance were Don Anderson, Brian Witherite, Sarah Jones, Jack Gauntz and Barry Yoder. Solicitor Marc Valentine was present.

- 2) Public Comment

Tara Holiday of Mosholder Insurance gave a presentation explaining our insurance coverage and renewal cost for the period beginning April 1, 2026 – April 1, 2027. Coverage has been adjusted for inflation. We will be adding coverage for new equipment purchased in February. Due to changes in personnel, Workers Comp insurance will be adjusted to reflect changes in salaries. The current invoice amount is \$43,014. A new invoice will be presented at the April Workshop. Since there are no fees, the Board has will be billed quarterly.

Katy Hutzell presented a water bill for Dr. Charles Bolden. It was determined that a broken pipe caused the leak and no water entered the sewer system. Therefore, in accordance with current policy, a motion to forgive the sewer portion of the bill (\$2,213.27) was made by Sarah Jones, seconded by Don Anderson. Motion carried.

- 3) Engineer Report

- B. Consent Order and Agreement

EADS has begun reviewing CCTV and smoke and dye records to determine which lines are in immediate need of replacement as per Task Order #7. Task Order #8, Phase I Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project was provided prior to tonight's meeting for review and discussion.

EADS is coordinating with PennVest to schedule a required planning consultation meeting. PennVest also provided a meeting questionnaire which EADS will complete.E

- E. State Rep, Carl Walker Metzgar and State Senator Pat Stefano

Updated mailer is being prepared for state and federal representatives and senators.

- F. Funding Programs for Infrastructure

- 1) Sherman Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement contract was awarded to Snyder Environmental Services, In, with a bid of \$363,733.00. Notice to proceed was issued on March 10th for a May 17, 2026 construction start date.

- 2) Current US Army Corp of Engineers Section 313 Funding. Work is being done on environmental reports required by the ACOE. On schedule to have construction contract in place prior to the end of 2026 as required by the funding agency.
- 3) Future US Army Corps of Engineers Section 313 Funding. Brian to follow up.
- 4) 2024 PA DCED Local Share Account Statewide Grant Program. EADS provided Task Order #9 pertaining to the 7th Ave Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project prior to today's meeting for review and discussion.

G. Water System Operation

- 2) Waterline Crossing at Flaugherty Creek Below Well 96-1. PA DEP is requiring follow-up with submission of a General Permit Application. The General Permit Application was submitted on January 7, 2026. PA DEP then issued a request for additional information which EADS will provide.
- 4) Leak Testing. EADS assisted in identifying 5 leaks on February 9 and 10 resulting in a reduced flow demand at the plant from approximately 200 gpm to 150 gpm. They returned the last week of February and identified more leaks which were repaired reducing the flow demand to approximately 100 gpm.

H. Future Well Development. An agreement for the Well Study was presented at the February 17th meeting. There is a DEP grant program to provide engineering support to Public Water Systems to evaluate and develop new groundwater sources. The DEP Professional Engineering Services Program would fund this study with little to no cost.

J. Somerset County SR219 Utility Verification. PennDOT's request for utility verification was forwarded to EADS on February 26, 2026. EADS has identified a sewer line that is in the project area and are reviewing the water system mapping. The response to is due by March 28.

K. Chapter 94 Report. EADS is preparing this report which is due by March 31, 2026.

4. Water/Sewer Report

Brian researched storage container to house seasonal equipment. He recommended Versa Vault Mobile Storage out of Mt. Pleasant. A used 40 ft, 2 door unit would cost between \$2800-3400 with a \$300 delivery fee. Delivery would be 1-2 weeks.

Barry made a motion to purchase a 40 ft unit from Versa Vault for up to \$3400 plus \$300 delivery fee, Jack seconded. Motion carried.

5. Old Business

A. Security Cameras. Discussion was had about providing cameras for up on the mountain, well sites and the MMA building. Brian is taking the lead to get a few quotes and come back to the Board with recommendations.

- B. Ball Field. The MMA still owns the ball field. The have yet to provide their 501C and by-laws. We cannot sign the property over until we have this info. The issue has been dragging on for almost 3 years.
- C. Time Clock. Discussion was held regarding the prior approved motion to purchase and install a time clock. A motion was made by Barry to rescind the installation of a time clock, seconded by Jack. Motion carried.
- D. Field House. MASD has to have their field house pressure tested before use. Marc informed us they should be calling any day to schedule this testing to be done by our people.
- E. 303 Front St., Minnick. The MMA sent info to our insurance company to pertaining damage and personal property loss due to a basement flooding. The insurance company came back claiming no coverage under the Tort Claim Act.
- F. Status of Smoke and Dye Compliance. Marc will be looking at where we are before the next round of letters go out. Will also be looking a the lead and copper. Will be sending out a uniform packet.

6. New Business

- A, Bills Paid Report/Profit & Loss Report/Bank Account. A motion was made by Sarah to approve the report, seconded by Barry. Motion carried.
- B. Approval of March 3, 2026 Workshop Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve was made by Barry, seconded by Don. Motion carried.
- C. Approval of the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve was made by Don, seconded by Jack. Motion carried.
- D. Chris Arnold Property at 217, 221, 223 Center St. It was determined that replacing lines and pressure testing is his responsibility.

7. Solicitors Report.

Added language to handbook. Located the Commonwealth vacation chart. Plan to discuss at the next workshop.

The Flood Control set the right of ways years ago for future projects and maintenance. Consequently, the Army Corps of Engineers has the right of way to cross MMA property.

There are currently 18 properties needing pressure testing.

A motion was made at 7:58 pm to go into Executive Session by Jack, seconded by Don. Motion carried. A motion was made at 8:49 pm to go out of Executive Session by Don, seconded by Sarah. Motion carried. A motion was made to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:50pm by Barry, seconded by Don.


Sarah Jones Board Secretary

5-5-26
Date