

REGULAR MEETING

February 17, 2026

6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of the Municipal Authority of the City of Sunbury, County of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, was called to order Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:05 pm at the Municipal Authority Administrative Building, 462 South Fourth Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

The following were in attendance:

Norman Koch, Chairman
Thomas McBryan, Vice Chairman
Cory Fasold, Secretary/Treasurer via phone
David Persing, Asst Secretary/Treasurer
Thomas Krieger, Board Member
Jerome Alex, Board Member
Todd Kerstetter, Solicitor
Derrick Backer, General Manager
Brian Michaels, Water Department Manager
Kathy Paige, Recording Secretary
Julie Brosius, Public
Madison Mullen, Public

Chairman Koch called the meeting to order and Tom McBryan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Chairman Koch invited Julie Brosius and Madison Mullen to address the Board. Madison Mullen introduced herself as the newest member of the Shade Tree Commission. Julie Brosius introduced herself as a member of the Shade Tree Commission. Madison stated the Shade Tree Commission is planning on taking care of the elm trees that are next to the tennis court. 5 of those trees have already been dedicated to being planted around the pond and they are looking to get approval to plant the rest of the trees around the pond and replace a couple of the trees around the playground that fell during the storm last year. Julie asked how the Commission can get the planting done because the trees are up near the pool and tennis courts behind the toilet area. They have been planted there for about 2 years. Julie asked the Municipal Authority for assistance with the relocation of the trees. There is a total of 15 trees that need to be relocated because they are very close together. The Board discussed different options regarding where the trees could be relocated. The Board discussed what property the Municipal Authority owns and what property the City owns. Madison asked if the Municipal Authority could help the Commission pinpoint other areas of the city to plant the trees because the Municipal Authority knows the ins and outs of the drainage infrastructure. Madison explained to the Board that the trees that were chosen are infrastructure friendly. Chairman Koch stated that the Municipal Authority will need to do some research on ownership. Derrick will research ownership and then talk to the Water Department Manager, the Flood Manager, and Sewer Manager about the underground lines and will reach out to Julie and Madison with the findings so they can direct their plans to the appropriate entity.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Dave Persing, it was moved to amend the agenda to add the approval of the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes and discussion of the Rave system.

Chairman Koch presented the regular meeting minutes from January 20, 2026. There being no corrections on motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Tom McBryan, the minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

DISPOSITION OF RECORDS

Chairman Koch discussed Resolution Number 2026-05, Disposition of 2019 Sewer Lab Records. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to approve Resolution Number 2026-05, Disposition of 2019 Sewer Lab records. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Tom Krieger started a discussion on the Municipal Authority's Engineer selection. Tom Krieger had questions about how the decision was made. Tom Krieger stated that the summary discussion from the committee did not involve KPI as the engineer. Tom McBryan stated that it was discussed that Lee will continue to do the engineering for the joint grant funded projects with the city. More discussion ensued about what the Municipal Authority would be liable for with those projects. Derrick stated that part of the concern with KPI is that they outsourced quite a few things to third parties. Tom Krieger stated that CP was the most rounded in terms of design and internal capabilities. The board had a discussion on differences between CP, CES and KPI capabilities.

On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Dave Persing, it was moved to rescind the previous motion for engineering services. Motion carried.

On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to approve CP as the Municipal Authority's main engineer. Motion carried.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Brian reviewed his report and discussed ongoing items since the last meeting.

Brian reported that the Water Department staff fixed a 2-inch galvanized main that was leaking in the 200 block of South River Avenue. The Water Department also fixed a 4-inch main that was leaking in the 100 block of Catawissa Avenue. The Water Department was out at 60 properties in the city for broken meters, frozen pipes, turning water on and off and other things from the cold weather. The Water Department also fixed an 8-inch main in the 400 block of Arch Street on Thursday.

Brian stated the new chemical pump for the potassium permanganate has been installed. Filter evaluations for the first quarter of 2026 were completed.

Brian reported the draft design came back from Schnabel Engineering for the overflow in reservoir #5 and everything looks good in its design. Schnabel submitted the permit to DEP.

Brian also reported that we are getting the Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) award. We will

be receiving the award at the conference at State College.

Brian stated that 4 staff members from the Water Department helped the city with the snowstorm for a total of 159 hours worked and the backhoe was used for a total of 41 hours. The Water Department will be paid for the hours worked by the city.

Brian also reported the Water Department staff helped the office with red tags.

Tom McBryan asked what the plan is to replace the 2-inch galvanized lines. Brian answered that one is replaced every year and it is done in-house. The Municipal Authority will be talking to the city about moving the Arch Street project up on the project list.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Derrick stated that he is reviewing the current handbook and identifying changes or additions that need to be made. Derrick sent the handbook to the handbook committee for review.

Derrick reported that he attended Senator Culver's grand writing seminar for a meet and greet. Derrick spoke to Senator Culver's grant writing specialist about the best way to ask for grants and discussed issues with PENNVEST.

Derrick reported the fluoride permit has been submitted and he's working with Entech on any other information needed. Derrick also stated Act 537 is almost done. He is still waiting for some information from the city to get that completed.

Jerome started a discussion on why there are limited grants and how other entities handle that with bonds and discussed options for the Municipal Authority.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Kerstetter reported that he is working on everyday items such as working on easements for the Susquehanna Avenue project and UGI. Attorney Kerstetter is also reviewing the various agreements between the federal government, state government, the City of Sunbury, and the Municipal Authority regarding flood system responsibilities.

Jerome asked Attorney Kerstetter if the Municipal Authority has insurance coverage for molestation/sexual assault. Cory stated that the insurance company put it in writing that the Municipal Authority does have that coverage but it covers at work and not in the general public. Jerome asked Attorney Kerstetter to review the email from the insurance company because there are still questions on what coverage the Municipal Authority has in regards to molestation/sexual assault.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Jerome Alex, it was moved to accept all reports. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Chairman Koch started a discussion on the hiring of Seth Sebasovich for the Transfer Station

laborer position. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Dave Persing, it was moved to hire Seth Sebasovich for the Transfer Station laborer position. Motion carried.

Derrick is working on scheduling a new meeting to discuss the flood wall/toe drain situation with the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerome started a discussion on the alert system. Jerome stated that the city did not approve the renewal of their alert system and the city pushed it to the Municipal Authority to discuss. Derrick reviewed the contract the Municipal Authority has with Rave, the alert system, and the Municipal Authority can only use it for emergencies. The city would like to use a notification system for events and other things that would be outside the scope of our contract and would be charged separately for it. After some discussion, it was decided that Derrick would call Rave and get some answers to his numerous questions and Jerome will let the city know that the Municipal Authority is looking into it and exploring the option.

Chairman Koch stated that there is new board member training and he is going to see if Mike is interested in the training. He also asked if any other board members are interested in the training.

COMMENTS

The list of expenditures from February 4 – February 17, 2026, was presented for payment. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tom McBryan, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Recording Secretary

Approved:

Chairman