

REGULAR MEETING

February 3, 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 held Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 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
David Persing, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Thomas, Board Member
Jerome Alex, Board Member
Derrick Backer, General Manager
Matthew Billman, Wastewater Department Manager
Patrick Bennett, Solid Waste/Recycling Dept/Flood Dept Manager
Todd Kerstetter, Solicitor
Kathy Paige, Recording Secretary

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Chairman Koch stated that nobody was present for public discussion.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Chairman Koch presented the meeting minutes from January 6, 2026. On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Cory Fasold, the minutes were accepted. Motion carried.

Chairman Koch announced the 2026 Committee Assignments. The Budget and Salary Committee members are Jerome Alex as Chairman, Mike Thomas, Cory Fasold, and Derrick Backer. The Personnel Committee members are Norman Koch as Chairman, Tom Krieger, Dave Persing, and Derrick Backer. The Finance Committee members are Tom McBryan as Chairman, Cory Fasold, Jerome Alex, and Derrick Backer. The Handbook Committee members are Tom Krieger as Chairman, Mike Thomas, Dave Persing, and Derrick Backer. The City Agreement Committee members are Tom McBryan as Chairman, Jerome Alex, Dave Persing, and Derrick Backer. The Department Liaisons will be Jerome Alex for the Water Department, Tom Krieger for the Wastewater Department, Cory Fasold for the Flood Department, Mike Thomas for the Solid Waste/Recycling Department, Norman Koch for the Office, and Tom McBryan and Dave Persing for Health and Welfare. The Officers are Norman Koch as Chairman,

Tom McBryan as Vice Chairman, Cory Fasold as Secretary/Treasurer, and Dave Persing as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Matt reviewed his report and discussed ongoing items since the last meeting. Matt stated that several employees from the Municipal Authority have been assisting the City with plowing and snow removal operations. Everything went pretty smooth.

Matt stated on January 28, 2026, crews completed an emergency dig job on Lombard Street on a sewer lateral and they had another emergency dig job yesterday.

Matt requested approval to replace the tires on the Mack Roll-off. Matt got 3 quotes. The lowest quote was Weaver's Tire Service and the total for all 14 tires is \$5,040. Derrick asked if the Board needs to approve the tire purchase because they are under the bidding threshold, but the cost is just above \$5,000. Chairman Koch stated it would be a maintenance item and the Wastewater Department should let the liaison know about the purchase. Attorney Kerstetter stated that it's fine legally and it's a good idea to call 2-3 places to find the best deal.

Cory asked Matt if we were helping the city with the snow plowing for free. Matt replied that Derrick had an agreement with the city. Derrick stated that the city was paying the Municipal Authority out of their liquid fuels. Derrick stated we kept track of the hours and fuel receipts, and the Municipal Authority will be reimbursed for all our man hours, all our equipment usage, and all our fuel.

Mike asked if the Municipal Authority was insured to use the City's vehicles if an incident happened. Cory stated that it would go through the Municipal Authority's insurance.

On motion of Cory Fasold, seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to purchase the tires for the Mack roll-off. Motion carried.

Matt reported that Derrick, Blake and himself met with Giugi's to introduce the FOG program. It went very well. Giugi's need to do a couple of minor things including a logbook because they currently don't have one. Matt stated that over the next couple of weeks he will be making phone calls and setting up appointments to visit more restaurants. There are 56 businesses in town to contact and set up appointments.

SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, & FLOOD DEPARTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

Pat reviewed the Flood Control Report. Pat stated we are in the same place with flood closure #1 sill replacement and still waiting for the grant award for CDSR 2026.

Pat discussed the ongoing power issues on the northern end of town. It affects the Shikellamy Avenue pump station as well as the Operation Center on Hillside. Pat said that we normally have to call GES out of Harrisburg to reset everything. When GES was here in November, Pat watched the guy reset it and when it happened again in December and January, GES walked Pat through it. Now the reset can be done by the Flood Department. Every call to GES cost \$950. Cory explained the reasoning behind

the power outages and a company was fixing it so hopefully there will be no more power outages.

Pat checked on the Reagan Street heater and was told that it won't be here until March. They are currently using electric heaters.

Pat reported that Randy and Heath will be going to Lock Haven to attend a Spraying class to capture more category credits that they need. Today they were in Watsontown for more credits.

Pat next reviewed the Solid Waste and Recycling Report. Pat reported the tonnage for January was down 396 tons from last year. Overall, due to the cold weather and 1 less business day, the tonnage has dropped immensely. Pat and Derrick had a conversation with Jay Alexander who is consulting with Lycoming. Jay told them that Lycoming will be raising their rates to \$55 a ton which could help the Municipal Authority get some business back, specifically Hometown.

Pat reported the Transfer Station got a \$30,000 CD on January 9th for the bonding. Pat sent that to DEP and DEP sent back more paperwork to fill out and Pat sent that back to them. Pat should have that approval next week and will need it signed and notarized.

Pat reported 1 radiation hit for the month of January. It was deemed medical.

Pat also reported there is an open position at the Transfer Station. There will be interviews conducted on Friday.

Pat also reported another trailer of mixed goods was sold to NH Kelman.

Pat also stated the equipment is holding up with the cold and everything is being parked inside.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Derrick reported that Matt, Todd and himself are working on an agreement with UGI to present to the Board for approval because UGI is planning on replacing lines on the Municipal Authority's property. Todd stated that the Municipal Authority will be asking UGI for curb-to-curb repaving.

Derrick stated we are interviewing people on Friday for the open Transfer Station position and also the Flood Manager position.

Derrick stated the building appraisal will start on March 11th and take about a week to complete. The Municipal Authority should receive the report around the end of May, beginning of June.

Derrick reported he's working with Entech and USDA on Act 537 for the Susquehanna Avenue project. The first draft was submitted and there were some changes that were easy to fix. USDA now has it and we are waiting for their response.

Derrick received the official cost estimate with the flood website into a single website design and the cost is \$5,500 which is cheaper than anticipated so that is getting started.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Dave Persing, it was moved to accept all reports. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Chairman Koch started a discussion on the Engineer selection. Tom McBryan and Mike Thomas were on the committee. Derrick stated interviews were completed and we did a lot of due diligence. It came down to 2 companies, CP Engineering and CES Engineering. Tom and Mike both shared their thoughts on the interviews. Tom feels KPI would be appropriate for the water plant and sewer operations. Tom also stated that linear projects, city street projects that are covered by grant dollars would be handled by Lee. Mike also stated that if there is a separate linear project and it's not tied to grant money, then the Municipal Authority would choose between Lee and KPI, whichever is the better fit for the project. Mike also stated that the Municipal Authority would consider KPI to be our primary engineer. The engineer would not be coming to every Municipal Authority meeting. If something is needed, the Municipal Authority could get a report or have the engineer on the agenda first and they could leave when they are finished.

On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Mike Thomas, it was moved to appoint KPI as the Municipal Authority's primary engineer, CES Engineering on joint linear projects with the City and CP Engineering on an as needed basis. Motion carried.

Derrick informed Tom Krieger by text on the Engineer decision and Tom stated that he would have voted no on the motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Kerstetter stated that he is working on day-to-day projects and currently working on Easements for the Susquehanna Avenue project and UGI.

On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to accept the Solicitor's report. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Derrick started a discussion on the Municipal Authority's insurance coverage. Derrick asked Adam questions about the insurance policy specifically about failure to supply being excluded from the general liability and the public officials coverage and also the sexual abuse molestation. The Board discussed the email answers that Adam supplied and expressed concerns about the current policy and the insurance policy language and what exactly is covered. Chairman Koch stated that Purdy Insurance has always taken care of the Municipal Authority when there have been claims. The Board agreed to get a quote from Keystone Insurance because they have Municipal Authority coverage to see how they compare with what we currently have. Tom McBryan started a discussion addressing capital

improvements in the Municipal Authorities budget for planning purposes. The Board decided to have a budget meeting to discuss capital improvements.

Derrick reminded the Board of the meeting on February 11th at 4:30 with the City regarding the contracts for the flood wall/toe drain situation.

Tom McBryan started a discussion on long-term investments. Tom suggested that the Municipal Authority put \$500,000 into a 20-year treasury bond paying around 4.9%. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Cory Fasold, it was moved to take \$250,000 from the sewer department and \$250,000 from the water department to purchase a \$500,000 20-year Treasury bond paying approximately 4.9%. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerome discussed having a cybersecurity audit done on the Municipal Authority system. Jerome expressed concern about how much security there is on the system. Matt stated that Keystone has addressed issues at the pump stations. The Board will need to find a company that conducts security checkups.

Jerome asked when the last fiscal inventory was completed. Cory stated the accountants should have a depreciation schedule with all the assets and that can be used to compare what we actually have. Jerome stated this should be looked at and asked Derrick to let him know when Tony comes into the office so Jerome could speak with him.

Jerome also asked if the Municipal Authority had any federal funds. Derrick said we don't at this time. Jerome stated that you can't make more than \$500 on interest in a year with federal dollars.

COMMENTS

The list of expenditures from January 21 – February 3, 2026, was presented for payment. On motion of Cory Fasold, seconded by Jerome Alex, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

Derrick stated that he's working with Carin on putting capital expenses as a separate line item and having it in there for each month.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Recording Secretary

Approved:

Chairman