

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**January 20, 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, January 20, 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 via phone  
David Persing, Asst Secretary/Treasurer  
Thomas Krieger, Board Member  
Michael Thomas, Board Member  
Jerome Alex, Board Member  
Todd Kerstetter, Solicitor  
Derrick Backer, General Manager  
Brian Michaels, Water Department Manager  
Matthew Billman, Wastewater Department Manager  
Kathy Paige, Recording Secretary

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

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Mayor Josh Brosious administered the Oath of Office to Board Member David Persing.

### **OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

Attorney Kerstetter led the nominations solicited for reorganization. Attorney Kerstetter took nominations for the position of Chairman of the Municipal Authority. Tom Krieger nominated Norman Koch for Chairman. There were no other nominations. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Jerome Alex, the nominations were closed and appoint Norman Koch as Chairman. Motion carried.

Attorney Kerstetter took nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Municipal Authority. Jerome Alex nominated Tom Krieger for Vice Chairman. Chairman Koch nominated Thomas McBryan for Vice Chairman. On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Cory Fasold, the nominations were closed. Motion carried.

On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Cory Fasold, appoint Tom Krieger as Vice Chairman. Cory Fasold, Tom Krieger, and Jerome Alex voted yay. Chairman Koch, Tom McBryan, Dave Persing, and Michael Thomas voted nay. 3 yays, 4 nays. Motion failed.

On motion of Chairman Koch, seconded by Dave Persing, appoint Tom McBryan as Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

Attorney Kerstetter took nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Municipal Authority. Chairman Koch nominated Cory Fasold for Secretary/Treasurer. There were no other nominations. On motion of Dave Persing, seconded by Jerome Alex, the nominations were closed and appoint Cory Fasold as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

Attorney Kerstetter took nominations for the position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer of the Municipal Authority. Tom McBryan nominated Dave Persing for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Tom Krieger nominated Jerome Alex. Jerome declined the nomination. On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Tom Krieger, the nominations were closed and appoint Dave Persing as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

Chairman Koch stated that the committee appointments and liaisons will be done at the next meeting. Chairman Koch wanted to wait until the appointment for Chairman was selected. Chairman Koch stated that he had some input from board members as to where they would like to be as far as liaisons and committees and he will have everything ready for the next meeting. Derrick asked if the Chairman selects those positions solely himself. Chairman Koch replied that the Chairman has always made those selections in the past but would take board member's input.

Chairman Koch next asked for a motion to approve the signers to be the current officers. On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to have the current officers as the signers. Motion carried.

Derrick discussed the need for special committees for salaries and employee handbook and also for evaluations and raises. The Board decided the current committees would stay the same with the addition of a handbook committee.

Chairman Koch next asked for a motion to approve the Solicitor. On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to appoint Todd Kerstetter as Solicitor and authorize the Chairman to execute the legal services agreement. Motion carried.

#### **DISPOSITION OF RECORDS**

Chairman Koch discussed Resolution Number 2026-01, Disposition of 2018 Records. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Cory Fasold, it was moved to approve Resolution Number 2026-01, disposition of 2018 records. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Chairman Koch stated that nobody was present for public discussion.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Derrick presented the financial reports for the Water Department through November 2025. Derrick stated a few payments are still being gathered for the end of the year and the report will be through December for the next meeting. Derrick stated the audit was started last Wednesday and there have been no issues so far. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tom McBryan, the financial reports for the Water Department were approved. 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 4-inch bell that was leaking at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and Packer Street. The Water Department also fixed a 2-inch main leak on Catawissa Avenue across from the cemetery. The Water Department got the permit back from PennDOT to install the 6-inch fire service at 370 Market Street. Brian is working with Rowe Sprinkler for an installation date. They are looking at spring time.

Brian stated the 24-inch check valve on the 300 HP pump at the plant got fixed. Turbidity meters were calibrated for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Brian reported Braden Aston started on December 3, 2025. Braden is training in the plant and should be on the weekend schedule by the end of February.

Brian also reported getting a call from DEP on January 14<sup>th</sup> telling us that EPA contacted them and told them the Water Department didn't respond to any of the areas of concern they had during the inspection that was done on July 19, 2023. Brian checked and found all the emails and pictures that were sent to EPA showing all the fixes. DEP is going to be here on January 22<sup>nd</sup> to check everything that we have regarding the areas of concern.

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

Jerome asked if a fire service was put in at the old Augusta House restaurant. Brian said the Water Department did not run any new service and he will check on it.

Tom McBryan asked for an update with the engineering on the reservoir discharge. Derrick stated that Schnabel is working on it and they have until February 12<sup>th</sup> to complete it.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Derrick started by reporting he had a data center visit in Berwick. He went to AWS, which is Amazon's brand for data centers. Derrick said it was a very interesting visit and gave the Board an explanation on how Amazon handles their data centers and what data centers are looking like in the future.

Derrick discussed the engineering proposals. 2 virtual meetings took place last week and 2 more are scheduled for Thursday 1/22 with the Committee. Derrick asked the Board how they wanted to proceed with the engineer selection. The Board decided they would like a recommendation from the Committee to proceed with a selection.

Derrick reported that 7Mountains Media was in contact with the individual who does the flood control website and 7Mountains Media are updating their proposal. Derrick should have that soon.

Derrick reported the fluoride removal notifications have been sent out. The Municipal Authority will advertise the fluoride removal every Thursday for 4 consecutive weeks. The notification is also on the Municipal Authority's website and posted around town. After this coming Thursday, DEP will officially have everything needed for the fluoride removal.

Derrick also reported that we got a \$162,000 small water sewer grant for the UV system. Derrick was very appreciative to Senator Culver and Representative Stender for getting us that money.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Kerstetter reported that he is working on everyday items such as working on some easements and working on a policy with Derrick on video retention.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

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

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Matt started a discussion on the repair or replacement of the blower motor. Last month, Tom had some questions about how the new blower motors were built. Tom stated that he didn't see a reason to invest the money in a full-blown replacement because the repairs usually last quite a while. Tom feels the older-built housing tends to last longer structurally. Matt explained if the blower motor is repaired basically everything would be replaced except for the housing. Matt stated for a rebuild it would take 7-10 days and 2-3 days for brand new.

On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Mike Thomas, it was moved to repair the blower motor. Motion carried.

Derrick next discussed the flood wall/toe drain situation. Derrick set up a preliminary meeting with the Municipal Authority and the City on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Derrick advertised the meeting and put both the Board and City Council would be meeting. Derrick wants to open up a conversation with the City Council to see how we could help each other to replace the toe drain.

Derrick next stated that he got all the paperwork for the flood mitigation grant from the state and from Schnabel and can start putting in for reimbursement for engineering. The signers were Jason and Jeff so there is nobody here that can sign for the reimbursement. Derrick suggested that himself and Carin be the signers since they are both in the office and it would make things easier and quicker.

On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Tom Krieger, it was moved to have Derrick and Carin as signers for the Flood Mitigation Grant. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Tom McBryan asked that investment be put on the next meetings agenda. Long-term investment rates are going up and may be a good time to buy.

Jerome started a discussion about the retention policy and also how we don't have an agreement with the current vendor for our cameras to own the data. Jerome stated they will be working on the policy to present it to the Board.

Jerome asked if we ever finalized security for the internet and WiFi. Derrick answered that we are working with Scott Clark and he will be replacing the firewall. Tom Krieger also asked if we were replacing 2 servers. Matt stated that he believes that was for the pump stations and that was resolved through Keystone Engineering. The server was not the issue, it was the PLC and the cellular modem. Derrick stated that he is talking about the office firewall and he hasn't discussed anything else with Scott Clark. The Municipal Authority uses 2 different vendors and Keystone Engineering has been working on updating

equipment and there hasn't been any issues on the plant side. Derrick stated the office has had issues and the transfer station has had issues with cameras but that has been resolved. Derrick will check on the pump station.

Jerome also asked if the budget is updated through the end of the year. Derrick said it goes through November. Derrick needs to check to see if the numbers are finished through December. Jerome asked if the report could be updated for the next meeting.

Jerome asked Cory if insurance should be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Cory would like to talk about it at the next meeting so a decision can be made. Chairman Koch asked about the review that we are having done. Derrick stated that would not be done before a decision needs to be made on the insurance. Tom McBryan asked if we were getting other proposals. Derrick stated that the insurance person solicited proposals from 14 different insurance companies for the best rates. A discussion ensued about talking with Purdy about their coverage.

### COMMENTS

Chairman Koch thanked the Board for having confidence in him for another year. Tom Krieger also congratulated Tom McBryan.

The list of expenditures from January 7 – January 20, 2026 was presented for payment. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Cory Fasold, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Recording Secretary

Approved:

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Chairman