

REGULAR MEETING

March 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, March 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
Thomas Krieger, Board Member
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
Brian Book, Engineer
Kathy Paige, Recording Secretary

Chairman Koch called the meeting to order and Cory 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 February 3, 2026. On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Tom McBryan, the minutes were accepted. Motion carried.

Derrick reviewed the financial reports for January 2026. Derrick stated that capital expenses were added so the department total at the bottom of the report is a true number. The actual totals which were income less expenses for each department were \$121,178.58 for the Wastewater Department, \$25,335.77 for the Flood Department, \$19,954.63 for the Solid Waste Department, and Recycling was negative \$8,135.09. Derrick explained how the financial reports will look when the Municipal Authority starts the bigger projects for the year.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Matt stated there was an issue in the sludge holding tank with the air distribution system. The team drained the tank and found that a diffuser head broke off. Once the tank was mainly cleaned of sludge, the broken area of the pipe was removed and capped. The crew did a good job getting this repair completed with the obstacles they encountered, and it was good to go within a week.

Matt also stated that on Wednesday, March 4th, crews will be working with the city street department to locate utility lines on Market Street as part of the SUE aspects of the City's street scape project. This project will also include installing a new storm line from 11th Street to Fairmount Avenue and tying into the existing storm line on Market Street. A manhole will be added to the Market Street line as currently there is no access to the sewer main from 10th Street to 11th Street.

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

Pat reviewed the Solid Waste and Recycling Report. Pat reported the tonnage for February was down 401 tons from last year. The issue continues to be with the haulers. Pat did talk to Fox Disposal to see if there is anything we could do for their business, but because of pricing it makes more sense for them to go to the landfill.

Pat informed the Board that they have received the new mini excavator, and all the provisions have been made to make it as safe as possible for limited trailer damage.

Pat stated the open position at the Transfer Station will be filled by Seth Sebasovich. He will start on March 24th.

Pat reported no radiation hits for the month of February.

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

Pat also stated on February 4th a 911 call was placed due to the smell of gas near the recycling building. UGI found the leak in the union outside the building. It was repaired and back online the next day.

Derrick started a discussion regarding how we could get the haulers to come back to our transfer station. Tom McBryan suggested having a dinner with all the haulers.

Pat next 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 at the northern end of town. Pat received a letter from PPL that they are confident that the issues have been resolved.

Pat stated the Reagan Street heater is on track to be here in a couple of weeks.

Pat stated that a new tractor was bought last year and we still had the Ventrac. When the staff

put a new wheel on the Ventrac, they found there are holes in it. The staff will do some welding on it. The problem may have occurred while driving it through town. Pat did not put that in the budget because at that time there wasn't an issue. Pat asked the Board if they could keep the Ferguson for another season instead of selling it. Chairman Koch asked if we have a trailer to use instead of driving the tractor on the road. Pat stated the Water Department has a trailer and they are going to check to see if the Ventrac will fit on it. Derrick stated that having a trailer would be helpful and save on maintenance.

Jerome asked about the status of flood closure #1. Pat stated that he received a message from Schnabel today and it's still with Norfolk Southern.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Derrick reported there was a Packer Street kickoff meeting for the second phase of the project. The plan is for the project to do a few small things at the end of March as long as weather conditions permit and get into full swing in the April/May timeframe.

Derrick stated the plan for the Susquehanna Avenue project is to be out for bids in May at the latest. This will hinge on the Act 537 plan that has been submitted to the Planning Commissions, county and city. The city has 30 days to approve it and then DEP can work on it. Derrick asked Entech if they could ask DEP to do a parallel look at it so it can move quicker once it gets to them. If DEP does not say yes, the timeline for May will be difficult. Derrick also stated there is some confusion if the Act 537 plan is needed. One of the grants expires at the end of September so Tom Krieger suggested using the grant money for procurement such as pipe. Tom Krieger then started a discussion on the type of pipe that should be purchased such as the differences and benefits of different types.

Derrick stated the Department Managers and himself had a meeting with CP Engineering on Friday to discuss upcoming projects and start to work on cost estimates. Brian Book stated that he would like to meet with the staff to get a better understanding of each project. 6 projects were identified with 4 out of the 6 being significant projects. Brian also stated that if anything cost more than the retainer, it would go to the Board before it moves forward.

Derrick also stated he's working with Todd and Matt on easement documents for different projects.

Chairman Koch asked Brian if he would like to address the Board. Brian thanked the Board and is looking forward to working with the Municipal Authority. Brian plans on having a written report done for the next meeting. Brian also stated that if the Board would like him to attend the meeting, he will attend and it's covered under the retainer.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Kerstetter stated that he is working on in-house projects and a couple more were added.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Chairman Koch stated that the Board should keep in the back of their minds with everything going on in the world, there is the potential for someone to tamper with our water system. Everyone needs to be aware of what's going on around them. Derrick stated that in next year's budget, he wants to add new cameras for each department.

Todd started a discussion on our insurance policy coverage.

Derrick stated the Employee Picnic will be on June 26, 2026. Derrick asked the Board if they could spend the same budget on the picnic as they did last year which was \$3,900. Tom Krieger suggested inviting retirees to the picnic. Derrick also stated that the Water Department has offered to make the chicken barbeque.

On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Jerome Alex, it was moved to not exceed \$4,500 on the employee picnic. Motion carried.

Derrick discussed his findings on the Rave system. For the city to do non-emergency messages, there would need to be a separate opt-in list. We only have 10,000 messages per month. Derrick stated in theory, if the City would have 3 events, it would cost money based off of the population size. If the notification is for an emergency, it is unlimited and you don't have to opt-in for that.

On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Tom Krieger, it was moved to keep our current system of emergency notification. Jerome Alex abstained. Motion carried.

Derrick informed the Board that the Municipal Authority has been paying for a single YMCA membership. The Board decided this membership is not needed. On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Cory Fasold, it was moved to discontinue the YMCA membership. Chairman Koch, Dave Persing, Tom Krieger, Mike Thomas all voted aye. Tom McBryan voted nay. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMENTS

The list of expenditures from February 18 – March 3, 2026, was presented for payment. On motion of Dave Persing, 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 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Recording Secretary

Approved:

Chairman