

REGULAR MEETING

November 4, 2025

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, November 4, 2025, 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
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 Tom McBryan 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 October 7, 2025. On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by David Persing, the minutes were accepted. Motion carried.

Derrick discussed the financial reports. Derrick stated Wastewater for September is in the green at \$1,464,756.62. Solid Waste for the same timeframe is \$633,350.95 and Flood is \$239,238.43. Recycling is negative \$24,680.28.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Matt reviewed his report and discussed ongoing items since the last meeting. Matt discussed the Packer Street project. The 4th Street manhole is getting put in place this evening starting at 9:30 p.m. The project is moving along smoothly after the manhole elevations were figured out.

Matt stated the approved proposal for the FOG program is still with the City Council for their review. Derrick stated that the Municipal Authority does not have to wait for the City to start the FOG program. Todd also stated that the Municipal Authority can enforce the regulation appropriately. Cory stated that the Board will need to decide how the Municipal Authority will enforce it, possibly make a committee, and discuss how the fines will work. Tom stated the first thing to do is to let everyone know what to expect and he believes it will go pretty smooth. Derrick stated that Matt and himself received a proposal from Entech for training materials and ongoing assistance for the FOG program at a cost of \$30,000. Derrick told the Board he feels it would be the job of the person who will be in charge of the program to handle those responsibilities. More discussion took place on how the program would work once it is determined who would be responsible for those duties.

Tom McBryan asked Derrick what happened with the elevation issue on the Packer Street project. Derrick stated that Matt and himself spoke to Entech and Entech stated they used a method using 2-foot risers and that the elevation is within the margin of error, which is up to 1 foot. Entech said they did not do point to point and the contractor was supposed to verify the depths and exact locations as Entech was given a general area.

Matt stated Logan Boucher started on October 20th. Logan seems to be doing good and picking things up pretty quickly.

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

Pat reviewed the Solid Waste and Recycling Report. Pat reported the tonnage for October was down from last year and it was due to hauler tonnage which was negative 242.94. Pat stated that it's down due to the Hometown issue.

Pat stated that Derrick and himself spoke with Jay Alexander about the proposed increase. The conversation went very well. Derrick and Pat told Jay about our concerns regarding the increase and the timing of it. Jay understood and asked if we could keep an open mind and revisit the proposed increase later. Pat stated he did not see any rate increases at Lycoming and they will be closed November 11th and Christmas Eve so he is expecting our tonnage to go up. Pat also informed the Board he had a conversation with Jay Alexander's son and there is a possibility of Clinton County taking over Lycoming County.

Pat reported no radiation hits for the month of October.

Pat also reported all the concrete at the transfer station was repaired by TCS Services. Pat thanked the Board for the quick approval of getting that done.

Pat also reported another trailer of mixed goods was sold to NH Kelman. Pat found another company to take the glass and they will be touring the facility tomorrow. They are going to give us \$20.00 a ton for clear, \$5.00 a ton for amber and brown glass and since there is no market for green glass, they will take it for nothing.

Pat next reviewed the Flood Control Report. Pat spoke to the Railroad and Jonathan from Schnabel and there are conversations happening regarding the flood closure #1 sill replacement.

Pat stated last month the Flood Department wanted to repaint the signs and clean them up but they were all rotted. Rt. 61 Signs made new Sunbury Flood Protection signs and they were installed. One is at the end of South 2nd Street and the other one is on North Front Street.

Pat reported new motor heaters were installed on pump 2 at the Church Street Pumping Station. The interior of the Shikellamy Avenue Pumping Station was painted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Derrick stated there was a meeting with UGI about upgrading their lines on Packer and Susquehanna Avenue. UGI is planning to start the work early-mid November and work through the winter. If they can't work through the winter, they will start again around March.

Derrick met with the Department Managers to finalize their annual budget. Derrick gave the Board a draft copy of the budget.

Derrick spoke to Senator Culver and Representative Stender's office about the statewide LSA and small water sewer grant applications that we currently have pending. The earliest we are going to hear about them is November 17th. Derrick expressed to them that anything they could do would be appreciated.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Pat Burke submitted the Engineer's Report to the Board for review.

Derrick stated there is nothing outstanding on the report. Entech has no update on the grants. Entech is working on the closures and the toe drain. Entech sent the board a proposal for the FOG program. Entech is also working on the PA DEP 537 permit. Tom McBryan asked since the study was changed, if that will reflect with a lower cost for the study. Derrick is unsure how the change will affect the cost and will ask Entech for an updated cost since PA DEP changed the scope and timeframe.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Kerstetter stated that he has no new business to discuss and he is available to the Board as needed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Derrick stated he spoke with Joel with the City regarding the contracts for the flood wall/toe drain situation. The City will meet with the Board and everybody should be there because it deals with

potential litigation. Derrick has not scheduled the meeting yet. Derrick suggested having the meeting the beginning of December, which the Board agreed.

Derrick stated the Water Department would like to hire Collin DeFacis for the Laborer position. The starting salary would be \$19 per hour. On motion of Thomas McBryan, seconded by Thomas Krieger, it was moved to hire Collin DeFacis for the Laborer position for the Water Department at \$19.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Derrick started a discussion on the insurance appraisal quote. Derrick did not get an official quote but did get some information. Derrick sent a list of the Municipal Authority's properties to a company that Adam Purdy mentioned does appraisals and asked what they could appraise. The company has never done a closure appraisal so they wouldn't be able to get an accurate assessment on the closures but they have appraised everything else. It would take a couple of months to do because they would have to come here in stages. They estimated the cost to be about \$9,000 - \$10,000. If the Board decides to go with this company, they could start in January. This is a not-for-profit company which is why the cost is a little cheaper. After more discussion on insuring buildings and equipment, the Board decided to wait on making a decision until after Derrick gets a formal quote from the company.

Chairman Koch started a discussion on the Flood Manager position. An individual was interviewed and the applicant wants to review the job description and will get back to the Board with his decision.

Cory started a discussion on the PFAS testing. Cory stated he feels we should get the testing done. The Municipal Authority did do testing but only for 4 categories and this PFAS testing is for 30 different categories. If the Municipal Authority participates in the lawsuit, Pure Green BioAg will receive 10%. This company would connect the Municipal Authority with the law firm handling the lawsuit. The law firm would receive 30% and the Municipal Authority would receive 60%. There is no cost for the testing. Attorney Kerstetter mentioned the City signed the Municipal Authority up for a lawsuit so we should make sure we don't have 2 attorneys doing the same thing. The Board discussed how the criteria could have changed after the Municipal Authority did their PFAS testing. Attorney Kerstetter will review the contract with Pure Green BioAg for discussion at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Derrick started a discussion on the 2026 budget. Derrick gave a first draft copy to the Board. Derrick highlighted a couple of things. Derrick stated he included a 1% increase in the operating budget for the Sewer and Water departments. Derrick did not include credit card and late fees because it wasn't included before. Derrick stated the budget includes new positions with sewer and water. It also includes the new insurance rates, a 5% increase in salary for all employees, the Flood Manager position, and new health insurance rates. Derrick stated the official budget meeting is November 20th. Derrick went on to explain how the capital account expenses were figured out. Tom McBryan asked Derrick how the depreciation is noted in the budget. Derrick, Jerome and Cory explained how the depreciation is incorporated in the budget. Derrick also explained why the solid waste revenue for 2026 is lower than 2025. The Board decided to show the loss in the recycling department. The Board will review the budget information and discuss it at a work session meeting before the next meeting.

COMMENTS

The list of expenditures from October 21 – November 3, 2025, was presented for payment. On motion of Cory Fasold, seconded by Tom McBryan, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

Chairman Koch announced an Executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue and the Board convened in Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. The meeting was reconvened into General Session at 8:51 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Recording Secretary

Approved:

Chairman