

The Six Hundred Seventy Second and Regular Meeting

July 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken.

In attendance:

Richard Pogwist
Daniel Weiksner
George Krajnak - excused
Mary Ann Flyzik
Tommy Vadyak
Tobias Krajcirik
Keith Showalter
James Nanovic

Guests:

- Clyde Bachert – 183 Greenwood Street Coaldale PA 18218
 - Hydrant near 185 Greenwood Street
 - Rules on metering multiple units in a building
- Erin Soberick – 237 West Ridge Street Lansford 18240
 - Status of water bill for the Lansford Train Station.

The minutes from the June 2025 meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Tommy Vadyak and seconded by Mary Ann Flyzik. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Motion to ratify action by the Chairman to approve monthly invoices of \$102,182.⁶⁷ was made by Dan Weiksner and seconded by Mary Ann Flyzik.

Tommy Vadyak voted no. Richard Pogwist voted in favor, therefore the vote being 3 in favor and 1 against, the motion was approved.

Correspondence

- None

Motion to accept Correspondence was made by Dan Weiksner and seconded by Mary Ann Flyzik. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Chairman's Report

Nothing.

Superintendent's Report

- Due to a recent incident at a property, any service calls requiring access to homes will be performed by 2 Authority employees. This can include an office staff member acting as one of the required employees.
- There have been issues on the Hauto mountain recently with campers and ATV's. This includes cars blocking access to Authority property, requiring the vehicles to be towed.
 - Tommy Vadyak recommended investigating trail cameras which could monitor the area and transmit images back to the office. Toby stated he would look into it.
 - Another issue Tommy brought up was rock removal near the Authority access road. This is leading to soil erosion, possibly entering Tippetts. Toby will speak to the individual about it.
- Toby stated that the three (3) year lead and copper samples are being conducted.
- The mine Engineering Department is assisting the Authority in determining the depth of the water main under the haul road.
- Toby gave an update on the meter replacement project. The Seek section is almost complete. Afterwards, the workers will move on to the towns.
- There were recent issues with tampered meters.
 - One had its wire cut
 - One was bypassed
 - One had the bottom fail and the property owner "fashioned" a base plate.
- An 80-gpm leak was identified and repaired in Hauto.
 - Toby reported that there has been a reduction in "pumped but not billed" water of approximately 1 million gallons per day in June as compared to May.

- Toby stated that as more and more properties are being sold in the towns, the Authority (and property owners) are discovering multiple properties served with only one shutoff valve. This leads to issues when one of the properties does not pay their bill, or requests service to be stopped, impacting the other property.
 - The Authority Rules and Regulations state that each property is to have its own service line and curb stop.
- Discussion was held concerning a sales solicitation from a company that installs backflow preventers. Although it would be no cost to the Authority, it would be to the property owner. This would mostly apply to Commercial/Industrial customers as well as new residential construction.
- Tommy Vadyak questioned two items concerning Authority vehicles:
 - He questioned why the “on-call” employee takes a vehicle home. Toby stated that it allows quicker response to an emergency call. Tommy stated that he is against that policy.
 - He asked why the Authority vehicle has been spotted in Hometown. Toby informed him that the Authority works closely with Rush Township personnel, especially in regard to Lake Hauto. Tommy stated he understood.

Engineer’s Report

- Keith stated the Consumer Confidence Report Final Certification was completed and submitted to the DEP via SDE letter dated 6/26/25.
- Keith stated that the EPA Risk and Reliance Assessment and Emergency Response Plan will need to be recertified by June 30, 2026. SDE will coordinate with the Authority Staff as needed.
- Keith stated that the West Abbott Street project is finished. As built drawings will be provided to the Authority Superintendent.
 - Tommy Vadyak mentioned an issue with a sidewalk needing to be sealed. Toby will look into it.
- Keith stated that there is still \$3501 in grant funding remaining from the meter replacement project.

- This will cover the training required for the field workers. The office staff has already received the training. Once the training is complete, the Authority can request disbursement of the remaining funds.
- Keith stated the Federal grant the Authority applied for in order to complete additional work on Abbott Street is progressing. The Chairman needs to sign the grant application paperwork. A motion to authorize the Chairman sign the grant application was made by Tommy Vadyak and seconded by Dan Weiksner. All voted in favor, the motion was approved.
- The proposed haul road bypass line project information gathering has begun. Investigation is ongoing to determine the depth of the water line.
- A motion to accept the Engineer's report was made by Dan Weiksner and seconded by Mary Ann Flyzik. All voted in favor, the motion was approved.

Solicitor's Report

- The Solicitor sent a letter, requested at the June meeting, informing a customer that the Authority is not liable for the damage caused by a tree as it was not diseased. No response was received.

Old Business

- Tommy Vadyak asked for an update on the pension plan withdrawal. Jim Nanovic stated he received a copy of the contract with PMRS. No additional information was provided. Toby stated that he will investigate.

New Business

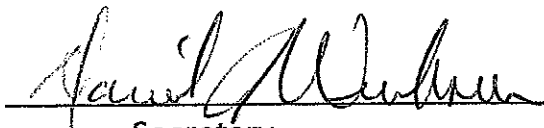
- None

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Dan Weiksner, seconded by Mary Ann Flyzik. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Next meeting is August 27, 2025.


Chairman


Secretary