

The Six Hundred Seventieth and Regular Meeting

May 28, 2025

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

In attendance:

Richard Pogwist
Daniel Weiksner
George Krajnak
Mary Ann Flyzik
Tommy Vadyak
Tobias Krajcirik
Keith Showalter

James Nanovic - Excused

Guests – None

The minutes from the April 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 \$97,003.⁴⁵ was made by George Krajnak and seconded by Dan Weiksner. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Correspondence

- Punch list for the Abbott Street project and a letter from Barasso.

Motion to accept Correspondence was made by Tommy Vadyak and seconded by George Krajnak. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Chairman's Report

Nothing.

Superintendent's Report

- Toby made a point comparing recent large projects done by the Authority.
 - A 5 block water main and lateral project in Coaldale in 2015 cost \$700,000.
 - The recent 1 block water main and lateral project completed in Lansford cost \$500,000.
- A leak was located and repaired in Lake Hauto. This was a 30-gpm leak. So far this year, repair of leaks has resulted in a reduction of unmetered water of approximately 13,000,000 gallons.
 - Tommy Vadyak expressed his compliments to the work force.
- Concerning the leak at 246 East Patterson Street, the resident has not yet completed line repairs/replacement, therefore the temporary service that has been provided will be terminated.
- Road repair on Route 209 in Lansford will be completed on June 2nd. This will entail removing the temporary repair and doing final restoration.
- Toby stated that fire hydrant/system flushing will be delayed, as the Authority is getting ready for a full DEP Inspection on June 23rd.
- Toby reported that this winter, approximately 25 frozen meters were identified. These were due to negligence (lack of heating) and were the responsibility of the property owner.
- The plates for the valve pit in Hauto are not yet completed.
- No word on when the full flow system test of the fire suppression system at the Lansford mid-rise will occur.
- Toby stated that when service was restored to 354 West Abbott Street, a leak was identified. Considering the fact service was off for more than a year at the property, it is the property owner's responsibility to replace their service line.
- Toby reported that the Authority had shut off service to a property in Hauto Village at the request of the Nesquehoning sewer authority (due to lack of payment). The property still has water service, as the property has an on-sight well. Toby questioned whether there are regulations regarding this situation.

- Toby asked whether he felt the Authority should request bids for chemical supply beginning in 2026. Costs have risen, so he thought it would be prudent to seek bids. Keith would prepare the bid specs.
 - A motion to seek bids was made by Tommy Vadyak and seconded by Mary Ann Flyzik. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.
- The Authority has 2 CDs that are due to mature in May 2025. George Krajnak reported that he had inquired at various financial institutions. The current provider, Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank (JTNB), offered a very competitive 6-month CD rate of 4%.
 - A motion to approve the action by the Treasurer to accept the 6-month CD rate of 4% from JTNB was made by Tommy Vadyak, seconded by Dan Weiksner. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.
 - Dan had mentioned Tommy Vadyak's suggestion for the Board to consider a presentation from PLIGT for consideration after the 6-month period expires. George Krajnak stated he would inquire into it.

Engineer's Report

- Keith stated that the Drought Watch is still in effect.
- Keith stated the Consumer Confidence Report had two small additions.
 - Keith added the results of the PFOS/PFOA sample results (no detectable).
 - He added a statement concerning the commercial availability of Brita water filters.

A motion to submit the Consumer Confidence Report was made by Tommy Vadyak and seconded by Dan Weiksner. All voted in favor and the motion was approved. This will need to be posted on the Authority website as well as published in the Times-News.

- Keith stated that the West Abbott Street project is virtually finished. The punch list items were completed on May 14-16. He recommended that final payment of \$102,532.33 be made.
 - Tommy Vadyak stated that there are 2 items to be looked at/rectified.

- Tommy Vadyak made a motion to approve final payment be made conditional on the 2 items being resolved. Dan Weiksner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.
- Keith is still awaiting a response on the Federal grant the Authority applied for in order to complete additional work on Abbott Street.
- Keith had sent a letter to Lansford Borough's Engineer concerning recommendations on street paving of West Abbott Street but has not yet received a response.
- A discussion was held about concerns the Authority has with the impact the current mining operations could have on the Authority's major water main from the water tanks to the Boroughs. More investigation will need to be conducted.
 - Tommy asked whether the second tank on the mountain was considered a "temporary tank" when installed. Toby and Keith explained that it is a permanent tank. It was a choice between a second tank and an expensive generator to ensure water supply during an extended power outage, and the Board at that time chose to add the second, permanent tank.
- A motion to accept the Engineer's report was made by Mary Ann Flyzik and seconded by Dan Weiksner. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Solicitor's Report

- Nothing (Solicitor had an excused absence).

Old Business

- The Authority needs to approve Resolution 2025-2 approving the rate increase of 10%. This will also require revision to the Rules and Regulations.
 - A motion to approve Resolution 2025-2 was made by Dan Weiksner and seconded by George Krajnak. Tommy Vadyak opposed. A roll call vote was conducted.
 - Richard Pogwist – yes
 - Dan Weiksner – yes
 - George Krajnak – yes
 - Mary Ann Flyzik – yes
 - Tommy Vadyak – no

- The vote being 4 for and 1 against, the motion was approved.
- Tommy Vadyak questioned how the Authority was going to resolve the water bill Lansford Borough received for the Train Station building leak. Having not heard back on any proposed resolutions from the Borough, Tommy made a motion to let the bill stand as billed, the only relief being a waiver of any late penalty as this was working through resolution. Mary Ann Flyzik seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
 - The office will contact the Solicitor to have a letter sent stating the above.

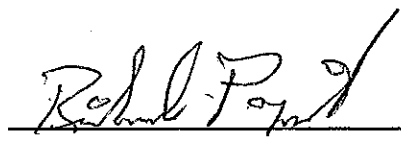
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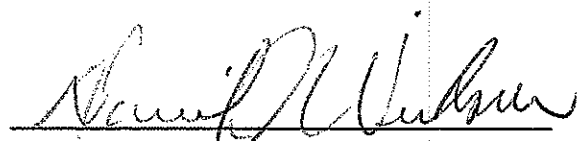
- A motion to switch from W-2 to 1099 statements in 2026 was made by Dan Weiksner and seconded by George Krajnak. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.
- Tommy Vadyak made a motion to start having the approved meeting minutes posted on the Authority website. Mary Ann Flyzik seconded it. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.
- Tommy Vadyak stated that he will delay his discussions and concerns on Board salaries and pension contributions until when the Solicitor is available.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Dan Weiksner, seconded by George Krajnak. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Next meeting is June 25, 2025.


Chairman


Secretary

