

Stewartstown Borough Sewer & Water Authority Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 18th, 2026

Members present: Jason Roberts, Lisa Mohan, Linda Miller, Kevin Brunicke, Nathan Cook, Jack Cunning, Joyce Ryer

Others present: Engineer Jason Brenneman, Engineer Jason Lytle, Solicitor John Baranski, Sewer & Water Supervisor Ira Walker, Jr., Recording Secretary Stacy Myers

Visitors—Jake Ryer

1. The meeting was called to order @ 6:30pm.
2. **Engineer's Report**—Jason Brenneman reported:
 - Discussion was held on extending public water to Cornerstone Car Wash/Laundromat (17192 Barrens Rd. North). The owner couldn't attend tonight but plans to come next month. He wanted to ask about the possibility of extending the water to his property, as it's suspected he's having issues with his well. Jason said water is available at the north end of the Mayberry development. Previous discussion had taken place with the Terra Nova developer (Forest Road project) who is also looking at a site off of Kurtz School Road, and he inquired about public water. This project is at the very early stages, but it's possible to loop the water line to extend up Hickory Road & tie into the northern end of Mayberry, should that project move forward. This would help to extend public water to Cornerstone (Plank Rd/Barrens Rd. N), but Jason thought, as a developer wanting public water, they could extend it themselves, should the Authority agree.
If extended, there are other properties (5-6) the water extension may pick up. Evidently, Hopewell Township approved a mini storage building near there and that could provide another opportunity for a developer to help finance the extension.
Jason & Ira had discussed what this would mean to our system, other potential wells in the area, as well as York Water usage & an increased water purchase. There's a low area that may provide a possible well site for the Hickory Road project. For sewer, this development could run gravity sewer down Kurtz School Road & tie into the existing Pumpstation that was just installed for Kurtz School Villas. That proposed development would involve approx. 84 units and no upgrades to the KSV pumpstation would be necessary.
Cornerstone's owner plans to attend next month for further discussion.
 - **Other agenda items** on Jason's report were informational & distributed to the Board.
3. **General Business**
 - **Approval of Meeting Minutes**—Mrs. Mohan made a motion to approve the January 21st, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Miller seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - **Consent Agenda**—It was the consensus of the Board to approve the following expenses:
 - **Water**—Water bills & payroll (\$25,243.74) dated January 21st thru February 17th, 2026, totaling \$97,694.81.
 - **Sewer**—Sewer bills & payroll (\$19,207.61) dated January 21st thru February 17th, 2026, totaling \$84,300.80.
4. **Solicitor's Report**—Atty. Baranski reported:
 - **4621 Bridgeview Rd. (Peters)**—John sent the property owner a certified letter with a deadline of February 25th in order to contact Ira/staff to conduct an inspection to ensure there's no connection to their private well. Because the wrong phone number for Ira/office is listed on the letter, John will reach out to the property owner tomorrow with the correct number.
Residents with a private well (& connected to public water) were able to keep their well connection for outside use only, but not for potable water use.
 - **USALCO**—They're insistent they have no record of agreeing to accept our credit on account as payment in full of the outstanding invoice resulting from the chemical spill. In order to resolve this issue, the Board agrees to have John negotiate the payment of the outstanding amount due, possibly splitting it with USALCO.

- **Two outstanding public water connections**—No further action taken on this yet.
- **W.W. Gemmill invoice for 3 Redspire Lane**—From last month’s discussion, the Authority requested an invoice showing what portion would be the authority’s responsibility (at the street) & what would be the homeowners. Mr. Heil (owner) and Mr. Gemmill attended last month’s meeting to request the Authority pay the \$6,500 invoice for an issue Mr. Gemmill said was a result of the sewer trap being installed too deep at the time of the home build (early 2000’s). John advised the Board to wait for further word from either the homeowner or the excavator as to the costs that would be the Authority’s.

5. **Sewer & Water Supervisor’s Report**—Ira Walker, Jr. submitted his report & the following expenses for action:

- Lab supplies (for sewer/water) were purchased from USA Blue Book at a cost of \$1,760.71
- We hauled four (4) loads (41.6 tons) of Class B biosolids to Modern Landfill at a cost of \$4,782.85
- Tevis Energy delivered diesel fuel at a cost of \$1,165.46.
- Truck #1 (lift gate) needed some cosmetic work & radiator repairs to pass annual inspection. Gordon’s Service performed the work at a cost of \$2,150.64.
- Miscellaneous parts (sewer stations) were purchased from HNS at a cost of \$431.96
- A new mesh tarp (for dump truck) was purchased from American Tarp Systems at a cost of \$154.24
- 2026 annual membership dues were paid to Pennsylvania Rural Water, cost 896
- Staff is registered for sewer/water training through PA Rural Water at a cost of \$550
- We hauled one (1) load (9.8 tons) of Class B biosolids to Modern Landfill at a cost of \$1,123.55
- East Hopewell Plumbing thawed out a frozen curb stop at a cost of \$185
- Of note, Schwing Bioset Systems put the final touches on our Bioset System, and we are now able to produce Class A biosolids once again!
- Also, please keep Felicia Markline in your thoughts & prayers as she is preparing for back surgery in the near future which will keep her out of work until May.

Mrs. Mohan made a motion to approve the above expenses. Mrs. Miller seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

6. **GMB Engineering Report**—Jason Lytle reported:

- **Task 003/006/009—Operational Support**
 - **Landfill Pretreatment**—Dye testing took place on 11/7/25 and again on 12/3/25. Next steps are to review the leachate flows/concentrations and discharge to the SBR. DEP permit review would take place if any potential changes in loading/testing are needed.
 - **Pumping Station Odor/H2S mitigation**—Quorum’s 2/5/26 service report & photos were distributed to the Board. In the winter, odors typically decrease. Observation of the sites/tabs and FOG score continue to be monitored & tracked.
 - **Bioset Operation/Service**
 - **Acid Feeder**—Failed during the Bioset starting/testing. Replacement proposal for a rebuild has been received, and if approved, will be coordinated with Schwing. A cost was also requested for a replacement feeder. We should have the replacement cost by March meeting. Of note, this is not causing a problem for staff right now.
 - **Sanitary Pumping Stations**
 - **Bailey Spring Sewer Pumpstation Upgrades**—As requested, the Purchase Order for the Replacement Pumps was sent to Smith & Loveless before the end of 2025. Total cost is \$149,851. The pumps are in process & shop drawings are in development. A proposal for the design services for this upgrade was submitted in the amount of \$67,000.

Mrs. Mohan made a motion to approve & to authorize the Chairman to sign GMB’s proposal for the design services in the amount of \$67,000. Mr. Cook seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

- **Ozone Disinfection Pilot**—Preliminary Pilot Study Plan was discussed last month & a cost summary has been received for the suggested 3-month testing (minimum that was suggested):
 - 3-month lease--\$19,500 prepaid
 - 6-month lease--\$8,350 up front (1st & last month) --\$25,050 total (approx. \$30,000 with engineering, sampling, reporting to DEP)
 - **Credit** ½ of the lease towards the purchase price, if Board decides on that
 After more discussion, Mrs. Mohan made a motion to authorize the 6-month pilot program at GMB's estimation of \$30,000. Mr. Cook seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - **Task 04B—Control Building & Dewatering System Construction**
 - **Bioset Installation/Startup**—As previously mentioned, startup went well. The building inspection was completed yesterday, 2/17, and went well. Cone installation & Schwing Controls & Testing are now complete. Two punchlist items remain outstanding/will coordinate with Heisey/AIS:
 - Heater thermostat which controls calibration
 - Bathroom finishes
 - Final Payment Application #7 to Schwing in the amount of \$43,405.19—approved last month pending punchlist items being completed. Jason will advise once items are complete.
 - **Task 005—Treatment Plant Improvements Design**
 - **DEP submittal** was approved.
 - **PENNVEST submission**—Jason & Stacy will coordinate on documents to present at March meeting. Jason is still working on finalizing the Township Building Permit submittal.
 - **Task 007—PFAS Preliminary Planning & Design**—on hold at this time
7. **Treasurer's Report**—Stacy Myers presented the 2025 Payroll Summary showing the breakdown of allocation from the water, sewer & general funds. Per the auditor's suggestion, this needs to be presented to the Board & signed by the Authority Chairman.
Mrs. Mohan made a motion to approve & to authorize Chairman Roberts to sign the payroll report. Mr. Cook seconded. Motion carried with Mr. Roberts abstaining as he receives payment as an elected Borough Council member.
8. **Chairman's Report**—Mr. Roberts reported:
- Keep Felicia Markline in your thoughts & prayers as she is facing back surgery in the near future.
 - Information is being gathered on moving to monthly water & sewer billing. The Rules & Regulations would need to be revised. Atty. Baranski will draft those changes. Stacy will report back with information she's gathered from other municipalities who bill monthly.
 - Kudos to Felicia on a recent resident problem that was reported to Mr. Roberts. The resident was very appreciative of Felicia's knowledge & help with her plumbing issue.
9. **Adjournment**—With no further business before the Board, Mr. Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 7:38pm. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers, Recording Secretary