

LEHIGHTON WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES Wednesday, September 2, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Lehigh Water Authority was held on the above date in the Municipal Building. Chairman David Harleman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attendance:

Chairman David Harleman, Vice-Chairman Larry Markley, Secretary Russell Schoenberger, Treasurer Timothy Tkach, Asst. Treasurer Donald Rehrig, Superintendent Tucker Haberman, Asst. Superintendent Tyler Helmer, and Engineer Theresa Funk

Admin. Director Nicole Nothstein and Solicitor Jenny Cheng were absent

Minutes:

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting of Wednesday, August 5, 2026, were approved on a motion by Donald Rehrig seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed.

Engineer's Report:

1. Lehigh River Crossing Water Main Replacement:

Bid Summary

C&R Directional Boring, LLC	\$894,225.00
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Wexcon, Inc.	\$1,526,645.00
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Joao & Bradley Construction Co, Inc.	\$1,788,455.00
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James T. O'Hara, Inc.	\$1,890,525.00
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Larry Markley made a motion, seconded by Donald Rehrig and passed to authorize GFT Infrastructure Inc. to give notification of intent to award the contract to C&R Directional Boring, LLC

Secretary's Report:

1. Due to the phasing out of pennies, changes to the water rate schedule have been approved on a motion made by Donald Rehrig, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed. The rate resolution will be updated and placed on the October agenda for approval.
2. Melissa Blocker requested a written statement that the water at 128 N. 4th Street Rear does not need to be separated at this time due to no water main being available for connection. Timothy Tkach made a motion, seconded by Donald Rehrig and passed to authorize Jenny Cheng to write a letter stating at this time the water line does not have to be separated, but once the authority installs the water main in Spring of 2027, she'll have ninety (90) days to complete the connection.
3. Donald Rehrig made a motion, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed to table the updates to the By-Laws.
4. Timothy Tkach made a motion, seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed to authorize the purchase of HX-6 Hydro excavator \$465,973.20 from U.S. Municipal Supply LLC contingent upon this being a Costar price.

Treasurer's Report:

1. NO CD's maturing.
2. Richard Kistner with Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank will drop off loan documents for signing.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Material for the 361 Court St. project at a cost of \$5,959.04 was approved on a motion made by Russell Schoenberger, seconded by Donald Rehrig and passed.

Old Business:

1. Keystone Timber & Forestry, LLC – completed cutting trees at the filter plant and Long Run Reservoir, will remove the trees and move up to the top of the mountain off of Fire Tower Road.
2. Storm Lumber – Nic Storm says the work will be completed by the end of September.
3. Data Center—no updates.

Approval of all Reports, Account Payables and Additional Account Payables:

On a motion by Timothy Tkach seconded by Donald Rehrig to accept all reports and pay all bills.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Russell Schoenberger, seconded by Donald Rehrig and passed to go into executive session at 6:54 p.m. for personnel matters and litigation paperwork served to the authority.

Regular Session:

On a motion by Timothy Tkach, seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed to go back into regular session at 8:05 p.m.

Action Taken on Executive Session Item:

1. Donald Rehrig made a motion, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed to authorize Nicole to advertise for a new maintenance operator.
2. Russell Schoenberger made a motion, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed to drop pay rate for employee 0112 down to 85% of full rate. Deadline to obtain filtration plant license is January 2, 2027. If not obtained by that date, employee can be terminated.
3. Employee 0113 annual salary to be retroactive to 8/5/26 will be \$67,600. After successfully completing six months' probation salary will be \$70,100. This does not take into consideration the annual raise given at the beginning of the new year.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Timothy Tkach seconded by Russell Schoenberger the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Russell Schoenberger
Secretary