

# LEHIGHTON WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES Wednesday, May 6, 2026

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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 Jeffrey Ebbert, Admin. Secretary Nicole Nothstein, Solicitor Jenny Cheng, and Engineer Theresa Funk

Asst. Superintendent Jeffrey Ebbert was absent.

## **Minutes:**

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting of Wednesday, April 8, 2026, were approved on a motion by Russell Schoenberger seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed.

## **Visitor:**

1. Dawn Gorham & Dennis DeMara, Wildlands Conservancy were present to bring a printed Baseline Documentation Report and help with a quote requested from Megan Sciarrino about how this land protection aligns with the Lehigh Water Authority's goals.

## **Engineer's Report:**

1. Lehigh River main replacement project is ready to submit for permitting, project cost is estimated at \$1.2 million dollars. The board requested the GFT Infrastructure, Inc. to submit the plans with 20" encasement pipe with 30" hole. Timothy Tkach made a motion, seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed to authorize GFT, Infrastructure, Inc. to submit the drawings with the above change.

Donald Rehrig made a motion, seconded by Timothy Thach and passed to approve the \$78,800 budget adjustment from GFT in addition to the previously approved \$99,000 for engineering.

2. The Capital Charges study will be completed by the June 3, 2026 meeting.
3. Donald Rehrig made a motion, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed the cost of \$39,000 for GFT to assist with updating the Risk & Resilience Assessment and the Emergency Response Plan in accordance with America's Water Infrastructure Act.

## **Solicitors' Report:**

1. Jenny Cheng suggested a change to Nicole's title to something other than Administrative Secretary. Timothy Tkach made a motion, seconded by Donald Rehrig and passed to update Nicole's title to Administrative Director.

**Secretary's Report:**

1. The proposal from GFT to complete the annual Long Run Dam inspection at a cost of \$3,550 was approved on a motion made by Timothy Tkach, seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed.
2. The cost for the Authority to have their own life insurance policy for the employees would rise significantly, so we need to remain on the Borough's policy.
3. Authorization for David Harleman to sign the release regarding the Authority employees fixing the plumbing at the Fire Company to remedy a metering issue was granted on a motion made by Donald Rehirg, seconded by Timothy Tkach and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. No CD's matured.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Radical Wine Project--Tucker has a conference call with Estes on 5/5/26 to discuss the project timeframe and safety issues. Planning to start in two weeks.
2. Tucker gave an update on the Mahoning Alley main extension requested by Armando Galasso for the property at 134 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
3. New price for a Hydro Vac Truck estimated to be \$460,980.61.

**Old Business:**

1. Keystone Timber & Forestry, LLC – no updates.
2. Storm Lumber – Nic Storm is still working on removing the lumber
3. Aston Glen—meter pit was not installed, hopefully this month it can be installed.
4. Data Center—no updates.

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

On a motion by Russell Schoenberger seconded by Timothy Tkach to accept all reports and pay all bills.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Timothy Tkach seconded by Russell Schoenberger the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Russell Schoenberger  
Secretary