

# NESHANNOCK CREEK WATERSHED JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

## Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2025

8:00 AM

### ATTENDANCE

Pat Suhrie; Dave Swartz; Cliff Hughes; Robert Gregory; Bill Finley, Jr.; Paul Vahaly; Dan Goncz; Karen Shipton.

*\*The Meeting Opened with the Pledge to the U.S. Flag at 8:00 AM\**

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*\*A motion was made by Bill Finley, Jr. and seconded by Cliff Hughes to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 6/10/2025 MEETING AS PRESENTED

*\*A motion was made by Cliff Hughes and seconded by Robert Gregory to approve the minutes from the 6/10/2025 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Plantation Park Reps. Jim Rowley; Don Patterson and Rodney Sourwine were present to discuss the issue of excess water flowing through the sewer system causing their edu's to rise. They claimed they were required by PA DEP to run their well water backflushing to our system which is 5000 gallons a day. Dan explained to them that the pumpstation cannot withstand that kind of excess water and also the debris that comes off the sand from their system will eventually cause chaos at our plant. Dan recommended that they contact PA DEP and let them know the issue. There also is the issue that they are only paying for 60 edu's at this point and lately it has been upwards of 80 edu's/month. This will result in an additional monthly and tap fee increase if not corrected.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Karen presented the list of bills to be paid for June/2025 (See Below):

**Short Lived Asset Reserve Account:** Last Statement (6/01/2025) Balance: \$247,175.26. One Transfer: \$3582.25. Balance as of 6/30/2025 : \$250,757.51.

**Asset Reserve Restricted Account:** Last Statement (6/01/2025) Balance: \$112,944.73. One Transfer: \$1636.88. Balance as of 6/30/2025 : \$114,581.61.

**General Account:** Last Statement (6/01/2025) Balance: \$193,144.59. (7) Deposits of \$70,673.38 and (24) Disbursements of \$134,167.08. Balance as of 6/30/2025: \$129,650.89.

The following invoices are being considered for payment:

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| 1:34 PM                                     | Neshannock Creek Watershed Joint Mun. Auth. |
| 07/07/25                                    | Expenses by Vendor Summary                  |
| Cash Basis                                  | June 2025                                   |
|   |   |
|   | Jun 25                                      |
| Ace fix-it Hardware                         | 253.75                                      |
| Agency Assist Outsource Sol. LLC            | 10.00                                       |
| Big Mac's Sealcoating                       | 3,450.00                                    |
| Davidson, M. & Associates, Inc.             | 7,451.00                                    |
| Endustra Filter Manufacturers               | 888.00                                      |
| Flow Media, Incorporated                    | 550.00                                      |
| Gannett Fleming, Inc.                       | 12,800.00                                   |
| Homer Sanitary                              | 275.00                                      |
| Mercer County Recorder of Deeds             | 76.25                                       |
| NAPA Mercer                                 | 21.99                                       |
| Penn Power/57/Acct. 577                     | 160.89                                      |
| Penn Power/336/Acct. 502                    | 67.21                                       |
| Penn Power/845/Acct. 628                    | 3,482.88                                    |
| Plantation Park Camper's Assoc.             | 201.00                                      |
| Tri-County Industries, Inc./57              | 53.47                                       |
| Tri-County Industries, Inc./845 Perry Hwy   | 102.93                                      |
| USDA  | 90,446.00                                   |
| Verizon                                     | 40.01                                       |
| TOTAL                                       | 120,330.38                                  |
| TRANSFERS: Debt Service Asset Res. Account: | 1,636.88                                    |
| Short Lived Asset Res. Account:             | 3,582.25                                    |
| TOTAL INVOICES AND TRANSFERS:               | \$125,549.51                                |

***\*A motion was made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Clifford Hughes to approve the payment of bills submitted for June/2025 as presented and add a last minute invoice payable to FNB Commercial Credit Card in the amount of \$972.39. Motion carried unanimously.*** Dan made a note that the \$500.00 for PA DEP comes out of the Iron Bridge Inn, LLC escrow.

Karen stated that all invoices were available and bank statements all balanced to QB and were also available for review.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:20 am to discuss current litigation.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:24 am.

### **CUSTOMER ISSUE**

Ruth McLaughlin – 5 Dogwood Drive; Mercer, PA – Mrs. McLaughlin sent a note in with her payment stating that pump malfunctioned causing multiple backups into her home. She called a plumber to identify the issue and submitted that bill to us since she felt it was our fault. PJ Vahaly went out twice to her home. He stated that the first time the pump was not working but was not overflowing and she never told him it backed up into her home. The alarm had gone off. PJ pulled the pump and put a new one in and brought the old one back to be fixed at the plant. The issue was the level switch. He said the second time she called he went out and it was in alarm but it was dry. Based on this, PJ does not feel the problem was on our end. The toilet is an upflush. It had rained very heavily that day. No action was taken.

### **SHERIFF'S NOTICE**

Charles and Susanna Hites – 8 Clintonville Rd.; Mercer, PA – Karen picked up a Judicial Sale notice for the Authority at the Sheriff's office in Mercer. She also sent it on right away to the Authority Solicitor Roger Shaffer. This property has liens and Roger advised that in this situation we will not get any of the money that is liened. Both property owners have passed away. There is possibly a person living at the property currently. ***\*A motion was made by Bill Finley, Jr. and seconded by Cliff Hughes to send a certified letter to this address to find out if someone is living there.*** Motion carried unanimously.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Plantation Park - Dan stated that he had contacted PA DEP prior to this meeting and they stated they did not tell Plantation Park to connect their water line and backwash it into our system. He has an inspection report from May/2024 and it does not state this either. Dan will send PP a letter with bullet points and outline the problem and copy PA DEP, just so everyone is on the same page. Dan is concerned that if we don't take care of this it will be an issue with Project Cake in the future.

SR19 Sewer System Extension to Iron Bridge Inn – Planning was approved yesterday. GP5 and GP6 have been issued. Dan had to resubmit the ENS Control Plan. It was sent in April and they lost it. The HRP was issued. Part 2 was submitted and we should have that by October which is when we will do

the Pennvest Funding. If we submit for this in October and we get an award by January this could be under construction by 2026.

Project Cake -- We issued our comments on June 6, 2025 and we have not received a response yet. The planning document that they need, Pat just signed a waiver for. So we are good with that.

### **OPERATOR'S REPORT**

There were (3) call outs. One for the house that burnt down, the pump was pulled and repaired.

The flow in May/2025 was 104,000/gal/day with a 150,000/gal/day limit.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

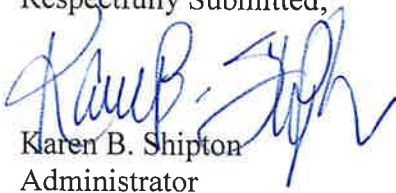
### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bill stated they are moving ahead preparing for a closing.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*\*A motion was made by Bill Finley, Jr. and seconded by Dave Swartz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:44AM.*

Respectfully Submitted;



Karen B. Shipton  
Administrator

Dan Goncz took over at the Engineer's Report until the end of the meeting for Karen as she had to leave.