NESHANNOCK CREEK WATERSHED JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2026
8:00 AM

ATTENDANCE
Dale Bestwick; Patrick Suhrie; Dave Swartz; Clifford Hughes; Robert Gregory; William Finley, Jr.; Karen Shipton; Jim Riddle; Dan Goncz (Phone). Public: Gary Sawor; Otto Ammer; Gary Butch.

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

*Karen Shipton stated that the meeting was being recorded.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by William Finley, Jr. and seconded by Clifford Hughes to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 9/08/2026 MEETING AS PRESENTED
A motion was made by Dale Bestwick and seconded by Robert Gregory to approve the minutes from the 9/08/2026 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Gary Butch – He had questions about connecting and fees with his property on SR19.

Otto Ammer – His home is 185' from the road and he was wondering if he had to connect. Dan explained that the primary structure that had water going into it was the one that had to make the connection but he is outside the 150' range so he would not be required to connect. He can always connect at any time he wants to.

Gary Sawor – He lives south of the Iron Bridge Inn. He wants to know if he (someday down the road) wants to tap into Rachel's line if that was possible. Dan stated that the only way that could happen would be, 1) the Authority would have to own the line (they don't own it yet), and Rachel's would have to have the same grinder pump that everyone else is using and at this time they do not. Gary had questions on how much Iron Bridge Inn has paid for the tap fees. He feels that for 1.6 million and there are only 30 customers that it was a lot of money. Dan explained that we are looking at the big picture down the road and extending the line further.

Dave Swartz – Dave was approached about an Amish property and if they are required to connect. Dan stated that if there is power to the house then yes, if not, they can't use a grinder pump. You can't make someone connect to a pressure sewer without electricity. Dave also stated that Judy Ligo's property on SR19 (across from Clearwater), when they were directional drilling they went right through her spring (her primary water source) and the contractor was very diligent, helpful and worked overtime to help get it repaired and cleaned up.

Dan shared that Tepco is giving a discounted price on grinder pumps for this project. If someone is on the fence about connecting (that is not required) they need to know this. Also, for the property owners present, even if you are more than 150' if you know where you want that connection spot to be on your

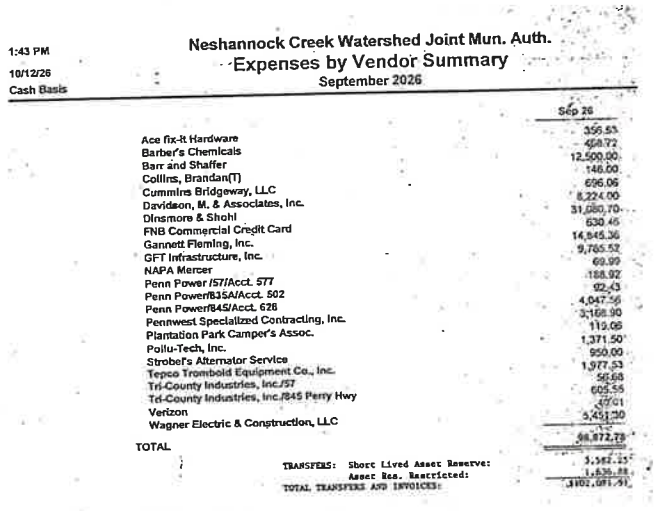
property, it would be a good idea to mark it for future use. Make sure the contractor is aware. This includes any vacant lot.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Karen Shipton reported the following:

Pennvest Account: Last Statement (8/01/2026) Balance: $1.00. No Deposits and No Payments. Balance as of 8/31/2026: $1.00
Asset Reserve Restricted Account: Last Statement (8/01/2026) Balance: $135,861.05. One Transfer: $1636.88. Balance as of 8/31/2026: $137,497.93.
Short Lived Asset Reserve Account: Last Statement 8/01/2026) Balance: $297,326.76. One Transfer: $3582.25. Balance as of 8/31/2026: $300,909.01.
General Account: Last Statement (8/01/2026) Balance: $89,576.19. (6) Deposits of $40,507.01 and (14) Disbursements of $11,852.40. Balance as of 8/31/2026: $118,230.80.

Pennvest Account: Last Statement (9/01/2026) Balance: $1.00. (2) Deposits of $69,498.35 and (1) Transfer to the General Acct. in the amount of $67,046.26. Balance as of 9/30/2026: $2453.09.
Asset Reserve Restricted Account: Last Statement (9/01/2026) Balance: $137,497.93. One Transfer: $1636.88. Balance as of 9/30/2026: $139,134.81.
Short Lived Asset Reserve Account: Last Statement (9/01/2026) Balance: $300,909.01. One Transfer: $3582.25. Balance as of 9/30/2026: $304,491.26.
General Account: Last Statement (9/01/2026) Balance: $118,230.80. (9) Deposits of $95,891.30 and (15) Disbursements of $34,075.07. Balance as of 9/30/2026: $180,047.03.



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10/12/26
Cash Basis

Neshannock Creek Watershed Joint Mun. Auth.
Expenses by Vendor Summary
September 2026

	Sep 26
Ace fix-It Hardware	356.53
Barber's Chemicals	458.72
Barr and Shaffer	12,500.00
Collins, Brandan(T)	146.00
Cummins Bridgeway, LLC	696.06
Davidson, M. & Associates, Inc.	8,224.00
Dinsmore & Shohl	31,080.70
FNB Commercial Credit Card	630.45
Gannett Fleming, Inc.	14,845.36
GFT Infrastructure, Inc.	9,765.52
NAPA Mercer	69.99
Penn Power /57/Acct. 577	188.92
Penn Power/835A/Acct. 502	92.43
Penn Power/845/Acct. 628	4,047.56
Pennwest Specialized Contracting, Inc.	3,168.90
Plantation Park Camper's Assoc.	119.06
Pollu-Tech, Inc.	1,371.50
Strobel's Alternator Service	950.00
Tepco Trombold Equipment Co., Inc.	1,977.53
Tri-County Industries, Inc./57	56.68
Tri-County Industries, Inc./845 Perry Hwy	605.55
Verizon	47.01
Wagner Electric & Construction, LLC	5,451.30
TOTAL	98,972.78
TRANSFERS: Short Lived Asset Reserve:	3,582.25
Asset Res. Restricted:	1,636.88
TOTAL TRANSFERS AND INVOICES:	104,191.91

Karen stated that all statements balanced to quickbooks and are available for review.

A motion was made by William Finley, Jr. and seconded by Dale Bestwick to approve the treasurer's report and the payment of bills submitted for October/2026 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Plantation Park – Their flows are at 49 edu's. Dan can't tell at this point if any of their improvements

have made a difference yet. We will adjust their edu's in January for 2027.

SR19 South Project – There was a Job Meeting on 10/1/2026 and the next one is scheduled for 11/5/2026 at 10am. These meetings are held at the Gannett Fleming offices in Mercer. The pumpstation construction should start the last week of this month.

Pennvest Payment Request #2 in the amount of $191,006.65. Dan reviewed what bills will be paid with this money. ***A motion was made by William Finley, Jr. and seconded by Dave Swartz to approve the payments as described in Pennvest Payment Request #2 in the amount of $191,006.65. Motion carried unanimously.***

The packet went out to the property owners along SR19 South.

OPERATOR'S REPORT

The plant operated within its permit limits.

Beds were cleaned.
Sludge was poured.

There were (3) grinder pump call outs. (1) pump was repaired.

When the new pumps are delivered for the interchange pump station Dan has asked contractors Pennwest and Wagner to replace those pumps first and get those in operation.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion on payment to a friend of Jim's for fixing a backup electric generator. He was there about an hour. He is willing to come back and do the routine maintenance for us. Cummins has been overcharging us for years and our contract is about up. He is willing to do all the maintenance for all of our generators. Jim will get a hold of him and the board will talk about invoicing structure.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by William Finley, Jr. and seconded by Clifford Hughes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 AM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Karen B. Shipton
Administrator