

NESHANNOCK CREEK WATERSHED JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

8:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Dale Bestwick, Pat Suhrie, Dave Swartz, Robert Gregory, Bill Finley, Jr., Jim Riddle, Dan Goncz,

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 04/08/2025 MEETING AS PRESENTED

****A motion was made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Dale Bestwick to approve the minutes from the 4/08/2025 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENT

None..

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dan Goncz presented the list of bills to be paid for April/2025 (See Below):

Short Lived Asset Reserve Account: Last Statement (4/01/2025) Balance: \$240,010.78. One Transfer: \$3582.25. Balance as of 4/30/2025 : \$243,593.01.

Asset Reserve Restricted Account: Last Statement (4/01/2025) Balance: \$109,670.97. One Transfer: \$1636.88. Balance as of 04/30/2025 : \$111,307.85.

General Account: Last Statement (4/01/2025) Balance: \$240,421.34. (7) Deposits of \$6822.90 and (16) Disbursements of \$58,099.15. Balance as of 04/30/2025: \$189,145.09.

The following invoices are being considered for payment:

1:52 PM
05/12/25
Cash Basis

**Neshannock Creek Watershed Joint Mun. Auth.
Expenses by Vendor Summary
April 2025**

	<u>Apr 25</u>
Ace fix-it Hardware	181.60
Davidson, M. & Associates, Inc.	7,451.00
FNB Commercial Credit Card	2,293.28
Gannett Fleming, Inc.	17,400.00
Homer Sanitary	275.00
Kelley, Pat	75.00
Mercer County Prothonotary	54.25
Penn Power /57/Acct. 577	191.73
Penn Power/835A/Acct. 502	148.10
Penn Power/845/Acct. 628	3,405.87
Plantation Park Camper's Assoc.	180.38
Quartz Lamps, Inc.	48.67
Selective Insurance	30.00
Tri-County Industries, Inc /57	53.47
Tri-County Industries, Inc./845 Perry Hwy	102.93
USA Blue Book	421.43
Watson's Inc. (New)	157.62
TOTAL	<u>32,450.33</u>
<u>TRANSFERS</u>	
Asset Reserve Restricted Account:	1,636.88
Short Lived Asset Res. Restricted Account:	<u>3,582.25</u>
TOTAL INVOICES AND TRANSFERS:	\$37,669.46

**A motion was made by Robert Gregory and seconded by Dave Swartz to approve the payment of bills submitted for May/2025 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The report shows the flows through April/2025 for all of the facilities.

The STP is averaging 97,000/gal/day. This should decrease as we get closer to Summer.

SR19 Project – The planning modules were submitted in early March and they currently are working on the design. There are (2) stream crossings and the General Permit for these was submitted. The Planning Approval from PA DEP should be ready by the end of the month. Dan was going to see if they could expedite this. They are trying to get the parking permit into PA DEP in June so we can get the permit hopefully in Aug/Sept. The cutoff for PennVest for their January meeting is October. We want to be able to get into PennVest for this round. Also, the grant application was submitted by the end of April for a small project grant for part of this project. A Highway Occupancy Permit was issued for directional drilling underneath the interstate. This usually takes around (6) months and it came through in (3) days.

Project Cake – We have the water usage compared to a similar facility that they have regionally. They anticipate using 18,060/gal/day for sewage. This is around 46 edu's. Right now, it doesn't appear that the STP needs any modifications to it. The developer may want to connect directly into the DEQ basin rather than the pressure sewer. They have to relocate the pressure sewer because of the footprint of the building. How they come out of the building and how they are going to connect we haven't figured that out yet. Dan sent them more drawings yesterday to show them what their options were. They are preparing sewage facility planning modules. This is something required by PA DEP because of the size of the facility.

OPERATOR'S REPORT

The plant operated at 82,000/gal/day for the month of March 2025.

Bed 4 was poured and cleaned

There was usual maintenance at the plant.

There was (61) grinder pump call outs. Two of these were just resetting the panel. There were (3) repairs.

PA One Calls were marked and responded to. PennDOT was given the information for the sewer lines out between SR58 in Mercer to Grove City/Butler County Line. PennDOT is going to pave in a year or so.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim reported that the Wi-Fi has been installed at the plant and it is working nicely.

NEW BUSINESS

Countryside Convalescent Home/Quality Life Services – The Administrator from Countryside (Mike Ligo) was present. He does the sewage management for all of Quality Life Services properties. They are attempting to help resolve the ongoing grinder pump issues by installing grease traps, they removed the wipes from rooms to try and slow down the flushing of those. They also have put chicken

wire in the basket. They didn't like it so they removed it. The main thing they have done is have the maintenance staff clean it out daily to try and keep the wipes out of the system. There is a grease trap in the kitchen also. They are very willing to help with this process and do what needs done. They do not wish to take ownership of the pump station at this time, but they are willing to talk about the situation and do what is necessary to improve the situation. Dan suggested to Mr. Ligo that he is recommending getting rid of the wipes all together. They are marketed as flushable and they are not. He and plant operator Jim Riddle gave Mr. Ligo a background of what has been happening and what needs to be done before the issues get any bigger. They are going to add an additional grease trap to see if this helps. He will contact Micsky's.

Monica Colon – 673 Mercer-Pulaski Rd.; Mercer, PA 16137 – Camper On-Site. They purchased the property 2 ½ years ago. Originally, (2) grinder pumps were installed. The original mobile home was removed, the panel was damaged when the mobile home was removed. One of the pumps (where the mobile home stood) was removed and the monthly fee was stopped. The previous owner(s) were told if they wanted to ever re-connect they would have to pay the tap fee again and basically start over or pay all of the monthly fees up to date, which ever was the cheaper way to go. The previous owners agreed to stopping the monthly payment. The Colon's would like to hook their rv(camper) up to the second grinder pump for occasional family, friends, etc. They are inquiring if there is a lower cost way of doing this. Dan explained Act 203 (Tapping Fees) to the Colon's, etc. The board gave them some different options on which way to proceed. They recommended they contact East Lackawannock Township first before doing anything.

Big Mac Sealing - **A motion was made by Robert Gregory and seconded by Bill Finley, Jr. to proceed with Big Mac Sealing the STP asphalt for approximately \$3300.00. Motion carried unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

****A motion was made by Bill Finley, Jr. and seconded by Robert Gregory to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:07AM.***

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of Administrator Karen B. Shipton;

Daniel Goncz, P.E.*
Vice President/Water
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