

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD BY THE VIRTUAL MEETING ZOOM PLATFORM AND IN PERSON ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 711 BIRKBECK STREET, FREELAND, PA. PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. FISHER, MR. THOMAS, MR. TIERNEY, MR. KUKLIS, ATTORNEY MALASKA, ATTORNEY FAGAN, THE ENGINEER, THE TECHNICAL MANAGER AND THE SECRETARY.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG – MOMENT OF SILENCE

JAY LYNCH, P.G. – MEISER & EARL, INC.

Mr. Kavitski stated the Authority has high flows at some of the Wells. SRBC came to the Authority and did an inspection. The Authority explained to SRBC Well 4 is down, pump is only 5 to 6 years old, which previously had a vertical turbine from the fifties. The Board discussed going back to a vertical turbine, but the expense is great, and the Well is not plumb. The Authority needs to investigate what happened to the pump in Well 4, is it the pump itself, scraped wire or something else. The Authority is also without Well 12, pipe failure which caused extensive damage inside the Wellhouse. With two Wells down, the Authority needs to replace the pump in Well 4 as soon as possible with a submersible pump.

Ryan Smith stated there is not a firm date for replacing Well 4 pump installation yet.

Mr. Kavitski stated Rachelle Eby from SRBC was very understanding and she suggested to request increase in flow rates. Mr. Kavitski stated he would like to see what can be done to get the Wells permitted for higher flow rates.

Mr. Lynch stated Well 10 can be pumped a lot more than the Authority is using it now. The data that was used for the grandfathering was data when Well 10 was used very hard.

Mr. Kavitski stated right now Well 10 cannot even be pumped for what is allocated.

Mr. Lynch stated yes there is a smaller pump in there now which a bigger pump should be placed back in Well 10. There is a large capacity for pumping at Well 10.

Mr. Kavitski stated in a drought situation, Well 10 would need to have the flows cut back. He also would like to see the flow rates increase at other Wells.

Mr. Lynch stated Well 4 and Well 6 were grandfathered for less flow rates because Well 10 was used harder years ago. Well 11 was used after 1970 and put into production after 1978, which the Authority did not receive a grandfathering on this Well. SRBC said Well 11 can be used but for under 100,000 gpd. We started the pump testing to see if it could produce more but there were issues with the data loggers, and it all stopped. Well 4, 6 and 11, operational testing could be set up to see what the Wells could produce, to see if it would be worthwhile going through the docket process. The docket process takes two years, and it is expensive.

Mr. Kavitski said Rachelle Eby made it sound like the process was easy and indicated SRBC changed their way of doing things. He suggested maybe a Teams Meeting with SRBC. The situation the Authority is in right now is not good being down two Wells.

Mr. Lynch said he will call Rachelle Eby and inquire about her suggestions to Freeland Municipal Authority. He said he was not aware of any changes in the procedures. An Aquifer Test must be submitted and approved and show sustainable yield and be sure it will not impact any other users. There are two Wells in the vicinity, one at Graham Street and one at Brengle Street.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about a new Well in Upper Lehigh. Where do we stand with this.

Mr. Lynch stated the Authority was trying to figure out what Well 11 could produce prior to looking in Upper Lehigh.

Mr. Kavitski stated we need to have a Teams Meeting with SRBC, Mr. Lynch and the Authority.

Mr. Lynch stated with a Teams Meeting SRBC can explain exactly what is required to get a docket.

Mr. Kavitski and Ryan Smith both stated after speaking with Rachelle Eby from SRBC, it sounded like it would be easy to have flows increased.

Mr. Lynch stated he will call tomorrow and speak to Rachelle Eby at SRBC.

Mr. Fisher inquired about emergency provisions, if you can exceed the flow amounts.

Mr. Lynch stated there are emergency certificates which can be obtained with paying a fee.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about Well 4 being out of plumb should it be redrilled.

Mr. Lynch stated if the casing is grouted in, the casing could not be removed. If you redrill the Well, DEP could say it is a different Well now, which is retesting etc.

Ryan Smith stated the pump was turned off prior to total failure due to the alerts from the megalert system.

Mr. Lynch stated after the pump is pulled from Well 4 do forensics on the Well to see why the failure. It appears it is something electrical.

Ryan Smith inquired about Well 10; a placement of larger pump, how long it would take to obtain a modified permit from DEP.

Mr. Lynch stated this is a minor permit modification and it normally takes a few months.

Mr. Kavitski stated two or three months usually.

Mr. Lynch inquired if there was a permit modification at the time of putting a smaller pump in Well 10, if paperwork was not completed at the time, you should be able to place a larger pump in service. Older permits sometimes do not have pump size specified on it.

Mr. Kavitski stated he was not sure if a permit modification was completed.

Brenden Miller of HRG stated DEP should be contacted.

Ryan Smith stated 180,000 gpd is the allocation for Well 10.

Mr. Kavitski inquired if Mr. Lynch has the current permit from DEP or the Authority can request a file review at DEP.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the smaller pump at Well 10, if it could be used as a spare at another Well. Ryan Smith said he would cross reference to see where it could be used.

Mr. Lynch stated Well 9, 12, and 17 are in the DRBC docket, which is up on September 13, 2027, need to investigate what needs to be completed to renew it, probably just paperwork.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Nathan Eachus & Mr. Todd Eachus of Pure Green BioAg Inc., exclusive agent for the PFAS Settlement. Dupont and 3M have settled on a multi-billion-dollar settlement and if PFAS testing is above the EPA standards, Water Systems can obtain money for treatment. April to December of 2025 is the opening window for the funds. They are here to educate communities on what this means as an exclusive agent to Grossman & Kelly LLP, the firm handling this case.

Mr. Eachus stated everything is free, the testing, kits, and the analyzing through an approved laboratory, to see if the Authority exceeds the limits established. Water Systems by 2029 will need to be treated if they are over the limits allowed. Accessing this funding will take the burden off the rate payers. MDL2873 is the 40-billion-dollar settlement fund established last year, which is set aside. We are now entering phase 2 for the deadline, which is for smaller towns and cities, like the Authority and HCA. Pure Green would work with the Authority Team after agreement is signed, to obtain testing. No obligation after the testing is completed. If the testing is above the limits, Grossman & Kelly, would start the process to obtain the funds from the settlement money. ARM Group, their Engineering Firm, would design PFAS treatment.

Get the water test done, working with the Authority Team on paperwork, a contract to start the testing triggers the ability for their team to send the kits to the Authority, and coordinate. Pure Green is the liaison between the Authorities and the national settlement. If the monies are not spent at the end of the deadline, the monies are returned to DuPont and 3M companies.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the monies; the testing and engineering would be paid for by the settlement but what about the monies to mitigate the system.

Mr. Eachus said the system design, if the numbers come back higher than the EPA limits, their team begins to work directly with the legal team to process the paperwork. The Engineering team comes in to directly work with the Authority to determine the Well sites. A treatment system would be designed.

Mr. Tierney inquired about the actual purchasing of a treatment system.

Mr. Eachus stated Freeland Municipal Authority is on the national list called UPMC5, this list was just produced on August 11, 2025. You are already targeted as a possible Phase 2 recipient.

Mr. Fisher inquired if there were monies for the complete mitigation. Mr. Eachus stated yes.

Mr. Tierney inquired if this includes the hardware and complete installation.

Mr. Eachus stated yes and even the maintenance of the system. He stated the legal team informed him the larger cities, there is more money which was not claimed. The determination of which Wells needs to be mitigated and a design for a plan to submit. The money is triggered based on the design, just the water testing needs to be completed by December 31, 2025.

Mr. Kavitski inquired if it costs approximately 3 million dollars to install equipment, it would be covered.

Mr. Eachus stated it would be fully covered under the settlement.

Attorney Malaska inquired if Mr. Eachus has signed any other Phase 2 municipality at the moment.

Mr. Eachus said he spoke with Hazleton City Authority and spoke with others via phone and email. Their company is an exclusive agent. Grossman & Kelly would take care of all the legal paperwork as a liaison with the administrative team.

Mr. Kavitski inquired that Pure Green is paid through the settlement money is that correct.

Mr. Eachus said Grossman and Kelly is paid their 33% retainer, Pure Green gets paid their fee – 10 % as a liaison, and a projector manager is assigned along with a co-counsel, who works directly here for the project. We need to lookout for smaller communities to help them.

Mr. Fisher inquired if the 40 billion dollars is spread across the entire United States and Mr. Eachus said yes, most communities are not signing up due to misinformation, signing up earlier the better.

Mr. Kavitski stated to send the contract over so Attorney Malaska can look over it and the Authority will get back to you.

The Office Manager stated that when the Authority received postcards regarding this settlement, she completed the information on the website, which really is not user friendly. Ryan Smith also worked on the website for reporting information. She inquired with the Authority starting this process does it now disqualify the Authority from obtaining help from Grossman & Kelly?

Mr. Eachus was not sure of the answer to this question. The paperwork would need to be taken care of by their team of professionals. The completion of the testing needs to be done first to take it the rest of the way.

Mr. Fisher stated we complete the testing and now into the Engineering, the cost involved with the Engineering, when would we receive money to keep everything moving.

Mr. Eachus said the money rolls out to the first quarter of 2026.

Mr. Fisher inquired if the monies are already spent than how does the Authority overcome their costs.

Mr. Eachus stated the court's accounting for the 40 billion dollars, so as qualifications begin and the 40 billion dollars starts to decrease, we are trying to get municipalities in prior, so the court certifies you before the money is lapsed. We are trying to complete early communication before the monies are gone.

Mr. Kavitski stated once the contract is signed, we are certified for the money. Mr. Eachus said yes, you are logged into the system.

Mr. Tierney inquired about the risk for the Authority with this program. Mr. Eachus said the only risk is for the money to run out.

Mr. Kavitski stated if the court has you in the national database, then you should obtain some money and if the money runs out then people should not have to follow the regulations either.

Mr. Eachus said maybe that argument would work. The gaps and risks are no cost and no fees for the testing for the Authority. The Engineering group, ARM, has several different systems for the treatment of PFAS, which are installed in different areas already. The sites to determine where the system needs to be installed, apply the system approved by the court for the clean-up technology, and they are set into place.

Mr. Kavitski inquired how it would be handled if the EPA changed the limits to lower than what they are now.

Mr. Eachus said they are going to be what the court's ruling is now under UMCR5. Phase 1 is larger cities is 60 billion dollars, Phase 2 is smaller communities is 40 billion dollars, and Phases 3, 4 and 5 are landfills, airports and firefighters are 80 billion dollars. We are here to inform the communities and will be attending Water Authority meetings.

Mr. Kavitski stated please provide the information to us so we can send it to our Solicitor for review.

Attorney Malaska inquired about the PFAS testing, is this done in-house or sent out, if the Authority has started this testing, can it be reimbursed. Ryan Smith said it cannot be done in-house because it needs to be sent to a certified laboratory.

Mr. Eachus said they can investigate if reimbursement can be made.

Attorney Malaska inquired about signing up and the Engineering group works with the Authority to develop a plan, is the funding of your Engineering group funded through the settlement.

Mr. Eachus said yes, and it goes back to the settlement team, Grossman & Kelly, to verify with the court to cover the cost of the plan.

Attorney Malaska stated the biggest concern is the Engineering group develops a plan, and the remediation plan is more money than what the court awards, the money is not budgeted by the Authority what then.

Mr. Eachus said the Authority would be under no obligation to move forward with the plan, if it is not covered by the court settlement. There is no fallback to the Authority whatsoever. They will drop off the paperwork at the office tomorrow for the Authority and Solicitor to review.

Todd & Nathan Eachus thanked the Board for their time tonight.

Attorney Malaska stated his biggest concern is developing a plan and not having enough funds to complete it and the Authority would need to spend their own money.

Mr. Kavitski stated if there is no obligation on the Authority than it is a win-win situation for the Authority. If the money is not used, it returns to the companies which is not right.

Mr. Kavitski inquired where are the Authority limits in the testing which have been completed already.

Ryan Smith stated the Authority is above the state limits but under the federal ones.

Mr. Fisher stated the Authority should not qualify for any money if we are below the federal limits.

Mr. Thomas stated he is wondering if the Authority is on the list due to the completion of information on the settlement website by staff.

Ryan Smith thought maybe the website or quarterly testing completed earlier with the EPA.

Mr. Kavitski recommends having Attorney Malaska review the agreement first.

Mr. Thomas inquired with Brenden Miller whether he has been contacted by this group or any of their customers.

Brenden Miller said he received emails regarding the PFAS, but he has not seen attendance at a meeting.

Mr. Kuklis stated this program is like a grant so the Authority should investigate the matter.

Mr. Kavitski asked Ryan Smith to contact HCA to ask what they thought of the information regarding the matter.

Aram Shishmanian of Hawk Hills Trailer Park stated he sent a letter to the Board. He considered this a small issue which he had. He inquired if everyone had a chance to read the letter. (Reference 2663-A).

Mr. Kavitski stated the Board Members have read the letter.

Mr. Shishmanian explained he is the managing partner & owner of the trailer park called Hawk Hills located at the bottom of Schwabe Street in Freeland. He stated there should have been a more smooth transition in ownership and miscommunications. He is asking for late fees to be refunded for certain months, not all months, the details are in the letter. He sent checks out for the latest bill today and he stated he is up to date and wanted to introduce himself. There are future plans for the park and spending capital in the park and investing in the life cycle and turning things around. The request to credit the late fees and the other request is for the lots with no trailers to be eliminated and pay for sewer service where there are only trailers hooked to the system.

Carlene explained to the Board why the late fees were issued to the accounts and currently he owes part of July and the full amount of August. She explained she had gone over his bills with him and even explained the entire breakdown of the bills. There are no penalties in July because the property was to be sold, and we held the bill. After the abstract company contacted the Authority and informed us the sale did not go through, we placed his bills in the mail with no penalty to be applied for July.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about the penalties Mr. Shishmanian was referring to for refund.

Carlene explained to the Board he wanted the penalties reversed from the time he purchased the property in November. It was two months after the sale; the Authority received the information from the former owner to obtain his information. The Authority did not know a sale was taking place until Maria from ARV Ventures emailed and told the Authority they no longer owned the property; no abstract company ever called the Authority for final bills in November. Maria informed us she would forward the bills to him and have him contact us.

Mr. Kavitski informed Mr. Shishmanian that the bills were late, and the penalties must be paid; everyone else pays penalties when late and as far as the lots not being used; they are given EDUs, if you do not want to pay for the EDU, you need to give it up. In the future, if you want to connect a trailer you would need to pay a tap-on fee. If you want to give up the EDUs, you need to dig up the sewer line and cap the laterals so they cannot be used, and this would be a considerable cost for you to remove them from your bill.

Mr. Shishmanian stated he understood if he wanted to forfeit the EDUs, by digging it up. He thanked the Board for the explanation.

Mr. Kavitski stated if you did not contact the Authority to switch the bills in your name when you purchased the property that is not the Authority's fault, it is yours.

Mr. Tierney explained to him the abstract company which you used for purchasing the property or the real estate agent, it did not go as planned and that is not the fault of the Authority as the Chairman said. This is a problem you need to discuss with the closing company and real estate agent.

Mr. Shishmanian asked where the bills come from, and Mr. Tierney said from us, bills are sent when the customer is clearly identified. If the closing company, real estate agent or former owner does not identify the new buyer the Authority cannot send a bill out, once the Authority is given the information than bills can be mailed.

Mr. Shishmanian thanked the Board, and he wants to have a good relationship with the Authority.

APPROVE JULY MINUTES

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes dated July 10, 2025, and

Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes dated July 16, 2025, and

Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated July 16, 2025, and

Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve the Continued Meeting Minutes dated July 23, 2025, and

Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes dated July 23, 2025, and

Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0.

APPROVE JULY PAID INVOICES

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve July paid invoices for the Water Division totaling \$451,597.41, and the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$190,049.72, and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Ref. 2663-B).

CURRENT INVOICES

Mr. Tierney made a motion to approve payment of the current Water Division invoices totaling \$247,867.85, the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$157,708.95, and the Sandy Run invoices totaling \$131.32, and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2664 -A).

FINANCIAL STATUS

The Secretary reviewed the Financial Status as outlined in Reference 2664-B.

The Secretary informed the Board she placed an ad with the Journal Herald for part-time summer help for the entire month. The ad placed earlier for one week was \$12.00.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the Tap-On Fee charges for new connections. The Secretary stated she would need to look at the paperwork. HRG provided updated fees with a Capital Charge Study on both the Water and Sewer Divisions.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Brenden Miller of HRG, Inc., presented the Engineering Report. (Reference 2664-C).

Sewer Area

-SIUA and IPP Items – Chris Ferdik of HRG discussed this area of the report. The target date to schedule Citterio Annual Inspection is around first week of October 2025. Following meeting with Citterio; IPP compliance is getting better, issues with Ammonia Exceedance in June, and other exceedances of BOD, TDS and flows, will speak to Citterio regarding these issues at the meeting on August 29, 2025. Consent Agreement and the Permit Renewal will be the main topics of discussion. At the meeting Citterio will need to give information regarding sanitizers and the ammonia exceedances during cleanup.

Mr. Kavitski stated Monday Citterio's comments are due with the consent agreement.

Attorney Malaska said if there is no settlement figure in the consent agreement on Monday, he will contact Citterio Attorney McCaulley for discussion.

FOG Awareness Packages sent out with a 30-day reply window for the businesses and expiration coming up very shortly.

-Sludge Dewatering Project – The performance testing is scheduled for August 26-28, HRG will have representative onsite. Bonding Change Order and Schwing Bioset panel change order were resolved in favor of the Authority. HRG considers both general and electrical contractors work substantially completed and the plan is to close the contracts at the September Authority Meeting.

Brenden Miller stated there are discussions on a design change for the platform and he provided a sketch with what Ryan Smith and Mr. Kavitski thought would work. The HRG Structural Engineer will draw the design.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the plug blow off was this resolved.

Ryan Smith believes this was caused by an air bubble in the polymer line. The poly dolly works for the first 3 weeks or so and then stops.

Mr. Fisher stated quick disconnects should resolve the air bubble issues.

Ryan Smith said larger barrels are a storage issue. He is calling Jim Thorpe Treatment Plant to see how they handle their polymer system.

Mr. Kavitski stated a barrel pump should work as long as the pump is cleaned each time after use. The employees should clean items after use; it is their job.

-NPDES Permit Renewal – HRG provided a Headwork Analysis Proposal which is on the agenda for tonight. Borton Lawson did the original plan prior to HRG coming on board. Chris Ferdik stated HRG has templates with a good understanding of the report process. This is to review the limits set in place currently.

There is a review of the NPDES Draft Permit, which was published by DEP on July 26, 2025, and has a 30-day public comment review period until August 25, 2025, and the Authority should hear from DEP shortly afterwards. HRG, on behalf of the Authority submitted comments directly to DEP via email on July 29, 2025. Post construction needs to be completed in the plan, Brenden Miller is discussing with DEP.

Attorney Malaska inquired guidance for the capacity situation and Mr. Kavitski stated this is two different items. The NPDES Permit and the ACT 537 are completely different, and it will not change the NPDES Permit.

-ACT 537 Special Study – HRG is waiting for the PAWC Agreement to be finalized.

-Chestnut Street Sewer Project – HRG prepared the drawings and bid documents and HRG can bid the project tomorrow. Plan is to award by the September Meeting.

Mr. Fisher inquired if this would interfere with the Freeland Borough Stormwater Project.

Mr. Kavitski stated we are trying to have this completed prior to that project.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the data loggers can they be used with an external solar source. Brenden Miller said he checked with the vendor, and they cannot be used this way.

Water Area

-Oak Street Water Storage Tank – Virtual job conference held on Aug. 7th. The tank is erected, welding completed and next painting work on September 2nd.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the welds, and how they are tested. Brenden Miller said a 3rd party welding inspection and testing was completed and HRG will have the certificates. Completion date is still scheduled for May of 2026.

Mr. Kavitski inquired why completion date of May 2026, when the tank is going to be painted in September. Brenden Miller stated Linde Corporation had scheduled a winter break in case of inclement weather for setting up the building.

Mr. Kavitski inquired with the tank built, it will not interfere with the building, fencing and the roads which could be completed now. Linde Corporation wanted the tank manufacturer to be completed prior to the rest of the work.

Mr. Kuklis inquired about the painting work. Brenden Miller stated there are several different layers of painting work to be completed. Mr. Kavitski informed the Board the tank would be tested after all painting work.

The mixer for the tank was received this week, contractors were informed and awaiting on the pressure transmitters yet. Brenden Miller is still awaiting quotes from the vendor. Mr. Kavitski suggested contacting Rosemount to inquire into a distributor in the area.

Linde AFP #6 on agenda for approval. Mr. Kavitski inquired about the Overtime Determination letter. Brenden Miller explained the Overtime Determination to the Board; Change Order was given to Linde, which they did not sign or return to HRG.

Mr. Kavitski stated the contract language shows Linde is responsible for overtime. Mr. Kavitski inquired about the building, is it precast or constructed. Brenden Miller stated he would need to check the contract. Brenden Miller will ask for an updated schedule. Mr. Kavitski inquired if we can ask for Linde to continue working on the Oak St Tank Project. Mr. Kavitski inquired about negotiating overtime with the contractor to complete the job.

Brenden Miller informed the Board, DEP with PENNVEST, that they want to have a site inspection for the September 4th job conference which will be in person with all contractors at the Oak Street Tank Site.

Mr. Kavitski stated the weather could be an issue to complete the project this year but if winter arrives late there is no reason not to continue working on the project.

-SRBC Water Conservation Grant – HRG was trying to go live with the project this month but the hold up between Garland and Keystone Engineering on working things out on background items. There is a proposal from Keystone Engineering for the work on the project on the agenda tonight.

Mr. Kavitski informed the Board that the PLCs at Wellhouses are obsolete now.

Brenden Miller stated the smart meters quote is on the agenda for tonight after Mike Beck had a presentation at the meeting last month. The smart meters will be placed in the Bentley System. The last thing is the annual subscription for the Bentley System. The annual software fee is \$20,000, HRG has partnered for Bentley to help smaller municipalities with this fee, so HRG will own the license. There is also a start-up fee of \$10,000, since the Authority has not had the system up and running from the beginning of the year, HRG will pro-rate the annual fee for this year. HRG has a supplement for the prorated amount for approval tonight.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about the annual fee, HRG will continue with Water Sights for years. Brenden Miller said yes, and the annual fee will be \$9,000 every year and Garland has finished the setup work on the computer.

-Sandy Run Corrosion Control Study – No comments/updates from PA DEP.

-Iron and Manganese Treatment – Preliminary quotes for the treatment are three million dollars. The design has not been laid out completely so the construction costs may come down.

Mr. Kavitski informed the Board the Authority should treat here at the Birkbeck Street area first. The Well 10 area is complicated because there is no sewer in the area and there is discharged waste from the treatment system. He recommends to the Board, an automatic flushing valve; every time Well 10 starts up the flushing valve operates first before the water is placed into the system.

Brenden Miller inquired if the Board wanted to do COSTARS with AdEdge or place out to bid. This is something the Board could decide in the future.

Mr. Kuklis inquired about a retention pond for the flushing valve, so the water filters back into the ground.

-ARPA Grant Administration – No update.

-CFA Small Water & Sewer Grant – The Grant was submitted for the Water Main Pigging with the anticipated award date of March 2026.

SEWER DIVISION

Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve the Dewatering Upgrade Project, Contract #24-01 General Construction, Pay App #5-PSI Pumping for \$20,468.33 and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2666-A).

Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve the Dewatering Upgrade Project, Contract #24-02 Electrical Construction, Pay App #4-Hayden for \$24,875.54 and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2666-B).

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the Dewatering Upgrade Project, Contract #24-02 Electrical Construction Hayden CO #4 for \$7,899.31 for cost to field wire and additional terminal blocks to DSCP-700 and PSP-700 and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2666-C).

Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve the PENNVEST Payment Request #11 in the amount of \$30,239.42 for the Sludge Dewatering Project and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2666-D).

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the HRG Construction Proposal for Chestnut Street Sewer Project with Construction Phase \$15,200 and RPR Phase \$15,000 for total of \$30,200 and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2666-E).

HRG Proposal for Headwork Analysis is tabled for next month.

Black Birch Engineering – Upgrade SCADA Computer

The quote is for \$8000 for the computer with the programming and if the software needs to be upgraded the license cost would be \$3500, for a total cost of \$11,500, Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the quote and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2666-F).

Contact the PUC Regarding PA American Water Agreement

Attorney Malaska stated PA American Water informed him the only issue is the capacity. A letter should be sent to DEP regarding the figures in ACT 537.

Mr. Kavitski stated the Authority should go to DEP and inquire about the numbers in ACT 537. A letter will be sent after Mr. Kavitski obtains the information to whom it should be sent to within DEP.

WATER DIVISION

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve Oak St Water Storage Tank Contract #24-03 General Construction Pay App #6 – Linde Corp in the amount of \$423,345.06 and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2666-G).

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve Oak Street Water Storage Tank Contract #24-03 General Construction CO #1 for Inlet Location and Deducting the Line Stop, Decrease Cost of \$66.00 and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2666-H).

Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve the PENNVEST Payment Request #8 in the amount of \$450,614.30 for the Oak Street Tank Project and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2666-I).

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the Core & Main Quote for Smart Meters for the SRBC Consumptive Use Mitigation Project for \$40,370.00 and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Ref. 2666-J).

Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve HRG Consumptive Use Mitigation Project Supplement #1 in the amount of \$4,500.00 Proration of Bentley Software this year and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2666-K).

Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve the WaterSight Digital Twin SCADA Support for HRG Scope Letter from Keystone Engineering with a not to exceed \$12,100 and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2666-L).

The Sample Areas – Secure and Marked as FMA Property Only

Mr. Kuklis spoke about the sampling areas; how many the Authority has.

Ryan Smith stated the area in Upper Lehigh is not one of the designated sampling areas, this is there for additional testing. There are five areas. There are locks on the box which hold the lid of the box on.

Mr. Kuklis stated the Authority should secure these boxes better, maybe with cement.
Mr. Thomas suggested having the guys check these boxes when doing the rounds.

MANAGER REPORT

Ryan Smith presented the Technical Manager report. (Reference 2667-A).

Ryan Smith had the employees camera in the Centre and Walnut Street area, where the asphalt is sinking, the sewer lines are all fine.

Mr. Kavitski asked Brenden Miller to contact Sikora Brothers regarding the asphalt sinking for repairs.

This area should be under a 1-year performance bond.

PA DEP Water Site Inspection 9 AM on September 16th.

Well 17 Pump #1 Replacement quote from Kohl Brothers with a not to exceed price of \$9,200,

Mr. Kavitski made the motion to approve the quote and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2667-B).

There was discussion about having Kohl Brothers replace the pump in Well 4 if the other company does not respond soon with a date of arrival. Attorney Malaska asked for the paperwork to be sent to him so he could review prior to making a recommendation on how to proceed.

Ryan Smith did sign the quote from the company, but it did not contain a start date.

Mr. Kavitski stated there was no date in the quote so we cannot reverse the approval and have another vendor complete the job.

Venture Industries LLC quote to restore 21 hydrants with sandblasting but does not include the paint. The quote was tabled.

Keystone Engineering Quote for Well Daily Flow Limits Programming to help monitor SRBC flow rates,

Mr. Kavitski is not sure if this programming will work. Mr. Kavitski understands that watching this manually is a little extra work, but it is something that needs to be investigated further.

Ryan Smith stated Rachelle Eby of SRBC asked the Authority to inform her if the Authority will go over the flow rates.

Keystone Engineering Quote for conversion to the Exele Callout System from Win-911 was tabled.

Ryan Smith informed the Board there are issues with the Call Out System at the Sewer Plant too. He explained you receive a Call Out and you acknowledge the alarm and five minutes later it is calling again with the same thing, and it will continue all day.

Mr. Kavitski inquired if any employee would call regarding the matter. Ryan Smith said no.

CAT 308 Rental Extension Request – asked for 1 to 2 weeks additional time to rent the machine it would be \$3,088 for the two weeks for the machine and \$1200 for the tamper. Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve the rental for two more weeks and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Kavitski said after the project is over, he would like to see the total cost of the project to compare with a contractor's price. The goal is to look at contractor prices versus hiring more personnel.

Ryan Smith said the next project is to get the Wellhouses which have PVC switched to ductile iron pipe, re-align some curb stops, and use the vac trailer.

Ryan Smith informed the Board Stephen Sacco has started his Water Operator classes.

Hach Flow Meter, Manhole 107, was not reporting. Bracket was misaligned.

Ryan Smith stated they need to seek ways to combat the foam in the aeration zone. Mr. Kavitski asked about the DO range. Ryan Smith said the DO is below 3. Mr. Kavitski said this should be under 2, dark brown is old waste.

Influent Screening System Repair, COSTARS quote from Pyrz Water Supply Co., Inc., for \$25,475.00,

Mr. Kavitski made the motion to approve and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2667-C).

Martin's Spare Pump Replacement for the Wyoming St PS, just a quote for 2026 budget preparation for next year. DEP would need to approve a pump size change.

ENGINEERING INVOICES

Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve HRG Invoice #196196 \$1,993.88; Invoice #196197 \$132.00; Invoice #196857 \$1,527.76; Invoice #197113 \$4,286.50; Invoice #197114 \$18,840.00; Invoice #197155 \$2,015.50; Invoice #197441 \$907.00; Invoice #197442 \$802.00 and Invoice #197761 \$15,223.23 and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2667-D).

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Malaska stated he worked with Brenden Miller regarding the Sludge Dewatering Project, attended meetings, communications with HRG regarding Linde, communications with PAWC, and reviewed Chestnut Street Sewer Project Bid Documents. Will be sending a letter to DEP regarding PAWC capacity.

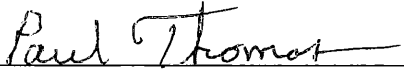
OPEN/OTHER ACTIONS

Rainfall for the month was 4.94".

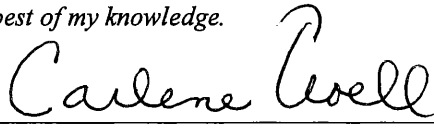
New Leaf Energy sent a letter to the Authority regarding solar program, the Board asked to extend an invitation to him for the next monthly meeting.

Mr. Tierney made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0.

These minutes are certified true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Paul Thomas, Secretary



Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary