THE BOROUGH OF FREELAND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026, AT 6 PM, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 711 BIRKBECK STREET, FREELAND, PA. PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. FISHER, MR. THOMAS, MR. TIERNEY, MR. KUKLIS, ATTORNEY MALASKA, BRENDEN MILLER OF HRG, STEVE WALSH OF HRG, AND THE SECRETARY.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
No citizens were present.

APPROVE MINUTES
Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes dated May 20, 2026, and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0.
Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes dated May 20, 2026, and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0.

APPROVE MAY PAID INVOICES
Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve May paid invoices for the Water Division totaling $406,553.06, and the Sewer Division invoices totaling $169,778.10, and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0. (Ref. 2753-A).

CURRENT INVOICES
Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve payment of the current Water Division invoices totaling $338,114.49, the Sewer Division invoices totaling $85,161.92, and the Sandy Run invoices totaling $127.77, and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2753-B).

FINANCIAL STATUS
The Secretary reviewed the Financial Status as outlined in Reference 2753-C.
The Secretary explained to the Board the WEX Card is the gas card for the Authority. Mr. Kavitski inquired how the WEX Card is working for the Authority, and the Secretary explained a statement is sent via email and payment is due in 10-day time frame, which does not work too well. The Secretary explained she would like to pay this invoice by ACH, so the Authority does not have a penalty or interest imposed on the account. The Secretary explained the same thing with SunLife Dental Insurance, invoice is received sometime around the twenty fifth of the month and needs to be mailed to Missouri and would also set it up as ACH. The Secretary explained the chemical companies do not want to wait for payment approved at the next monthly meeting, they would like to be paid within the 30 days of the invoice date, so the Secretary is asking for permission to be able to cut the checks to any and all chemical companies and add the amount of the invoices to the current invoice lists for approval at the Monthly Meeting, Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve all that was discussed and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0.

ENGINEERING REPORT
Mr. Brenden Miller of HRG, Inc., presented the Engineering Report. (Reference 2753-D).
Sewer Area
-SIUA and IPP Items – Chris Ferdik of HRG was not present. Brenden Miller asked if there were any questions concerning the written report.
Mr. Kavitski stated we wanted to inform Chris he can keep all this data in the report, but he only needs to report to the Board with anything new. There is no need to go over the same items every month just report the new items the Board is not aware of.
Mr. Tierney stated the report looks great and only the new items should be covered.
Brenden Miller stated he will have Chris cover new items and ask if he could place them in bold.
Mr. Kavitski stated Chris is excellent at what he does and it is not a complaint; we are trying to shorten the meetings. Chris may not even need to attend every monthly meeting unless there is something new or a very important item concerning Citterio.
-Sludge Dewatering Project – The Dewatering Platform is released for fabrication now. HRG is looking for a Construction Schedule now. The holdup was special bolts the fabricator wanted to use for the platform.
-NPDES Permit Renewal – Steve Walsh discussed the three comments which HRG and FMA want to present to DEP. The three comments are regarding ammonia, categorized as a CSO, and whole effluent

toxicity. There is no concentration of any specific metals or ammonia that causes toxicity. There is no justification for why the Authority needs to do WETT Testing.
Mr. Kavitski asked for a motion to submit the letter to DEP regarding the NPDES Permit written by HRG, on behalf of the Authority, and Mr. Kuklis made the motion to submit the letter and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Ref. 2754-A).
-ACT 537 Special Study – HRG is waiting for the PAWC Agreement to be finalized.

Water Area
-Oak Street Water Storage Tank – Both Contractors have requested Substantial Completion which has not been given by HRG yet. A Substantial Completion walkthrough and PENNVEST Final walkthrough were completed June 4, 2026, Debra Wilkes of DEP was also present for the walkthrough. HRG has not issued Substantial Completion because a draft punch list is being developed and was discussed earlier between the Engineers and the Board. HRG will wait for the response from the Contractors prior to issuing the Substantial Completion. Linde Corp submitted a Pay App #13 for $96,351.71 for the Board's approval tonight and this will be added to PENNVEST for reimbursement next month.
-SRBC Consumptive Use Mitigation Project (Digital Twin) – Bentley and HRG were onsite with Authority Representative on June 10, 2026, a video interview and it will be shared once completed. The monthly report is being finalized at this time, and a draft report will be presented at the next monthly meeting for input. Mr. Kavitski inquired if it could be adjusted for what the Authority would like and Brenden Miller stated it could be adjusted to what the Authority wants in the monthly report for the monthly cost of $480, this report should be able to be used for the Chapter 110 Report and other things.
-Sandy Run Corrosion Control Study – DEP stated the Corrosion Control needs to be installed by September of 2027, and HRG provided an agreement to provide Design & Permitting and Operations Assistance for Board consideration tonight. Mr. Kavitski inquired if the agreement is not to exceed the $7,250 for the Design and Permitting, and Brenden Miller stated the agreement was not listed that way, but he could certainly change it to reflect a not to exceed price. Mr. Kavitski stated there are 15 active homes. Mr. Kavitski explained to Steve Walsh of HRG, Sandy Run is a small community based in Foster Township, it has 19 homes but only 15 active homes using water. There is a Well, a tank, chlorine system and distribution system, and now DEP wants Corrosion Control System, which is difficult to pay for when there are only 15 homes. Former legislators convinced the Authority to take over the system there many years ago, but it is not fair to the people in Freeland to pay for Sandy Run System and the Authority needs to keep costs down.
HRG Agreement for Sandy Run Corrosion Control Phase 1 Design and Permitting with a not to exceed price of $7,250 and Phase 2 – Operations Assistance for $1,100 (if needed), Mr. Kavitski made the motion to approve and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2754-B).

-Iron and Manganese Treatment – Grant application submitted in November 2025, and no work has been completed at this time.
Mr. Kavitski discussed the failure of Well 6, pump was pulled but problems finding the heavy-duty cable to go inside the casing, so nothing affects the depth sensor. It has been down for several months now and the coupon racks out in the Reservoir Building are clear with Well 6 not running. The Authority should reduce the project just to treat Well 6. Brenden Miller inquired where Well 6 piping runs into the Reservoir Building and Mr. Kavitski stated somewhere out back in the yard, the Authority will need to look for drawings.
Mr. Fisher inquired if this is still going to be combined with the PFAS and Brenden Miller asks for an update regarding the PFAS Settlement.
Atty Malaska stated next Tuesday there is a Zoom Call with the Attorney's office handling the PFAS Settlement, but he has no information regarding an update.
Mr. Kavitski stated there are only certain Wells with PFAS.
Steve Walsh of HRG inquired about the PFAS sampling, was it done individually by each Well and Mr. Kavitski stated his understanding was each Well individually. The Authority needs to investigate this more and Ryan Smith needs to complete a table with the PFAS values, so it is easy to understand.
Brenden Miller asked to be informed of the meeting next week.
-CFA Small Water & Sewer Grant – The grant for the Water Pigging Project was awarded to the Authority, which is only a partial of the total grant application. HRG and FMA will need to meet to see exactly what can be done for the amount awarded which was $245,851.00, and three-year time frame to spend the money. HRG would like to wait until the Oak Street Storage Tank is completed.

-CFA Small Water & Sewer Grant – A grant application was prepared and submitted for the Fe/Mn Well Project in November of 2025. HRG will report to the Board when a decision is made by CFA on the application.

SEWER DIVISION
All items on agenda were covered during the Engineer's Report.

WATER DIVISION
Oak Street Water Storage Tank Contract #24-03 General Construction Pay App #13-Linde Corp in the amount of $96,351.71; Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0. (Ref. 2755-A).

HRG Agreement for Sandy Run Corrosion Control was approved during the Engineer's Report.

Baer & Evans Survey
Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve the survey of Well 9 & Access Road from Schwabe Street to include field survey, research, sets pins, and survey map at the cost of $3,250.00, and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0.
Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve the survey of Well 10 & Access Road to include field survey, research, set pins and survey map at the cost of $2,750.00, and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0.
Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve the survey of Well 12 and FMA Lot across Schwabe Street to include field survey, research, set pins, and survey map and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0. (Ref. 2755-B).
Atty Malaska stated it is a crime to remove the survey pins.

Mr. Kuklis inquired about the Sandy Run Area, is there a survey map for this land and Mr. Kavitski was not aware of one, but we can look at this later.
Mr. Fisher inquired about the property behind the Pole Building and Mr. Kavitski stated that was done earlier with a survey map.
Brenden Miller inquired if Ryan Smith could paint out where the Water Main is located at Well 10 to the Chlorination Building and send it to HRG, Brenden said he will send an email to Ryan Smith.

Punch List for Oak Street Tank Project was discussed prior to the meeting.
Well 6 – Iron and Manganese treatment was discussed during Engineer's Report.

Discussion Keystone Engineering – Well 12 and Oak Street Tank & notify Office when working within the SCADA System – Mr. Kavitski explained to the Board Keystone is very familiar with the Authority System which is good because they do take care of the System but they have remote access and can take care an issues at any time but they do not always inform the Office Staff prior to remoting in. An email to Carlene should be sent prior to being done. Mr. Kavitski inquired if HRG has a date for when Martin is coming to the Oak Street Tank and Brenden Miller stated he had no date. Mr. Kavitski stated we wanted the Tank online earlier and it has not been done yet.
Brenden Miller stated PTD was there at the Oak Street Tank during the walk-through inspection to complete the connection and now Keystone can complete their job.
Mr. Kavitski stated we need to obtain a date for the completion of Well 12 also from Keystone; the Well has been down for over a year due to an Insurance Claim.
Brenden Miller stated Keystone is under Linde Corporation so he will discuss with Linde.
Mr. Kuklis inquired about the Oak Street Tank and Mr. Kavitski inquired about the mixer with HRG, where the mixer is designed to sit within the tank.
Brenden Miller stated the mixer is supposed to be up in the bowl and not at the bottom. Brenden stated they will need to pull it up with the chain and a chlorination test should be completed again prior to placing it in operation.

Brenden Miller discussed the gate on the ladder at the Oak Street Tank. Linde was given the quote from Drifton Precision Machining, a Work Change Directive could be given to Linde if the Authority wishes.
Mr. Fisher did not see why it needs to be placed there if the ladder is not at ground level.
Brenden Miller stated DEP was fine with the way the ladder at Oak Street Tank is currently.
Mr. Kavitski inquired if there were locks at the hatches at the top of the tank and Brenden Miller stated he did not know. Mr. Kavitski stated there should be locks on the hatches.

Brenden Miller stated someone will need to go up there to higher the mixer so locks can be placed at that time, and this will be placed on the Punch List.
The Board discussed the Gate which is not required so they have decided not to move forward with the Gate. The Authority will place a ladder inside the building.

MANAGER REPORT
Mr. Kavitski presented the Technical Manager report. (Reference 2756-A).
The first quote is for truck dash cameras, Mr. Tierney was in favor of the front and rear dash cameras at the cost of $1,399.95 and the micro-SD cards for $699.95 for total cost of $2,099.90, good idea from a safety standpoint. Mr. Thomas made the motion to purchase the cameras and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2756-B).
Atty Malaska stated the Authority should place a sticker on the vehicle saying this dash camera has an audio component. You need to make sure no one can say you are doing an illegal wiretap.

M & J Milling – COSTARS Price $5,400.00, Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2756-C).

Digester Decant Upgrade – USA Bluebook Quote for (1) is $3,163.66 and USA Bluebook (2) is $5,603.21 for both digesters. Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve the quote for (2) and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2756-D).
Mr. Kavitski stated he cautioned Ryan about where they would pump the supernate to because it is very concentrated and it will turn the plant very sick quickly.
The Board and HRG discussed having this hard piped in the future.
Forschner Wireworx LLC Quote for wiring rooftop receptacles for the Digester Decant Upgrade at the cost of $1,845.00, and Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve the quote and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2756-E).

ENGINEERING INVOICES
Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve HRG Invoice #208415 $6,505.00; Invoice #208416 $20,400.70; Invoice #209552 $6,363.86; Invoice #209553 $9,435.50; Invoice #210053 $1,482.00; Invoice #210073 $1,570.00 and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2756-F).

ATTORNEY REPORT
Atty Malaska spoke with Harmoni Towers regarding the number of customers on the cell tower. Sprint is no longer using it.
The Board thinks the agreement should stay as is and they were all in agreement.
Atty Malaska worked with Ryan and Brenden regarding the failed piece of equipment – Schwing VDF. They were required to replace the part, the Authority asked for the out-of-pocket expenses too.
Atty Malaska stated he was happy with the Employee Evaluation Form that was developed by Ryan.
PAWC wants an agenda for the meeting, and they are asking for a copy of the COA with Citterio and Mr. Kavitski stated that should not be given to PAWC, it does not concern them.
Atty Malaska stated he would ask Citterio for their permission to provide the COA to PAWC.
Mr. Kavitski stated we settled with Citterio with the COA, and we need to obtain their permission.
Atty Malaska stated PAWC also wants a copy of the final Chapter 94 Report the Authority filed with DEP.
PAWC also wants the Board decision regarding the 390,000 flow and Mr. Kavitski stated we are back to 260,000 because they do not need the extra flow because Citterio does not want the extra flow.
Atty Malaska stated he will reach out to Citterio first and will send a letter to PAWC stating based on Citterio withdrawing from needing extra flow, the Authority will not offer more than 260,000 and the Authority is considering going to the PUC to mediate an agreement.
Mr. Kavitski stated if they showed the Authority, they were going to use the flows for customers fine, but their numbers show much less.
There was discussion on property owned by Balas and the former PGA building.

OPEN/OTHER ACTIONS
Rainfall for the month was 3.65".

Harmoni Tower was covered during the Attorney Report.

Mr. Thomas stated he was approached by a former employee, and he would like a permission slip allowing him on the Authority property for picking berries and hunting. The former employee informed Mr. Thomas the Game Commission is out there, and asking for a permission slip from the property owner or he will be fined.
Atty Malaska stated you would need to have everyone sign a waiver and pay a fee. Either you keep everyone out which is the safest way, or you open up a tag system. My question does the Authority patrol that area?
The Board stated no.
Mr. Kavitski stated the upper section is so thick you cannot even walk through it.
Atty Malaska suggested talking to the Authority's Insurance Agent first and seeing what the risk is.
Mr. Fisher stated no waivers and if they went on the property and got caught by Game Commission, it would be their own problem. The Board decided not to issue permission slips.

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

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

Paul Thomas

Paul Thomas, Secretary

Carlene Troell

Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary