

COPLAY WHITEHALL SEWER AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Coplay-Whitehall Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairman James Hahn at 7:00 p.m. on the 17th day of July 2025.

BOARD MEMBERS present were:

**Paul F. Geissinger
James Hahn
Dennis Wehr, Jr**

**Paul D. Boyle
Joseph J. Marx**

**Joseph Bonshak
James Roth**

MANAGER: Matthew Harleman

BUSINESS MANAGER: Laura Altomare

AUTHORITY SOLICITOR: Andrew Schantz, Davison & McCarthy P C

ENGINEER:

LIAISONS: Ken Snyder, Whitehall Commissioner

PRESS: Jim Weber, Times News

CITIZENS present: Mike Melosky, Operations Manager

CHAIRMAN: James Hahn called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hahn called for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Hahn called for the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2025.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ROTH, SECOND BY MR. WEHR, APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING JUNE 19, 2025 WITH ANY AND ALL ADDITIONS /DELETIONS AS NOTED, DISPENSING WITH READING OF SAME. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

A. FIELD REPORT

1. Written –

MOTION MADE BY MR. ROTH, SECOND BY MR. WEHR, TO ACCEPT THE JUNE 2025 MANAGER'S FIELD REPORT AS PRESENTED AND TO MAKE THE WRITTEN REPORT PART OF THE OFFICIAL MINUTES. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Verbal-

Mr. Harleman stated You'll notice that our office generator project hasn't had an update for about a month or so. That's because the excavator that is in charge of placing the pads for the generator and the propane tank had equipment go down. So we're looking for that to get restarted shortly, possibly next week. So hopefully there will be an update for next month's meeting.

Mr. Harleman wanted to make a couple comments on some of the correspondence items. Correspondence item 2, the final resolution for Act 537 plan revision. I just want everybody to note that the list of conditions that we had taken some exception to is not included. This final resolution for Act 537, plan revision, that Whitehall and Coplay are going to be asked to have on their agendas for August or September as DEP submission

is planned for October. Other signatories do have those included in the draft that they're going to have on their agendas. So this is a version for basically signatories that have an authority. It does not include those commitments that we had problems with. Moving, there were resolutions drawn up by Coplay and Whitehall

Board members debated the roles of the sewer authority versus the municipalities (Whitehall and Coplay) in signing and approving the Act 537 plan. The discussion clarified that their authority is unique among signatories, and while they defer expertise to the municipalities, there was confusion over whether the authority or the townships should sign the resolution, especially given their goal to adhere to the 1981 agreement.

Significant concerns were raised about whether the new Act 537 plan or its resolution could override or affect the existing 1981 agreement with LCA. It was clarified that this Act 537 plan is an update to address a Chapter 94 violation at the plant in 2019, and the version for their authority does not include the 'seven commitments' that could lead to renegotiation of the 1981 agreement. However, members still sought assurance that the language in the resolution is sufficiently clear to prevent unintended consequences, particularly if other municipalities' versions of the plan contain such language

Board members questioned whether the resolution had been reviewed by solicitors for Whitehall and Coplay, and agreed to seek further legal review and clarification, including reaching out to Attorney Preston and Attorney Gross.

Discussion highlighted the need for clarification from PADEP regarding the overlap and boundaries of the regional Act 537 plan versus individual municipal plans, and whether the regional plan would supersede or affect local plans. It was suggested to contact a PADEP representative from Scranton or Harrisburg for this clarification.

It was agreed that Attorney Schantz would review the documents and provide his findings, with further input to be sought from Attorney Gross and Attorney Preston. The board emphasized the need for professionals to clarify the document so it is more clearly understood, addressing the many unanswered questions

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - Monthly Financial Report presented for Board review after general review:

MOTION MADE BY MR. BONSHAK, SECOND BY MR. WEHR, TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

See attached listings for the invoices listed to be paid.

MOTION MADE BY MR. GEISSINGER, SECOND BY MR. BONSHAK, TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2025 INVOICES FROM THE 1ST NORTHERN BANK ACCOUNT AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES,. MOTION CARRIED.

C. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS DATA

1. **KISS 7/10/2025 Meeting Agenda & Notes**
2. **Final Resolution for ACT 537 Plan Revision**
3. **Summary of Currently Available Capacity allowed by PADEP**
4. **6/30/25 PMRS Letter to CWSA**
5. **Thank You Note from Belinda Berghold**

6. **Thank You Note from Whitehall High School**

Operations Committee – Mr. Roth reported normal operations.

Administrative Committee – Mr. Marx reported normal operations.

Financial Committee – Mr. Wehr reported normal operations.

Clear Water Committee – Mr. Geissinger reported normal operations.

Safety Committee – Mr. Bonshak reported normal operations.

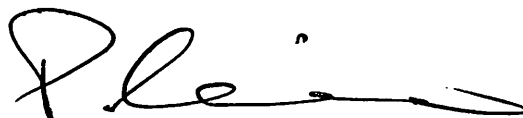
OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

ADJOURNMENT –

MOTION MADE BY MR. BONSHAK, SECOND BY MR. WEHR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.



**Respectfully submitted,
Paul Geissinger, Secretary**