

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 19th day of February 2026.

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 ACTING BUSINESS MANAGER: Anita Smith (absent)

AUTHORITY SOLICITOR: Andrew Schantz, Davison & McCarthy P C

ENGINEER:

LIAISONS: Ken Snyder, Whitehall Township

PRESS: Jim Weber, Times News

CITIZENS present: Scott Stoitsits, Foreman

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 January 15, 2026.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BOYLE, SECOND BY MR. ROTH, APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 15, 2026 WITH ANY AND ALL ADDITIONS /DELETIONS AS NOTED, DISPENSING WITH READING OF SAME. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Hahn asked if anyone would like to address the board.

Mr. Snyder the Whitehall Township Commissioner said he wanted to say something about the information in a report about the Pre Treatment Plant in Fogelsville.

Mr. Harleman said this packet came after the board packet had been delivered.

Mr. Snyder continued by 2028 the pre-treatment plant will no longer be able to function. They will be short approximately 5 million dollars. They have no remaining capacity for the Western Lehigh County and they have no financial mechanism in place to capture the cost. Eli Lilly and Boston Beer want to be in this area. It is crystal clear that in 2028 they will be in the negative. What is our position as the sewer authority since they could come and take our capacity? There are several projects in the works that may need the capacity. It is imperative to protect our allocation. They will ask and I feel there may be pressure to give up some of our allocation.

Mr. Harleman said there is a defined list of municipalities that are users or have businesses within their boundaries that use the pre-treatment plan. Whitehall and Coplay use none of the pre-treatment plant and our position is and has always been that we do not owe money for repairs or improvements at the plan.

Mr. Hahn said since 2011 when I joined the board, they have always been behind in their allocation. They came to us and we gave them a price to purchase some of our allocation and they did not go with it.

Discussion will continue on this topic but the gist is the pre-treatment plant is not being used within our service area and should not be paid for by CWSA.

1. Written –

MOTION MADE BY MR. BOYLE, SECOND BY MR. WEHR, TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 2026 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. Matthew Harleman said I want to refer to one of the correspondence items. It is item number three, the Kline's Island Sewer System- Tech Subcommittee that I will be working on the SPF and Surcharge Subcommittees. I want to remind the board that we will be attending the PA Rural Water Conference in Penn State on March 23 to March 26, 2026. We do have reservations but it is the type of thing that someone could attend if they wanted to go for the day.

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

MOTION MADE BY MR. MARX, SECOND BY MR. ROTH, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2026 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. BONSHAK SECOND BY MR. WEHR, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2026 INVOICES FROM THE 1ST NORTHERN BANK ACCOUNT AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

C. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS DATA

1. *Kline's Island Sewer System- Agenda signatory meeting 2/12/26*
2. *Kline's Island Sewer System- Ideas for discussion Jan 2026*
3. *Kline's Island Sewer System- Tech Subcommittee Assignments Feb 2026*
4. *Email dated February 4, 2026 from DEP regarding a time extension letter- Act 537 plan update*
5. *Thank you from Borough of Coplay for donation*
6. *Authority Magazine, February 2026*

Operations Committee – Mr. Roth reported normal operations.

Administrative Committee – Mr. Marx reported normal operations.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MARX, SECOND BY MR. ROTH, TO HIRE ANDREA HORN AS THE NEW BUSINESS MANAGER STARTING IN MARCH 2026. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MARX, SECOND BY MR. BOYLE, TO HIRE BRANDON BAUMANN AS NEW MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL STARTING IN MARCH 2026. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Committee-- Mr. Wehr reported normal operations.

Clear Water Committee—Mr. Geissinger reported normal operations.

Safety Committee—Mr. Bonshak reported normal operations.

OLD BUSINESS –

Attorney Schantz said during last month's reorganizational meeting that there would be raises in the salaries of the board. This is just reiterating what was said last month. The salaries for the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Community Affairs/Public Relations Officer will be paid at the rate of \$400 a month. The salaries of the offices of Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary will be paid \$350 a month. Resolution #388 will amend Resolution #332 regarding board member salaries as of January 1, 2026.

MOTION MADE BY MR. ROTH, SECOND BY MR. BONSHAK, TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #388 TO AMEND THE BOARD SALARIES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS–

ADJOURNMENT –

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.



**Respectfully submitted,
Paul F. Geissinger, Secretary**