

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 21st day of May 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: absent
Rana Hadeed (Business Manager in Training)**

AUTHORITY SOLICITOR: Andrew Schantz, Davison & McCarthy P C

ENGINEER:

LIAISONS: Ken Snyder, Whitehall Township

PRESS: Jim Weber, Times News

**CITIZENS present: Mike Melosky, Operations Manager
Terry DeGroot, Terraform Engineering
Kevin Detrick, Sparkle Car Wash**

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 April 16, 2026.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BOYLE, SECOND BY MR. MARX, APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING APRIL 16, 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. DeGroot from Terraform Engineering representing Sparkle Car Wash and ARD MacArthur Commons 2 addressed the board regarding the extension of the existing sanitary sewer line on Hammond Loop to the location of the proposed car wash. The car wash will have two tunnels with each tunnel having its own reclaim system with an estimated usage of 14,080 gallons per day. After the reclaim, there will be an oil/ grit separator. He disclosed two additional retail buildings, Building D and Building E that are separate from the car wash, but part of the plan. The subject for discussion for tonight's meeting is only Sparkle Car Wash. ARD will return in the future for the other proposed sites.

The board addressed Mr. Harleman regarding this sewer line extension.

Mr. Harleman suggested the acceptance of the project as a whole. Sparkle Car Wash is the only part of the project proposed to be constructed at the time; the other two buildings (D and E) are contained in the same plan that show the Sparkle Car Wash development. However as presented on this plan, the two buildings (D and E) do not require sewer agreements with CWSA. These buildings would be just lateral connections, while Sparkle

Car Wash must execute an acceptable sewer improvement agreement with CWSA because the improvement required for the amount flow from the car wash requires a private main extension, not a lateral connection. My recommendation for the Board is to approve the ARD MacArthur Commons 2 project presented with the condition that Sparkle Car Wash enters into a satisfactory sanitary improvement agreement with CWSA and submit tapping fees as required. The only thing is to clarify that this project has been approved by the Whitehall township, and a PADEP component 3 planning module approval letter has been provided by PADEP.

Mr. Hahn asks: What is the rate of reclamation within the given cycle? What part of it is reclaimed?

Mr. Kevin Detrick, who represents the ownership of Sparkle Car Wash addressed the board concerning this question. Mr. Detrick states that Sparkle Car Wash has done more reclamation and developed a proprietary technology to decrease flow to 20 fresh gallons per car. He stated that our reclaim system reclaims 45 gallons a minute. We are going down to 10 microns in filtration. Most of the pumps and equipment require water down to 40 microns just to get abrasive out of the water.

Mr. Hahn states that the initial estimate was 20,000 per day, however the new estimates are set to be at 14,080 gallons per day.

Mr. Detrick states that they are continuously working on improvement.

Mr. Boyle asks about the process concerning the periodic maintenance on the separator tanks.

Mr. Detrick informs the Board of how the regular industry has self-cleaning pits. Sparkle Car Wash is set to have pits that are angled and pitched that the dirt ends up in the tank outside. The tank is 15 feet deep with a cone shape that includes two grinder pumps for redundancy with agitators in it to agitate the dirt so no dirt can settle on the side. The agitators will allow them to keep the solids and dirt in suspension. That will allow the car wash to go through grinder pump and pull out the solids from the self-cleaning strainers, through self-cleaning filters. They will also backwash through gravity filters. We are pulling all the solids out, versus other car wash that have a settling tank and have to have a truck come and pump them out. We are separating our dirt and rolling it up in paper. We had it tested by DEP and we have our own waste solid permit. Sparkle Car Wash will take 10,000 pounds from the car wash to a landfill.

Mr. Boyle asks about the time frame regarding the 10,000 pounds.

Mr. Detrick states on how it depends on the number of cars, but it is typically done four times a year, but it might be busier with this location. He also informs that waste management does not allow for the solids to be put in the dumpster. DEP said they will allow it. We are working currently with JP Mascaro and they are allowing it as well. The car wash plans on doing a mixture of the two. The overflow with gravity filter will generally be pumped once a year.

Mr. Harleman thanked Mr. Detrick for the presentation as it was very helpful. Mr. Harleman continues to inform the Board that the car wash is subject to surcharge sampling and billing program. Sparkle Car Wash will provide a sampling well. If you were concerned about the amount of sediment leaving the property, that would be captured under our sampling program and billed accordingly.

MOTION MADE BY MR. ROTH, SECOND BY MR. GESSINGER, TO ACCEPT THE SPARKLE CAR WASH AGREEMENT WITH THE SEWER LINE EXTENSION. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

1. *Written –*

MOTION MADE BY MR. BOYLE, SECOND BY MR. ROTH, TO ACCEPT THE APRIL 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. Harleman speaks of the matter concerning Emerson Village, after the time the Board packet was distributed, we were able to review an Escrow Release Request for Phase I. The board previously reviewed and approved a reduction of \$380,330 in December 2025. Escrow Release number two will be in the amount of \$106,102.00. That leaves a remaining balance of \$73,908.00. Having reviewed that, I would recommend for the board to add to the agenda the partial release of the Emerson Village Letter of Credit for Phase I in the amount of \$106,102.00.

MOTION MADE BY MR. WEHR, SECOND BY MR. ROTH, TO ADD TO THE AGENDA THE RELEASE OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT FOR EMERSON VILLAGE PHASE I IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,162.00. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY MR. WEHR, SECOND BY MR. ROTH, TO ACCEPT THE RELEASE OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT FOR EMERSON VILLAGE PHASE I IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,162.00. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Harleman made a minor correction to the invoice register. The April 2026 charge for Federal Express in the amount of \$140.52 does not reflect our discount of \$1.90 and that invoice total should be \$138.62.

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

MOTION MADE BY MR. BOYLE, SECOND BY MR. WEHR, TO APPROVE THE APRIL 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. BOYLE, TO APPROVE THE APRIL 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. *4/13/2026 Memo from Liesel Gross – Act 537 Plan Approval and Next Steps*
2. *Letter to CWSA Board dated 3/26/2026 from Monica Chibber, 1684 Harding Circle, Whitehall*

Mr. Harleman decided to credit the \$14.00 penalty to Ms. Chibber's account. The board took no exception.

3. *The Authorities Pamphlet – PMAA Conference Registration Materials*

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. Boyle reported normal operations.

Safety Committee—Mr. Bonshak reported normal operations.

E. OLD BUSINESS –

F. NEW BUSINESS–

G. ADJOURNMENT –

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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