INTERMUNICIPAL MEETING

August 24, 2026

The Northeastern York County Sewer Authority met on Monday, August 24 beginning at 5:00 PM in the Authority meeting room at 200 North Main Street in Mt. Wolf for an advertised Intermunicipal meeting to review the Sewer Authority's recent activities and projects, upcoming projects, and finances.

The following people were in attendance: Authority members Patti Fisher, Anya Barlett, Jim Culbert, Judy Hilliard, Will Blanchetti, Dale Benedick (Dale arrived at 5:11). Authority Solicitor Peter Ruth. Authority Engineer Chris Toms (6:40 arrival). Authority employees Desiree Boorujy, Drew Dubbs, and Tessa Starkes. Manchester Borough – Tiffany Mays, Judy Vance, Solicitor Courtney Buechler. East Manchester Township – Supervisors Dave Naylor and Dean Kohr, Solicitor Andrew Miller, Manager Kristie Masemer. Mount Wolf Borough – Todd Hess and Josh Parish. PFM Financial Advisors –Jamie Schlesinger and Jason Thiel.

PFM Financial Advisors

Jamie Schlesinger from PFM presented information regarding the Authority's finances, including the status of current outstanding debt for capital projects. He also provided a visual concept of $10M loan options based on the Authority's need for digester upgrades. Q: If the Authority is dissolved, who takes on the remaining debt? A: Whoever acquires the system. Q: Does the bank take into consideration the remaining life of equipment when determining loan terms? A: Yes.

Operations

Staffing - Drew Dubbs discussed the recent reconfiguration of staffing positions. When Drew was promoted to Plant Superintendent, he was still being heavily relied upon for maintenance issues. Because of this, we saw the need to create a more skilled position, Maintenance II, so Drew could focus on his new role. In turn, we no longer needed as many employees in the lesser skilled positions, leading to the permanent lay off of two employees who were unqualified for the Maintenance II position. Budget-wise, this was a savings as well.

Board Members – Reminder of upcoming expiration of terms. Judy Hilliard's term ends 12/31/26; Dale Benedick and Jim Culbert's terms end 12/31/27.

Intermunicipal Agreement – Discussion ensued about updating the 2011 Intermunicipal Agreement. Manchester Borough brought a comment/suggestion for the agreement to include the Authority providing a list of shut offs to each municipality. Comments from each municipality are anticipated in hopes of finalizing the agreement soon.

Lobbyist – With less grants being available now than before, municipalities and municipal authorities find themselves seeking other means of funding, which may necessitate hiring a lobbyist or grant writer. With the anticipation of so many upcoming projects, the Authority would like to consider this avenue and was glad to hear that other municipalities achieved good results by hiring a lobbyist or grant writer. Chris Toms suggested that it would be worthwhile to have someone come to give a presentation on what it would cost to bring them in.

Administration

Rates – Rates increased to $153/quarter for 2026 and will continue to be evaluated annually during budget talks.

Delinquent Accounts – Delinquency remains low with only a few accounts with high balances. These properties do not have public water, so we cannot shut off service to encourage payment. Liens have been filed for them.

Questions/Concerns from Municipalities

Questions regarding miscellaneous subjects were addressed by Authority members, Chris Toms and Peter Ruth. Subjects ranged from Area 2, financial questions, and how these items affect our rate payers and residents.

Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, Patti Fisher declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.