

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2025**

The East Goshen Township Municipal Authority held their regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm. at the Township Building.

Members in attendance are indicated in **BOLD**:

Walter Wujcik, Chairman
Kevin Cummings – Vice Chairman
Sean Ellsworth
John Stipe
Dana Pizarro

Also in attendance were:

Mark Miller (Director of Public Works),
Mike Ellis (Pennoni).
Cody Bright (Supervisor)
Dave Ware (Finance Director),
Patrick McKenna (Attorney)
Robert Jefferson (Attorney)
Stacey Fuller (Attorney)

COMMON ACRONYMS:

ATS – Automatic Transfer Switch

BFES – Big Fish Environmental Services

BOS – Board of Supervisors

CB – Conservancy Board

DEP – Department of Environmental Protection

EPA – Environmental protection Agency

HC – Historical Commission

I&I – Inflow & Infiltration

LCSTP – Lockwood Chase Sewer Treatment Plant

PWD – Public Works Department

MA- Municipal Authority

NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

PC – Planning Commission

PM – Prevention Maintenance

PR – Park & Recreation Board

RCSTP – Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant

SBR – Sequencing Batch Reactor

SSO – Sanitary System Overflow

WAS – Waste Activated Sludge

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Walter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Walter asked for a moment of silence for our troops and EMT.

Walter asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

Chairman's Report/Other Members Report

1. West Goshen – Sean reported that he attended the West Goshen Sewer Authority meeting. They had a discussion about live streaming the meetings which they denied because the meetings are open to the public. It was a very good meeting. Dana mentioned the TMDL costs. He and Kevin feel we shouldn't have to pay these fees anymore. Mark and Dave are meeting with West Goshen this week and will mention it.

Capacity Requests

Charter Chase and Goshen Downs Survey Response - Some residents were present in response to the letter from Mark Miller about sewer connections.

1. Mike Lynch, 1226 Upton Cir, Goshen Downs – He is in favor of sewer connection but wanted clarification about the costs mentioned in the letter. Is the \$60K to \$100K per property owner? Walter mentioned that this is an estimate of the total cost per property and does not include grants, etc. that the township might get.
2. Ron Heier, 1405 Allan Lane – He lived in Marydell before moving to Charter Chase. His system has worked very well, he is far back off the road, so not in favor of sewer connection. He remembers a poll was taken a few years ago and the majority was not interested.
3. Doug Worgenson, Charter Chase – He is the Manager of West Conshocken and spoke about the sewer history there. He also wanted clarification of the cost. He feels education of the residents is important.
4. Steve Edgcumbe, 1407 Allan La., Charter Chase – He spoke about current systems that will have to be replaced. He has two systems on his property which are working fine, so he is not in favor of a sewer connection right now. He mentioned that houses are selling in Charter Chase so he doesn't think sewer is an issue.

There was discussion about selling houses and having the system inspected. Dana mentioned that PA requires you to have enough space for a new system.

Mike Ellis gave a summary of the Poll so far. There are 154 properties. 34 are interested in connection; 11 are interested depending on the cost; 21 are not interested and 88 have not responded yet.

Liaison Reports

1. Conservancy Board – Walter reported that the CB is having a presentation given by Lauren McGrath of the Willistown Conservation Trust.

SEWER REPORTS

1. Director of Public Works, Mark Miller's report for August 11, 2025.

Monthly Flows – The average daily flow to West Goshen was 514,32 gallons per day.

Mark reported that the Hershey Mill Pump Station is complete.

2. Pennoni Engineer's Report dated September 3, 2025

Ridley Creek Sewage Treatment Plant (RCSTP)

- Arc Flash Study – The final arc flash Study report was previously submitted to the operator and Public Works. Pennoni mailed the updated arc flash labels on August 26. The township received the labels on August 27 and will ordinate with Lenni for their installation. After the new arc flash labels are installed, the project will be complete.
- Surge Suppression Inventory – We revisited our files and we have a brief list of surge suppression/TVSS devices in the plant. However, that list may be outdated. It does not include the status of the device (such as age or if the counter works) nor a reference to the equipment that it protects. If the MA would like an updated and comprehensive surge suppression inventory, we suggest our Electrical Engineer meet on-site with Lenni Electric and the operator to walk through the current electrical systems. We could then prepare an updated surge suppression inventory that identifies the protected downstream equipment. We anticipate this would be a limited effort, about two total days for the field walk through and preparation of the updated inventory.
- SBR Tank Inspections – We performed a visual structural and condition inspection of SBR #1 on June 6 and we submitted a draft inspection report.

Pennoni contacted Dutchland to schedule them to come out to the RCSTP to examine the tank and to provide a cost estimate for the repair work outlined in the inspection report. However, Dutchland is no longer in the service or repair business. We are currently reaching out to potential other vendors that can perform the repair work.

Sanitary Sewer Pipe Rehab

- Supplee Valley Pipe Lining – As previously reported, the contractor, Vortex Services, completed all pipe lining work, but one 370 LF pipe run has small “bubbles” throughout the liner. The contractor proposed to remove a sample of the blistered liner with a robotic cutter to evaluate the condition of the underlying resin/felt cured wall. In follow up to the August MA meeting, we notified the contractor to proceed with the evaluation. They responded that they were meeting internally the week of August 26 to review the next steps. We are awaiting their response. Final payment will not be processed until this matter is resolved.
- Waterview – Waterview is planned for pipe lining in 2026. The Township is having the pipes in the neighborhood televised in September. We can then review the videos and prepare a bid package with the intent to bid and award the construction contract in the winter so that construction can occur in Spring 2026.

Pump Stations

- Hunt Country Pump Station – We submitted the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Small water and Sewer Grant application on April 30 for the pump station upgrade. We expect the DCED will make awards in late 2025 or early 2026.
- Ashbridge Pump Station – No activity by Pennoni. The station is in need of upgrades. We will coordinate with Public Works to develop the scope of improvements.

Sewer Extension

- Morstein Road and Great Oak Circle – The initial inquiry letter to Morstein Road property owners to gauge interest in connecting to public sewer was issued on June 11. Responses were requested by August 31. A few more responses were received since the last meeting. An updated exhibit depicting the properties definitely interest, interested depending on costs, not interested, and not yet responded was submitted to the Township. Six properties are definitely interested, seven properties are interested depending on costs, three properties are not interested, and three properties did not respond. Our proposal for design and permitting services for the proposed sewer extension was submitted.
- Charter Chase and Goshen Downs – We prepared inquiry letters to the property owners in the two neighborhoods to gauge their interest in public sewer in follow-up to the August MA meeting. An exhibit depicting the properties definitely interested, interested depending on costs, not interested and not yet responded was submitted to the Township. 34 properties are definitely interested, 11 properties are interested depending on costs, 21 properties are not interested, and 88 properties have not yet responded.

New Connections

- Millstone Meadows (1010 Hershey Mill Road) – Site construction is ongoing and we performed periodic inspections.
- Timbermill (301 Reservoir Road) – Site construction is ongoing and we performed periodic inspections.
- 14 Reservoir Road – No activity by Pennoni since our last report. We are awaiting a plan resubmission to address comments from our last review letter dated July 12, 2024 two of which are related to sanitary sewer.
- 1338 Morstein Road (WCU Foundation) – No activity by Pennoni since our last report. Three new homes are proposed in East Goshen with additional homes in West Whiteland. The East Goshen Township required Sewage Facilities Planning Module (SFPM) Components were submitted to the Chester County Health Department (CCHD) and Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC) and both agencies returned the completed components. It is our understanding that the developer's Design Engineer previously resubmitted to PADEP.

- 1344 Morstein Road – No activity by Pennoni since our last report. One new home is proposed with a grinder pump. As previously reported, after exploring various alternatives, we notified the Design Engineer that the only viable option to connect to public sewer is through an easement across an existing residential property to the existing sewer in Eastwick Circle. The Design Engineer provided the existing easement for review by the Township to evaluate if it can be used to install the new pipe. However, the easement is a private property matter so we deferred to the property owners to confirm the easement can be used in writing. We previously spoke with the property owner/applicant and advised her of the need to have the adjacent property owners confirm the use of the existing easement for new piping in writing.

3. Big Fish Environmental Services –

The Ridley Creek sewage treatment plant outfall 001 met all effluent limitations regarding water quality for August 2025. All supplemental reports were submitted for July 2025. Caustic usage decreased to 56.59 gallons per day from 62.07 gallons per day last month. Aluminum sulfate solution volumes daily average decreased to 71.06 gallons per day from 71.25 gallons per day. No significant mechanical or operational issues were observed during the SBR treatment process. Sludge dewatering did not encounter any significant mechanical or operational issues. There were no odor complaints during the month.

Dana noted that there is a lot of information missing that was provided in the past and is needed. Mark will look into this.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 11, 2025 meeting were approved.

Approval of Invoices

1. Kevin moved to approve payment of Pennoni invoices #1289164 in the amount of \$5,224.00 and invoice #1289165 in the amount of \$675.00. Sean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Kevin moved to approve payment of West Goshen Sewer Authority invoice #EG24-T in the amount of \$44,172.77 (paid). Dana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Dave provided the following report: YTD August 2025, the Municipal Authority recorded \$524,408.63 in revenues (primarily from Sewer Capital Reserve and Sewer Operating transfers) and \$514,590.54 in expenses (RCSTP UV replacement capital costs, Decanter controls repair, installation of new generator, Hershey Mill pump station replacement Hydromatic pump, sewer pipe camera, explosion proof heaters for RCSTP, Supplee Valley sanitary sewer pipe lining work, VFD's for RCSTP, West Goshen capital sewer tapping fees, and engineering expenses). We also received 2024 revenue for recharges to Aqua to offset 07-424-3130 engineering expenses in 2025. The net result of operations is \$9,816.09. As of August 31, 2025, the fund balance was \$25,541.65.

Old Business - None

Goals –None

New Business – None

Any Other Matter - None

Correspondence-

Public Comment - None

Adjournment

There being no further business John moved to adjourn the meeting. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.
The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary