

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2025**

The East Goshen Township Municipal Authority held their regular meeting on Monday, October 20, 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)

Theodore Speedy (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. A monthly update was received from Mike Moffa, Director of Wastewater for West Goshen Township.

Liaison Reports

1. Board of Supervisors – Cody reported that they are working on the 2026 budget and looking for a Police Chief.
2. Conservancy Board – Walter reported that East Goshen may be the host for the PECO tree give away.

SEWER REPORTS

1. Director of Public Works, Mark Miller's report for October 20, 2025.

Monthly Flows – The average daily flow to West Goshen was 511,537 gallons per day.

Monthly Rainfall - 4.15”

Meters: Read on a daily basis.

C.C.Collection

- Resident at 443 Gatewood Dr reported that sinks and toilets were draining slowly. Camera check showed that the lateral was clear and unblocked so we ran the sewer cleaner up the line. I advised the property owner to contact a plumber.
- Pump station maintenance was performed at each of the pump stations, wet wells were washed down, and flow data was collected.
- Pump 2 at Barkway station showed a seal failure, so it was pulled, brought to shop and cleaned, and sent out for repair.

Ridley Creek Collection:

- Pump stations were visited daily, wet wells washed down, and pump data gathered. Oil levels were checked on the generators and muffin monsters.

Ridley Creek Plant:

- The new recycle water pumps came in and were installed. Both pumps were checked for rotation prior to connecting the lock connection.
- The PWD finished clearing the fence line of the overgrown brush and three trees that were hanging over the tanks. The small retention basins were cleared as well.
- Matthew replaced the rusted bolts that were pointed out during the inspection to stainless bolts on SBR #1.

Alarms: 22 – Combination of weekly testing and power outages.

PA One Calls: 159

Lateral Repairs/Caps: three lateral blockages & five caps replaced.

2. Pennoni Engineer's Report dated October 16, 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. Lenni Electric installed the labels on September 18. The project is now complete.
- **Surge Suppression Inventory** – Our Electrical Engineer met on-site with Lenni Electric and the RCSTP operator to walkthrough the current electrical systems on September 18. A surge suppression inventory report identifying the protected downstream equipment is currently being prepared.
- **SBR Tank Inspections** – We previously performed a visual structural and condition inspection of SBR Tank #1 on June 26 and submitted a draft inspection report. J.P. Smith (contractor) performed a site visit on September 10 to assess the proposed repairs of SBR #1. They provided a cost quote for all the repair work. The cost was higher than expected and above the public bid threshold. As such, we are currently reaching out to potential other contractors that can perform the repair work to obtain other opinions on the cost of the repair work to SBR #1.

The next SBR tank has been taken offline and is scheduled to be drained and cleaned by October 17. We are scheduling a visual structural and condition assessment of that tank tentatively for October 24.

Based on the anticipated costs for the repairs, the work will need to be publicly bid. We expect the most cost effective approach will be to inspect all four tanks over the next couple months and then conduct one public bid solicitation for repairs to all four tanks in 2026. That approach will be determined with more certainty after we obtain budgetary pricing from another contractor(s) and inspect the next tank.

Sanitary Sewer Pipe Rehab

- **Suplee Valley Pipe Lining** – No updates since our last report. 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 have followed up with them two times since then, most recently on October 15, but have not received a response. Final payment will not be processed until this matter is resolved.
- **Waterview** – Waterview is planned for pipe lining in 2026. The Township now anticipates the pipes in the neighborhood will be televised in October or November. 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 that DCED will make awards in early 2026.

Sewer Extensions

- **Morstein Road and Great Oak Circle** – No activity since our last report. As previously reported, a public inquiry was sent out, and six properties are definitely interested, seven properties are interested depending on costs, three properties are not interested, and three properties did not respond. The exhibit that was previously provided depicting those properties is attached for reference.

We provided a proposal for design and permitting services for the proposed sewer extension on September 3.

- **Charter Chase and Goshen Downs** – Additional responses from property owners in the two neighborhoods about their interest in public sewer have been received. An updated exhibit depicting the properties definitely interested, interested depending on costs, not interested, and not yet responded is attached. As of the date of this report, there are 54 properties that are definitely interested, 20 properties are interested depending on costs, 36 properties are not interested, and 44 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)** – Three new homes are proposed in East Goshen with additional homes in West Whiteland. We issued an updated Land Development Plan comment letter on October 15. Nearly all prior comments have been addressed.
- **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 September 2025. All supplemental reports were submitted for August 2025. Caustic usage decreased to 53.23 gallons per day from 56.59 gallons per day last month. Aluminum sulfate solution volumes daily average decreased to 70.09 gallons per day from 71.06 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.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting were approved as amended.

Approval of Invoices

1. Kevin moved to approve payment of Pennoni invoice #1294140 in the amount of \$5,716.75. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Kevin moved to approve payment of Gawthrop Greenwood invoices #222079858 in the amount of \$553.50 and #222081718 in the amount of \$164.00. Dana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Dana moved to approve the Lenni Electric invoice #250935 in the amount of \$19,208.31. Sean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. John moved to approve the Xylem Water Solutions invoice #3556D90245 in the amount of \$18,999.60 (paid). Sean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Dana moved to approve the Kappe Associates invoices #25-687-M in the amount of \$3,075.00 (paid) and #25-688-M in the amount of \$29,076.00. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Dave provided the following report: YTD September 2025, the Municipal Authority recorded \$545,052.10 in revenues (primarily from Sewer Capital Reserve and Sewer Operating transfers) and \$532,457.34 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 \$12,594.76. As of September 30, 2025, the fund balance was \$28,320.32.

Old Business -

1. Morestein Rd - The engineering proposal for the Morestein Road Sewer design and permitting was discussed. Dave will apply for a grant for the Morestein Road Sewer. The application needs to be submitted by November 15, 2025. Dana made a motion to authorize submission of the grant application. Sean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Goals –None

New Business –

1. 2026 Budget - The spreadsheet with projections was reviewed. Dana asked about Hunt Country engineering. Dave gave an explanation. John made a motion to approve the budget for 2026. Sean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Any Other Matter - None

Correspondence-

Public Comment - None

Adjournment

There being no further business Sean 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, November 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary