

Newmanstown Water Authority

April 27, 2026

The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Newmanstown Water Authority's office. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

In attendance were:

Steve Hickernell

William Leahy

Susan Harper

Scott Sweigart

Robin Bomgardner

William Zimmerman

John Kantner - Absent

A motion to approve the March 2026 meeting minutes was made by Scott and seconded by William Leahy. All aye, so approved.

Secretary's Report

Susan reported that water payments are being received. Quite a few phone calls concerning the higher water bills. Reason being the meters were read early for the 4th quarter billing and the rate increase in January 2026. There was one home sale in April. CCR has been uploaded to the website and the paperwork will be submitted to DEP. A final was requested for 340 W Main Street, this house was sold on Sheriff Sale. Balance owed for the account was paid in full. A meeting was held with Jonestown Bank and Trust to discuss items related to our accounts; it was presented that we could do remote deposits with a scanner provided by JBT and that would eliminate going to the bank for deposits. After discussion it was decided that we will continue with taking our deposits to the bank and not to use the scanner at this time.

Operator's Report

Steve reported the gallons of water consumed in the month of March was 3,693,251 gallons. The average chlorine residual was 1.17% and coliform was absent. The readings were taken on 03/04/26. Dru from Neal Systems was here as there was a fault alarm on the system; the problem does not appear to be on our end and we are working on this with Dru and Co-Stream. After the March meter reads, it was discovered there are some meters in need of repair and Steve is working on these repairs. A discussion on the meeting for new meters through the grant we received will be put on hold for a few months.

Engineer's Report

In Fred Ebert's absence it was noted that Fred sent a water service application to Carta Engineering for more information for sewer and water connection at S Sheridan Road and Beech Alley in Newmanstown. A will serve letter will follow after the information is received. Information was given to the Authority concerning the grant application for the Cardinal Road Water Main Interconnection; these grants will be awarded in September 2026. Scott will talk to Fred concerning the language for meter pit ownership and new standard specs for new construction. This language will be forwarded to Tim Engler for completion of a resolution to be presented at the May meeting.

Solicitor's Report

In Tim's absence a discussion was held on a request for public records in regards to purchase orders issued by the Authority from 2022 until 2026; we requested a 30-day extension. A brief discussion was held on new digital accessibility laws concerning accessibility to people with disabilities. Because we are a small community, we have until April of 2027 to make the necessary changes. When the new language information on the meter pit ownership and new specs is forwarded to Tim he will complete a resolution for approval at the May meeting.

Chairman's Report

Inquiry was made concerning water supply to a 2.7 acre plot of land located at SSW Park Street. Additional information is needed for this request.

Old Business – None

New Business

- a. Hydrant Flushing – to be discussed at the May meeting, will be contingent on drought situation.
- b. Inquiry for Sheridan Road and Beech Alley project – water service application sent
- c. NWA Project list for 2026
 1. Continue to locate all water service laterals into homes and mark/repair as needed.
 2. Trigon Project – Sub divide into two parcels and building a warehouse.
 3. CMJM LLC, Bethany Road Subdivision Project – Water meters installed, letter of credit to be released for payment of this project. Will keep escrow account active until this project is completed.
 4. 80 E Bethany Road – Meter pit installed and inspected, and pictures were taken on 02/19/26.
 5. 117 E Main Street – Apartment Project – Received blueprint documents
 6. Any other item will be added to the list, if recommended by another board member and approved.

The bills for April were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the bills as presented by William Leahy and seconded by Robin. All aye, so approved.

The treasurer's report for the month of March 2026 was read. Scott made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read and seconded by William Zimmerman. All aye, so approved.

The CD with Bird-In-Hand Bank matures on 05/04/26. All agreed to let the CD roll over at the current rate.

A motion was made by William Zimmerman and seconded by Robin, to give a donation of \$100 to the Athletic Club for the car show in June. All aye, so approved.

Susan made a motion to adjourn and Bill Leahy seconded it. All aye, so approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harper, Secretary/Treasurer