

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
MEETING HELD MAY 8, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Kim Seidel with the following board members in attendance....Kevin Bieber and Joshua Kratzer. Also, from Entech Engineering Kim Mazur; Solicitor David Allebach; and three citizens were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was observed.

The meeting agenda was posted in the meeting room and the township website twenty-four hours prior to the start of the meeting. No public comment was heard on any of the listed agenda items.

There being no changes to the April 3, 2025 minutes, a motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2025 meeting as presented. Kim Seidel – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The treasurers report was presented for the month. Sewer Fund: in the OPERATION & MAINTENANCE account the balance is \$19,219.37; in the REVENUE account \$315,658.45; and in the INVESTMENT FUND \$611,996.91. Water Fund: in the OPERATION & MAINTENANCE account the balance is \$1,319.43; in the REVENUE account \$30,555.23; and in the INVESTMENT FUND \$1,213,705.10. A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to approve and accept the treasurers report as presented. Kim Seidel – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

A list of past due bill accounts was presented for review. Atty. Allebach said for account number 491, which is only on public sewer, he will notify the property owner that we will file proceedings to sell the property to satisfy the liens if not paid. Atty. Allebach said for account number 687, which is only on public sewer, he filed a default judgement and will move to sell the property if no payment plan is made. For account number 734, which is only on public sewer, we received a request from Fulton Bank requesting a balance to pay this account up to date. A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Kevin Bieber to mail a notice to account numbers 87, 382, and 566 informing them that on May 21, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. their water will be turned off unless payment in full is received prior to that time. Kim Seidel – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Account number 175 which is a rental unit is past due for four quarters for a total \$902.40, the water had been turned off on August 14, 2024. Atty. Allebach said he will send a letter to the property owner of the rental unit. Weis Markets water meter is not working, last actual read obtained July 8, 2022, estimating since then, Weis management contacted us as to why this meter is not repaired/replaced rather than estimating usage. Mr. Mazur will check on this meter. Email received from Melissa Brinckman requesting a credit on her sewer bill due to an outside faucet that cracked causing water to spray out for an unknown period of time, she is normally a minimum user using less than 10,000 gallons per quarter but this quarter she used 25,860 gallons. A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to issue a sewer credit for 15,860 gallons in the amount of \$222.04 to Melissa Brinckman for account number 605.03. Kim Seidel – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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A report was provided on the operation at the sewer plant during the month. The following was reported: (1) pull debris from digester mixers; (2) sewer clog at Dunkin; and (3) unclog sewer drains at plant.

A report was provided on the operation at the water plant during the month. The following was reported: (1) checked on water pressure issues; (2) lower curb stop at 17 Lupine Lane; (3) alarm calls for sodium hypochlorite pump resets for wells; (4) ordered rebuild kits for sodium hypochlorite pumps at each well and levels sensors for each well; and (5) 2,945,190 gallons pumped for the month.

Anthony & Kristen Fiore of 26 Circle Drive were in attendance requesting to potentially connect to the public sewer system. Atty. Allebach said this would be through the sewer extension constructed by Reading Motorcycle Club several years ago, there should be a reimbursement agreement which we believe was never done, it appears that the total cost of the project may have been \$64,649 but this would need to be confirmed, this number would then be divided into the number of properties that could potentially tie into this extension. Mr. Mazur said there would also be the tapping fee and a grinder pump that would need to be installed and maintained. Mr. Bieber said it appears that the cost may be approximately \$20,000 and asked if they would still be interested in connecting before we pursue this further. Mr. Fiore said at this point they are not sure they will connect but they will let us know if they do want to pursue this in the future.

Committee reports:

Administrative: Nothing to report.

Finance: Nothing to report.

Wastewater Plant: Miller Environmental has not yet completed the audit as requested. It was agreed to continue the first weekend plant coverage by Miller Environmental for the remainder of this year.

Water Plant: Mr. Mazur said he has the water audit report from Miller Environmental and will submit this to us for our files. Mr. Mazur installed several water pressure monitoring devices at several locations in the area of Lupine Lane due to a complaint received of low water pressure in this area, the pressure looks fine and he showed us a graph, he will contact Wayne Weidner to visit his home and check the pressure inside the home. The electric/power service for Water Storage Tank #1 was discussed, we currently pay the adjacent home owner, Glenn Levan, \$200 annually for the electric usage and mowing around the tank but recently discovered Mr. Levan turned off the breaker to the storage tank electric, currently there is a solar system that is damaged and the site is running on a 12 volt battery that needs to be replaced regularly, an estimate to replace solar panel system is \$9,550, could run a line from the

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end of Cricket Slope which would cost approximately \$15,000 but it is felt that the current easement is just for the water line, Mr. Levan indicated he would supply electric to the tank for \$1,000 annually. Atty. Allebach said he could draft an agreement with Mr. Levan for a quarterly payment of \$250. A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Kim Seidel to authorize our Solicitor to draft an agreement between Oley Township Municipal Authority and Glenn Levan to provide electric service and mowing for Water Storage Tank #1 at \$250 per quarter beginning with the third quarter of 2025. Kim Seidel – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Mr. Seidel said Rick Schadler of WBA sent him alarm data which he reviewed. Mr. Seidel said we need to look at Well Houses #2 and #4 for future roof replacements, they currently have some damage.

Mr. Mazur said they received no update from Earl Township on the sewer project, he will submit a plan of action to DEP by next week.

A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to approve Pay Application #6 to DN Tanks, Inc. in amount of \$21,661.34 for the Water Storage Tank Project. Kim Seidel – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A change order was prepared in the amount of \$14,507.69 for the field lok gaskets but this still needs to be signed by DN Tanks, Inc., action on this change order will be tabled until next month. Received recorded easement between Met-Ed and Matthew Walker for secondary overhead wire extension to Met-Ed pole 54213-38855, a check has been prepared for Matthew Walker in amount of \$12,500 and is included on the bill list for approval this evening. Received quote from Will Business Applications, Inc. in amount of \$21,375.00 for upgrade to water system Water Tank 2 control and radio, this will be tabled until next month since it is felt that we already approved this last year and made the twenty-five percent downpayment. Letter dated May 5, 2025 from Berks County Conservation District informing us they approved our Notice of Intent for renewal of coverage under the NPDES general permit for discharges of stormwater associated with construction activities which is effective December 8, 2024 and will expire December 7, 2029. Mr. Seidel said there was a recent incident where individuals entered the water storage tank #2 site and crossed over onto a neighboring property, the police advised that the Authority should install a temporary chain across the entrance access to our property and post the property for no trespassing, he purchased the necessary hardware and installed the chain and signage. Mr. Seidel questioned if we should have an agreement signed with Daniel E. Levengood if he comes onto our property in the area of Wells 2, 3, and 4. Atty. Allebach will research for any recorded easements that may allow Mr. Levengood access to our property.

We continue to review the draft of the Rates, Rules & Regulations.

The annual fire extinguisher inspections were performed and we will need to replace two 20 pound ABC extinguishers due to age. We will obtain estimates until our next meeting.

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The following bills were presented for payment for the Sewer System:

Michael A. Eshbach	---	\$ 3,188.06
Shirley M. Moyer	---	2,074.28
Michael A. Eshbach	---	3,045.25
Infinsource, Inc.	---	2,687.81
Infinsource, Inc.	---	77.84
Infinsource, Inc.	---	1,443.96
Infinsource, Inc.	---	49.84
Met-Ed	---	2,903.48
Windstream Conestoga, Inc.	---	299.23
Atlas Oil	---	2,071.30
Michael A. Eshbach	---	2,000.00
Hach Company	---	604.98
Univar USA, Inc.	---	1,727.78
Custom Environmental Technology	---	3,577.20
M&A Excavating, LLC	---	3,951.14
Delaware County Solid Waste Auth.	---	1,302.00
Denali Water Solutions, LLC	---	1,500.00
M.J. Reider Associates	---	1,333.30
Picardi Philips & Ottaviano	---	330.00
T-Mobile	---	344.07
Oley Township	---	154.79
Cardmember Service	---	97.00
Ridge Support Technologies	---	410.95
Dallas Data Systems, Inc.	---	1,200.00
PA One Call System, Inc.	---	5.00
Rapid Suppression Fire Protection	---	98.00
Eastern Alliance Insurance Group	---	1,194.00
Travelers	---	649.00
Herbein+Company, Inc.	---	8,500.00
Picardi Philips & Ottaviano	---	<u>651.75</u>
<b>TOTAL SEWER BILLS</b>	---	<b>\$47,472.01</b>

The following bills were presented for payment for the Water System:

Met-Ed	---	\$ 897.57
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	---	4,000.00
Kim R. Seidel	---	27.18
Buckman's, Inc.	---	176.90
Miller Environmental, Inc.	---	17,933.70

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M.J. Reider Associates, Inc.	---	1,871.35
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	---	102,128.00
Matthew Walker	---	12,500.00
David & Ruth Ann Christman	---	100.00
DN Tanks, Inc.	---	<u>21,661.34</u>
<b>TOTAL WATER BILLS</b>	—	\$161,296.04

A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Kim Seidel to approve the above bills for the sewer and water systems as presented. Kim Seidel – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Public comment:

1. Daniel E. Levengood – Asked why we require copper water line to the meter. Mr. Mazur said this is in our Rates, Rules & Regulations, the Municipal Authority is responsible for water quality to the tap, the Authority could consider changing this requirement if they wish. Mr. Levengood reported that mowing was performed along the driveway of Well #4.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Kim Seidel to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Kim Seidel – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shirley M. Moyer

cc: K. Seidel  
M. Hoch  
B. Angstadt  
K. Bieber

J. Kratzer  
D. Allebach  
G. Philips  
K. Mazur

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L. Schaeffer  
E. Pollock  
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