

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD AUGUST 7, 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....Mark Hoch, Barry Angstadt, Kevin Bieber, and Joshua Kratzer. Also, from Entech Engineering Kim Mazur; Solicitor David Allebach (via speaker phone); and four 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. The following public comment was heard:

1. John Leinbach – He wants to construct a detached garage on his property at 6 St. Paulia Lane and he was informed there is an eight inch sewer line running across his property, there is no easement on the deed in the Berks County Records Office. He also indicated that when the water line extension was put in two years ago the swale was built up so the water does not go into the swale and the water now enters his yard. The macadam is broken up from where the contractors equipment was sitting and now the water is seeping through the broken macadam. Mr. Seidel directed Mr. Mazur to look at the construction issues and also will have Michael Eshbach locate, mark, and flush the sewer line.

2. Evan & John Kuprewicz – Their property is located at 8 Lake Road and would like to connect to the public sewer system. Mr. Seidel said we are looking into extending the sewer system on Water Street but that could be about five years out. It was indicated that a grinder pump would need to be installed to pump it up the hill, this option could be expensive.

There being no changes to the July 10, 2025 minutes, a motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Kim Seidel to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2025 meeting as presented. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – 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 \$11,133.75; in the REVENUE account \$351,214.90; and in the INVESTMENT FUND \$616,383.71. Water Fund: in the OPERATION & MAINTENANCE account the balance is \$855.54; in the REVENUE account \$82,555.63; and in the INVESTMENT FUND \$1,039,618.56. A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Barry Angstadt to approve and accept the treasurers report as presented. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – 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 indicated that Fox Rothchild will pay total sewer amount due on account number 687, the liens can then be satisfied. Received \$1,000 payment on July 15, 2025 for sewer account number 491. A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to mail a notice to account numbers 87, 177, 184, 318, 566, and 658 informing them that on August 19, 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; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – 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) DEP wastewater inspection performed; (2) plant in storm mode for five days; (3) repair electric to chlorine feed line; (4) influent sampler repaired; and (5) repaired hot water issues and leaks in heating system.

A report was provided on the operation at the water plant during the month. The following was reported: (1) pumped 3,239,590 gallons for the month; and (2) working towards operating Well #1.

Committee reports:

Administrative: Mr. Bieber obtained information from East Pointe Search Group for the cost of this firm to search for a qualified employee, it would be twenty percent of the annual salary of the employee which can be paid over a period of time, the employee would need to agree to a time period where they must stay with us, we can designate the search for a certain radius, there would be no fee if no one is hired. Mr. Mazur said we can place free advertisements in Pennsylvania Water Environment Association, Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators Association, and PA Rural Water Association. A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Kim Seidel to authorize Kim Mazur to place an advertisement in the PA Rural Water Association magazine in the classified ad section for a water operator. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor...motion carried. Mr. Seidel will remind Michael Eshbach to ratchet strap equipment down on a moving trailer.

Finance: Nothing to report.

Wastewater Plant: Miller Environmental has not yet completed the audit as requested. We were notified that a manhole is partially located in a stream on the Gotwals property. Mr. Mazur said this is fine as long as the water and sewer liquids stay separated, we should inspect this manhole periodically, Mr. Seidel will have Michael Eshbach check this manhole.

Water Plant: The LED light has been installed at water storage tank #1 and the power is now on. Mr. Mazur received a cost proposal from Mumford-Bjorkman Associates, Inc. in amount of \$5,000 to inspect water storage tank #1 interior and exterior. It was decided to include this tank inspection in the 2026 budget. Received an Engineering Work Order to prepare a grant application for the re-painting/rehabilitation of water storage tank #1 in amount of \$5,000. It was decided to include this grant application proposal in the 2026 budget and apply for the next round of grants in February 2026. Received quote from Ferguson Waterworks in amount of \$376.00 to replace parts on the Weis Markets water meter in order to transmit a signal to drive by reading unit. A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Barry Angstadt to purchase replacement parts from Ferguson Waterworks in amount of \$376.00 for the Weis

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Markets water meter. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. The Well #1 driveway washed out again, it was agreed to put money in the 2026 budget for repairs to this driveway. Received following quotes to create swale and grade the drive to drain into the swale at the well house access driveway off of Oley Furnace Road: M&A Excavating - \$14,300.00; Kugler Excavating, Inc. - \$23,600.00; and Summit Valley - \$53,203.50. Mr. Seidel spoke with Duane Howard, Township Road Superintendent, if it would be possible for them to haul stone and have Michael Eshbach grade the drive to get it smoother and continue the swale on the right side. Abbonizio Contractors is coordinating the water service leak repair at the curb stop at 456 Main Street with Summit Valley at a cost of \$2,500 which will be paid by Abbonizio Contractors, this work is scheduled to be performed next week. The Main Street Water Line Replacement project has a two year warranty period which expires August 12, 2025, Mr. Mazur will check on the three curb stops in the sidewalk that are spalling and will check the Leinbach property on St. Paulia Lane to determine whether any repairs are necessary due to the project and then inform Abbonizio Contractors. Mr. Mazur said Will Business Applications has provided a SCADA water system update and water system operations procedures for our review, this should be put in place by September 2025. The fire hydrant flushing will be scheduled for November 2025 and procedures will be developed to follow to maintain water quality. Mr. Mazur is waiting for Richard Yoder to provide an estimate to review the operations of generator and transfer switch at Well #4.

Mr. Mazur put together the final costs of the Act 537 Plan Update which would be \$24,700 for the draft, this is relating to the Earl Township potential sewer project.

A motion was made by Barry Angstadt and seconded by Mark Hoch to approve Pay Application #9 to DN Tanks, Inc. in amount of \$143,429.62 for the Water Storage Tank Project. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried. Mr. Mazur reported that tank work began the week of August 4, 2025, contractor cleared the tank site, excavated and prepped sub-base for the foundation.

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

Mr. Mazur sent a letter to Kornfiend Realty Company that there will be no impact on the property's water service and no sewer facilities planning will be required for their proposed addition to the carwash.

Received request for water and sanitary sewer line information for proposed AutoZone at corner of Friedensburg Road and Memorial Highway. An escrow in the amount of \$750 was requested for this review, we are awaiting this escrow prior to Mr. Mazur reviewing the plan and providing the information requested.

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

Michael A. Eshbach	---	\$ 2,973.85
Shirley M. Moyer	---	2,074.29
Michael A. Eshbach	---	4,122.95
Michael A. Eshbach	---	2,938.13
Shirley M. Moyer	---	2,074.29
Infinsource, Inc.	---	2,505.39
Infinsource, Inc.	---	77.84
Infinsource, Inc.	---	2,165.83
Infinsource, Inc.	---	49.84
Infinsource, Inc.	---	2,483.07
Infinsource, Inc.	---	77.84
Met-Ed	---	2,998.19
Windstream Conestoga, Inc.	---	301.76
Michael A. Eshbach	---	2,000.00
Univar USA, Inc.	---	2,759.54
Will Business Applications, Inc.	---	1,408.30
W.G. Malden	---	901.78
Bruce Zuber	---	720.00
Delaware County Solid Waste Auth.	---	1,266.72
Denali Water Solutions, LLC	---	2,000.00
M.J. Reider Associates	---	1,354.25
Picardi Philips & Ottaviano	---	82.50
Entech Engineering, Inc.	---	997.50
T-Mobile	---	112.70
T-Mobile	---	26.32
Oley Township	---	164.19
Cardmember Service	---	143.00
Ridge Support Technologies	---	418.91
Caselle, LLC	---	1,200.00
Antietam Fire Protection	---	396.00
Entech Engineering, Inc.	---	1,486.25
Picardi Philips & Ottaviano	---	<u>941.25</u>
TOTAL SEWER BILLS	---	\$43,222.48

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

Met-Ed	---	\$ 767.81
Joshua D. Kratzer	---	200.00
Buckman's, Inc.	---	155.65

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Pyrz Water Supply Company, Inc.	---	3,220.00
Integrity Electric, Inc.	---	731.90
Miller Environmental, Inc.	---	9,843.38
M.J. Reider Associates, Inc.	---	259.65
Entech Engineering, Inc.	---	473.75
Miller Environmental, Inc.	---	14,629.60
Will Business Applications, Inc.	---	5,343.75
DN Tanks, Inc.	---	<u>143,429.62</u>
TOTAL WATER BILLS	---	\$179,055.11

Mr. Bieber referenced the Miller Environmental bills totaling \$14,629.60 which were labeled “Out of Scope Services for May and June 2025”, he questioned why we would have to pay these bills since we are paying the monthly amount of \$9,843.38 per the agreement, also they are charging the mileage rate of \$1.20 but the IRS allowable rate is .70¢, he will contact Dean Miller for an explanation on these bills. 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 with the exception of the Miller Environmental, Inc. invoices in amount of \$14,629.60 which will be approved only after a satisfactory explanation. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

No public comment was heard.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Kevin Bieber to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Moyer

cc: K. Seidel
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B. Angstadt
K. Bieber

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

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