

Newmanstown Water Authority

July 27, 2026

The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, July 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:

John Kantner
Steve Hickernell
Susan Harper

William Leahy
William Zimmerman
Scott Sweigart

Robin Bombgardner

A motion to approve the June 2026 meeting minutes was made by Steve Hickernell and seconded by Robin Bombgardner. All aye, so approved.

Secretary's Report

Susan Harper reported there are two customers that went to collections paid their bills, one the water was turned off, one asked to keep it off until they notify us. There were six home sales in July. Our solicitor suggested we set up a meeting with Millcreek-Richland to discuss revising the policy between Millcreek-Richland and Newmanstown Water Authority for water shut off for non-payment from their customers.

Operator's Report

Steve Hickernell reported the gallons of water consumed in the month of June was 3,961,871 gallons. The average chlorine residual was 1.29% and coliform was absent. The readings were taken on 06/03/26. Noted that on 07/20/26 a call was received from a resident on South Ft. Zeller Road that a water line was hit when digging for fence pole installation. Repairs were made and a note will be included with the billing for the line that was hit. Discussion was held on vendor meetings for new water meters. Will be discussed in more detail below.

Engineer's Report

Fred Ebert was not in attendance. We are awaiting to hear from Fred with a response from the PA grant analyst to check on the ability to use CO-Stars funding under the grant program. Will follow up with Fred on this.

Solicitor's Report

Tim Engler was not in attendance. He did provide information from the solicitor for Millcreek-Richland for the policy revision on shut-off to non-paying customers. A suggestion was made to meet with Millcreek-Richland for the revisions. Susan will set up this meeting.

Chairman's Report

John Kantner reported that two customers had water shut off on 06/15/26. One customer had turned on their water and it was again shut off on 07/10/26. Both customers have paid and services were restored.

Old Business

Meetings were held with two vendors to discuss the purchase of new water meters. On 07/20/26 a presentation was given by Exeter Supply on Badger meters and on 07/22/26 a presentation was given by E J Prescott on Kamstrup meters. Information was given to the Board from both vendors and discussion was held.

A motion was made by William Leahy and seconded by William Zimmerman to purchase Kamstrup Flow IQ 2200 meters for Newburg Village as part of the grant money received from the State. If Newburg Village grant money project requires three (3) bids, each contractor will have to bid with the Kamstrup Flow IQ 2200 water meter and include installation of the meters in their price. All aye, so approved.

A motion was made by Scott Sweigart and seconded by Robin Bomgardner to replace water meters for the entire Newmanstown Water system at the expense of Newmanstown Water Authority. All aye, so approved.

Discussion continued on ordering and installation of the new meters. When the time is appropriate a notice will be sent to all customers of the Newmanstown Water Authority with details on the replacement/installation of the new water meters.

New Business

- a. Inquiry for Sheridan Road and Beech Alley project – As discussed previously, a will serve letter will be sent to them for the project
- b. Inquiry for Fire Company property on Sportsman Road – Fred Ebert explained details of our well head protection
- c. Power Wash Tank – Scheduled for 7/27/26
- d. Water Meter Replacement Grant – Discussion was held as to the guidelines to follow for water meter replacement and entry point modifications. Dates are being lined up to meet with vendors
- e. 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 –Will keep escrow account active until this project is completed.
 4. 80 E Bethany Road – Escrow account closed
 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 July were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the bills as presented by Robin Bomgardner and seconded by William Leahy. All aye, so approved.

A CD with Jonestown Bank & Trust was renewed on 07/01/26.

A CD with Fulton Bank was renewed on 07/13/26.

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

A motion was made by Scott Sweigart and seconded by William Zimmerman, to transfer \$50,000.00 from the JBT checking account to the Fulton Money Market. All aye, so approved.

Susan Harper made a motion to adjourn and William Leahy seconded it. All aye, so approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 31, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harper, Secretary/Treasurer