

# WYSOX TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

## February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (amended)

**PRESENT:** William Them-Secretary/ Treasurer -Vice Chairman, Robert Williams-Chairman, Tina Pickett-Board Member

**ABSENT:** Mr. Henson

**OTHERS:** Chris Jones – Solicitor, Chad Strickland-Superintendent, Eric Casanave- Stiffler-McGraw

**VISITORS:** None

**Minutes:**

Mr. Isaac made a motion to approve the minutes from January 15, 2026. Ms. Pickett seconded the motion.

**Bills:**

Ms. Pickett made a motion to approve the following bills for February 2026, Mr. Isaac seconded the motion.

Wysox Sewer List of Bills	February 2026	
Towanda Municipal Authority	BNY Mellon - February 2026 Principal & Interest	\$ 4,033.72
Towanda Municipal Authority	Administration Agreement - February 2026	\$ 2,103.67
Towanda Municipal Authority	M&T Principal & Interest - February 2026	\$ 4,988.45
Towanda Municipal Authority	Contracted Service - Maint of Mains & Svcs-Labor & Equip-Jan 2026	\$ 301.64
Towanda Municipal Authority	Contracted Service - Daily Inspections & Maint-Labor & Eq - Jan 2026	\$ 3,653.42
Towanda Municipal Authority	Grainger Inv 9762095090 6-Float switches. Res grinder pump stock	\$ 535.38
Towanda Municipal Authority	LB Water Inv 4007075 Field Logic Read Support 11/14/25-11/13/26	\$ 1,174.75
Towanda Municipal Authority	OmniSite Inv 104850 1-yr alarm svc 7 pump stations	\$ 2,205.00
Frontier Communications	Alarm - Service 1/21/26-2/20/26 Due 2/17/26	\$ 63.45
Gannon Associates Insurance	Inv 21206 26-27 Blanket Employee Dishonesty Bond Policy Renewal	\$ 130.50
Horton Electric Motor Service Inc	Invoice 39198A Rebuild 2 HP Pump Station 6 pump	\$ 1,630.00
Penelec	PS 1 Period 1/12/26 - 2/9/26 Due 3/16/25	\$ 621.83
Penelec	PS 2 Period 12/16/25 - 2/15/26 Due 3/26/26 (No bill in January)	\$ 1,774.86
Penelec	PS 3 Period 12/19/25 - 1/19/26 Due 2/23/26 (Not yet billed for Feb)	\$ 203.90
Penelec	PS 4 Period 12/15/25 - 2/12/26 Due 3/15/26 (No bill in January)	\$ 205.56
Penelec	PS 5 Period 12/15/25 - 2/12/26 Due 3/19/26 (No bill in January)	\$ 402.13
Penelec	PS 6 Period 12/19/25 - 1/18/26 Due 2/23/26 (Not yet billed for Feb)	\$ 53.93
Penelec	PS 7 Period 12/18/25 - 1/18/26 Due 2/23/26 (Not yet billed for Feb)	\$ 680.62
Penelec	PS 8 Period 12/19/25 - 1/19/26 Due 2/23/26 (Not yet billed for Feb)	\$ 191.63
Penelec	PS 9 HT Period 12/19/25 - 1/19/26 Due 2/23/26 (Not yet billed for Feb)	\$ 891.35
Stiffler McGraw & Associates Inc	Invoice 173 1/20/2026 Retainer - Meetings & PennDot facility review	\$ 838.75

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Stiffler McGraw & Associates Inc	Invoice 10 1/20/26 Proj 25-6001 Pump Station #5 Rehabilitation	\$ 6,787.25
Stiffler McGraw & Associates Inc	Invoice 11 2/10/26 Proj 25-6001 Pump Station #5 Rehabilitation	\$ 1,313.50
Stiffler McGraw & Associates Inc	Invoice 12 2/10/26 Proj 24-6003 SR1029 Pond Hill Utility Relocations	\$ 106.25
Stiffler McGraw & Associates Inc	Invoice 174 2/10/26 Retainer - Op Assist, PennDot Rt6/187 & Maint Fac	\$ 722.50
The Daily Review	Invoice #82148988 - Advertisement of 2024 Audit Report	\$ 192.95
		\$ 35,806.99

Wysox Water List of Bills	February 2026	
Towanda Municipal Authority	Contracted Service - January 2026	\$ 3,369.92
Towanda Municipal Authority	AT&T Scada Inv 1/6/26 Svc 1/7-2/6/26 Due 2/1/26	\$ 92.10
Towanda Municipal Authority	LB Water Inv 4007075 Field Logic Read Support 11/14/25-11/13/26	\$ 1,174.75
AT&T	Scada Inv 2/6/26 Svc 2/7-3/6/26 Due 3/1/26	\$ 97.68
Gannon Associates Insurance	Inv 21206 26-27 Blanket Employee Dishonesty Bond Policy Renewal	\$ 130.50
LB Water	Inv 4009580 2-C2 Omni meters (Tractor Supply & Fairfield Inn)	\$ 2,994.00
Pace Analytical Service	Inv 2649B0719 Total Cliform analysis & fees	\$ 105.00
Penelec	Vault - Period 12/22/25-1/21/26 Due 2/16/26 (Not yet billed for Feb)	\$ 161.50
Penelec	Lake Rd PS Period 12/15/25-2/12/26 Due 3/4/26 (No bill in January)	\$ 2,029.56
Stiffler McGraw & Associates Inc	Invoice 173 1/20/2026 Retainer - Meetings & PennDot facility review	\$ 838.75
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Stiffler McGraw & Associates Inc	Invoice 174 2/10/26 Retainer - Op Assist, PennDot Rt6/187 & Maint Fac	\$ 722.50
The Daily Review	Invoice #82148988 - Advertisement of 2024 Audit Report	\$ 192.94
		\$ 12,015.45
Wilmington Trust Principal & Interest	ACH - Due date 3/1/26	\$ 12,722.92
		\$ 24,738.37

**Engineer:**

Mr. Casanave requested a vote to authorize Chairman Williams to sign Penn DOT form M950-AA.

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Ms. Picket made a motion to approve to authorize Chairman Williams to sign Penn DOT form M950-AA, authorizing Stiffler, McGraw to apply for a Highway Occupancy Permit for connection of pump station NO. 5 sewer line on PennDOT right-of-way. Mr. Isaac seconded the motion.

Mr. Casanave discussed with the Board the Penn DOT blanket authorization agreement for engineering. Mr. Casanave stated that sometimes the engineer cannot access the information as they need an individual authorization from the authorities. Mr. Casanave stated that it gets frustrating. Mr. Casanave stated that this Penn DOT blanket authorization agreement would allow the designated engineer to look at files available on their website far sooner than they can now. Mr. Casanave stated the engineer would still need to be authorized. Mr. Casanave stated this would strictly give access to Penn Dot's online platform.

Mr. Them made a motion to approve PennDOT blanket authorization agreement for engineering. Mr. Isaac seconded the motion.

Mr. Casanave updated the Pond Hill Road Project. Mr. Casanave stated the Contractor expects to start late next week or the beginning of March on relocating 200 feet of sewer line. Their cost on that was \$34,000.00, which means your share is \$8,700.00. Mr. Williams stated that it was considerably less than anticipated.

Mr. Casanave updated on Penn DOT new maintenance facility. Mr. Casanave stated he was working on a final comment letter. Mr. Casanave stated that Penn DOT had a request on their sewage plan for an operation and maintenance agreement that WTMA and the Township and DGS needed to sign over the private lateral that has made its way to DGS legal. They said they are working on it.

Mr. Casanave discussed the Route 6 and 187 Intersection Project. Mr. Casanave stated he received several emails identifying 51 locations where you could have conflict with either water or sewer. Mr. Casanave stated he would need to review this more to be able to understand what the concerns were.

### **Solicitor**

Mr. Jones stated he had some resolutions dealing with updated rates and fees. The Board had a discussion on the updated rates and attorney fees for collections, which has not been updated since 2016. Mr. Jones discussed the process if there is a Sheriff's sale, who would get payments owed first.

Mr. Them made a motion to approve Resolution 01-2026. A resolution of the Wysox Township Municipal Authority, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, Adopting a schedule of Attorney's fees in connection with the collection of Delinquent Water and Sewage Accounts pursuant to 53 P.S. 7106. Mr. Isaac seconded the motion.

### **Superintendents Report:**

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Mr. Strickland stated he has been busy with headworks. Mr. Strickland stated we were getting a lot of wipes at pump station 4. Mr. Strickland stated the we are going to take a reminder letter to the door of about 30 customers.

Mr. Jones stated he would like to thank Mr. Strickland and TMA. Mr. Jones stated he had a water line break and they were right there. Mr. Strickland stated we have been very busy recently and he gives 100% credit to the water crew.

## **Treasurers Report:**

Mr. Them presented the budget worksheet for 2026. Mr. Them discussed the changes in interest rates, water and sewer sales, and other expenses.

The Board had a discussion on raising the rates.

Mr. Them proposed to amend the following:

Mr. Them proposed to raise the water rate from \$15.24 per 1,000 gallons to \$16.74 per 1,000 gallons

Mr. Them proposed to raise the sewer rate from \$15.81 per 1000 gallons to \$17.31 per 1,000 gallons.

Mr. Them proposed to raise the Sewer Flat rate from \$63.24 per Edu/month to \$64.74 per EDU/month.

Mr. Them proposed to raise Water and Sewer Base Rate for 0-1,000 gallons from \$65.90 to \$68.90.

Mr. Them proposed to raise Ready to Serve Charge from \$65.90 to \$68.90.

Mr. Isaac made the motion to approve the amendment as proposed.

Mr. Them seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Mr. Jones asked that the board consider an increase of the inspection fee. Mr. Jones recommended from \$150.00 to \$300.00.

Ms. Pickett made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-2026. Mr. Them seconded the motion.

## **Other Matters:**

Mr. Them wanted to have a discussion on the potential impact of Data Centers. Mr. Casanave discussed some of the challenges of predicting water usage for Data Centers. The Board continued to discuss the need to assess the impact of Data Centers on the water sewer system. It was emphasized the importance of clear ordinances to ensure compliance and protect the water supply.

## **Adjournment:**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Them. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Anita Gaspar*

Towanda Borough