Hanover Township Sewer Authority
September 8, 2026
Hanover Township Building

Chairman Dawn Paden called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Dawn Paden, Vice-Chairman Ralph Speer, , Nicole Pathakurmi, Member Secretary/Treasurer, Hannah Bruce, Project Engineer, James Freeland, Member- Absent, Robert Dengler, II, Solicitor's Office, Office Manager, Betty DeFelice and Operations Manager, Mark Lashhorn.

Question by Chairman Paden if there were any questions related to the agenda items and then we will have public comment at the end. **No**

Minutes: Minutes of August 11, 2026 motioned by Ralph Speer and was seconded by Hannah Bruce **. All in favor no opposed. Motion carried**.

Treasurer Report:
Hannah Bruce presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2026. August's beginning balance in the Operating and Expense Account as of August 1, 2026 was $148,332.61 August's deposits of $70,384.94 and expenditures of $62,224.66 and an ending balance of $156,492.89. Maintenance Account has a balance of $24,139.96 as August 31 2026 and the Tap Fund had a balance of $78,977.23 as of August 31,2026.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Chairman Dawn Paden, second by Hannah Bruce, Member. **All in favor no opposed.**

Invoices: Motion to accept the bills was made by Chairman Paden and seconded by Hannah Bruce. **All in favor of ratifying the invoices. No opposed**

Payroll: Dawn Paden made a motion to ratify payroll and was seconded by Hannah Bruce. **All in favor no opposed. Motion passed**.

Office Manager:
Motion made by Dawn Paden to ratify the copier lease of $130.00 for five years to Ford Technology and seconded by Hannah Bruce**. All in favor no opposed**
Motion to accept Office Manager report was made by Chairman Paden, seconded by Hannah Bruce. **All in favor, no opposed.**

Old Business:
Plant gate repair - received quotes. Insurance company may be making a site visit.

Increase in labor charge for the grinder pump repair. We want to increase the charge as costs have gone up. The Municipal Authority's Act give authorities to set our own rates. The board can make motion to Amend the current Fee Schedule that would reflect an increase for labor charges for residential pumps from $100.00 to $108.00 per hour per man. Should the repair charge be the same for both residential and commercial? Commercial pumps get used more than residential. Effective immediately, A NEW commercial rate for pump repairs of $118.00 per hour per man will be added to the Rate Schedule. Review fee schedule at reorganization meeting at the beginning of the year. Motion was made by Dawn Paden to add Commercial rate for pump repair to the Rate Schedule. Seconded by Hannah Bruce**. All in favor no opposed.**

Lightning strike/power surge at Star Lake -Pictures and quotes were sent to the insurance company.

Tax lien spreadsheet was sent to Washington County Tax office.

Township is handling the businesses that aren't complying with township ordinances.

New Business:
The criteria on the commercial/residential pump repair if owner lives in one of the units. The property is considered . What is a business and what is a business. See the Rules and Regs definitions provided.

Operations Report

- 22 Service Calls, which includes:
  - 12 pump repairs- Cost the authority $1,000.00 per pump to repair. In need of update kits
  - 7 PA One calls
  - 2 Pump contactors
  - 1 new pump installed and start up on Steubenville Pike

Stock is depleted again. We can repair pumps all day. What's the cost $1000.00 per pump for repair. Update kit by itself is $700.00. It's estimated to take 4-6 hours to repair a pump. $1,000.00 per pump to repair. When we run low we reorder. Not waiting on board. It's the cost of doing business.

Bucey-Spare quote for Bucey Road Pump Station. Motion to authorize Mark to purchase materials needed for Quote EST2001.Don't have a spare pump for Bucey right now. Chairman Paden made a motion to authorize Mark to purchase this equipment as needed. Ralph Speer seconded. **All in favor no opposed**

Motion to accept Operator's Report seconded by Ralph Speer **All in favor, No opposed. Motion accepted**.

Solicitor Report: Nothing to report

Engineer Report
Plant Subsidence Ground settling. GFT will reach out to J5 Construction in September and schedule them to come back to the plant to correct the soil issue. J5 to get a subcontractor to complete the work. Bob will reach out and get scheduled in a couple of weeks.

Quote from Ron Air Sales Company $17,400.00 for 7 new heaters.
Received a quote from PFB Electric of $25,181.00 for the heater installation
Received quote from Kosol Electric, LLC $24,495.90.
Never received the third estimate.
Kosol was the lowest and under the state's upper limit of $24,500.00 -we can authorize Kosol. Motion to accept bid from Kosol Electric seconded by Hannah Bruce. **All in favor no opposed**

Application for statewide LSA grant supposed to be this month.

Reached out to JP Environmental and Alex Paris for prices to replace the magnetic meter on the Star Lake Pump Station force main. JP Environmental never got back with us.
Star Lake is pumping. They have three more concerts.

We can submit a request to the state for reimbursement for the cost of the heaters.

GFT to get the COI from Kosol Electric before the heater install begins.

Looking at pump station improvements: Mark Lashhorn and GFT visited pump station sites to develop a list of needed capital improvement items. GFT to get a list of the cost for the items needed along with the generators needed at the pump stations listed below:

Getting a quote from Alex Paris for a price to install the new manhole on Star Lake Fore Main. The unused manhole bottom from the Pump Station Bypass Project can be used.

Two grants available: Washington County LSA grant which the submissions are due in a month. Motion to submit the LSA Washington County grant application and LSA Statewide grant applications. The LSA Statewide grant application is due by the end of November 2026.

The four booster stations **Ritter, Kings Creek, Phillips and Paris Colliers Roads** no generator at these stations. The grant agencies like to see matching funds. GFT can apply for two generators in one grant and two in the other grant . State likes to see matching funds. GFT can change the scope in the application if one of the grants is not awarded.

Motion by Chairman Paden was made for GFT to begin the preparation of the LSA County and Statewide grant applications If necessary, the board will include and execute any resolution.(s) needed for the LSA Washington County grant application. Seconded by Ralph Speer. **All in favor no opposed.**

Motion made by Chairman Paden to execute any necessary resolution for the LSA Statewide grant application. **Seconded by Nicole Pathakurmi. All in favor no opposed**

Public Comments

Opinions on the data center have been expressed. At this point and time, we don't know anything. The sewer authority hasn't been contacted. Everything you're hearing is hear say.
Meeting minutes need updated on the website.
When did the original rate of $100.00 established for labor. Answer: When Phase I was started
All pumps are EOne pumps. Other pumps are not compatible with the system.
Residents can approach the township supervisors in regards to a new system.
Residents expressed opinion that board should attend the data center meetings.

Adjournment- 7:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Hannah Bruce, Secretary