

The Factoryville Borough and Clinton Township Joint Municipal Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on March 11, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Authority Chairperson Dan Engler at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Colin Fricke
Lou Jasikoff
Bill Edwards
Dan Engler
Martin Reynolds

ALSO ATTENDING

Rebecca Nelson, Assistant
Paul Litwin, Solicitor
Mike Hester, Plant Operator
S. Cantner (6:10pm)

ABSENT

A motion is needed to allow R. Nelson to serve as proxy for Manager S. Cantner.

B. Edwards made a motion to R. Nelson to serve as proxy. M. Reynolds seconded the motion. All yea.

AGENDA ADDITIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

MINUTES – No additions or corrections were made to the February minutes draft.

B. Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 11, 2026 meeting. L. Jasikoff seconded the motion. All yea.

CORRESPONDENCE – There was no new correspondence to report on.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT –

- a. PLGIT transfer discussion. Opportunity to transfer surplus in operating fund to the PLGIT for higher interest. C. Fricke reviewed monies and recommended about \$100,000. Approval is needed to transfer. Fund has approximately \$268,000.

B. Edwards made a motion approve the transfer of surplus monies in the amount of \$100,000 to the PLGIT account. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

B. Edwards made a motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurer Report. M. Reynolds seconded the motion. All yea.

BILLS – All bills to be paid are listed. Unusual expenses included \$1500.00 to Higgins Construction for ER sewer ring installation, and \$1257.50 to WG Malen for the annual service for calibration.

B. Edwards made a motion to pay the bills. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

OPERATOR'S REPORT – Operator M. Hester reported that the sewer plant is in good working order producing effluent within the permitted limits. The approved treatment plant generator annual service was completed. The Chapter 94 report information was compiled and sent to Milnes Engineering. The dissolved oxygen probe in the aeration basin is getting near it's end of life and M. Hester would like permission to purchase a new one to have on hand for when that occurs. The cost of the probe is \$3,776.61. That is 3x what it was in 2024. M. Hester would also like to replace the controller as it is sun-faded and difficult to read. He is looking into whether this can be installed inside to prevent fading of the new controller.

Additionally, the Myraid controller at the Keystone pump station is also faded and difficult to use. There is a controller in the storage room. It will take about two to three hours to switch this out. M. Hester will get a quote for next month.

B. Edwards made a motion to allow M. Hester to purchase the oxygen probe for \$3,776.61. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

There is a hole in the ground near the sewer pipe. This is effluent and should not be an EPA problem. M. Hester will use a camera to determine if there is a hole in the pipe.

C. Fricke made a motion to accept the Operator's report. B. Edwards seconded the motion. All yea.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS –H&D Waste can no longer pick up the trash at the treatment plan. We are looking into a new collection service including working to obtain a quote from WM. Go with the pumping dumpster, Rural Wastewater which has a 15-yard dumpster. The cost of that is approximately \$400.00 to drop and \$500.00 to empty. \$725.00 every other month.

B. Edwards made a motion to contract with Rural Wastewater pending quotes from WM. L. Jasikoff seconded the motion. All yea.

We received notice that there are alerts for increased cybersecurity threat to infrastructures such as sewer plant. Jeffrey IT has been notified. He recommends a firewall to separate the cameras from the computer. Cost is about \$375.00.

B. Edwards made a motion to allow Jeffrey IT to put in a firewall for the cameras. L. Jasikoff seconded the motion. All yea.

It has been noted that we will need 5 to 7 more sewer rings throughout town. An emergency ring was blown out by the fire company from the plow truck. That needed to be fixed immediately. There are more that will need to be done especially with paving occurring this spring and summer. It will be about \$1,500.00 each day to use Higgins. Estimate is that it will take about 2 days.

B. Edwards made a motion to approve the purchase of 7 sewer rings and the work needed to install them. M. Reynolds seconded the motion. All yea.

- a. Approval is needed to apply for Safe Routes to School grant for speed signs.

E. O'Connor made a motion to allow Jen Saslo to apply for the Safe Routes to School grant. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

- b. The MS4 Waiver will expire in 2027. S. Cantner will be verifying. Approval is requested to hire Reilly Assoc. should the expiration be in 2026. Shannon would like to have approval to contract with Reilly Assoc. should it be necessary to file for the MS4 Waiver.

G. Yunko made a motion to allow S. Cantner to hire Reilly Assoc. if needed. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

- c. The library would like approval to paint and purchase new laminate flooring to update the space and attempt to revitalize it. They would like to put shutters on the library windows. Weather stripping on the door needs to be done as well as painting. A sign above the main window for the library. They would like Mr. Beck to do that. They would like to encase or clean up the library book drop.

E. O'Connor made a motion to approve library renovations excluding the addition of shutters. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

Old Business-

- a. Tax Collector Chad Mullen is required to appoint a deputy should something happen to him. Previous discussion stated that he could not appoint his wife, but the other tax collectors in the area utilize their spouses. Chad can request an opinion from the Ethics Board.

The Factoryville Borough Council recessed at 7:34pm for executive session. They reconvened at 7:43pm.


- b. The Riverside Drive property is set to be purchased for \$1.

C. Fricke made a motion to allow Solicitor Litwin to sign an agreement to begin the process to purchase the Riverside Drive property. D. Engler seconded the motion. All yea.

G. Yunko made a motion to adjourn the Factoryville Borough Council Meeting. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

The regular meeting of the Factoryville Borough Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held April 8th at 6:30pm in the Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,


Rebecca Nelson
Assistant