

# Scott Township Authority

## Minutes – January 19, 2026

Scott Township Authority met on the above date in the Township Municipal Building, 350 Tenny Street, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Chairman Mr. Douglas Sitler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Mr. Gerald Maertz, Mr. Brian Willie, Mr. Jon Benfield, and Ms. Nina Allen.

**Comments from the Audience-** No attendees

**Minutes-** Mr. Willie made a motion to approve the December 15, 2025 minutes. Mr. Maertz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Fred Dent joined attendance to the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

**Bills Presented-** The Board reviewed the Bills Presented with some discussion about an extra payment granted to Ms. Allen. Mr. Benfield explained to the Board that Ms. Allen was reimbursed because the insurance deductions on her paychecks were for a family plan and should have been for an individual plan. Mr. Willie made a motion to approve the bills as presented for \$248,321.96. Mr. Maertz seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Financial Reports-** The Board reviewed the Financial Reports from December 2025 with some discussion about the flow costs and a Capital Improvement charge from Bloomsburg Municipal Authority.

**Financial Investments-** Mr. Willie shared with the Board the Mountianone Bank CD matured on January 14, 2026 and a new CD was purchased with Fidelity Bank for 17 months at a rate of 3.65%. Mr. Willie revisited with the Board about reviewing and adding other assets to CDs which was discussed during last month's meeting. He and Mr. Benfield have reviewed other assets, and Mr. Willie told the Board that the Scott Township Authority should move to motion on a proactive stance with local funds versus reactionary and resulting in more gains. The Board agreed, and Mr. Willie made a motion to approve a purchase of an additional CD for \$230,000.00 with monies from Journey bank transferred to Fidelity Bank for up to 18 months at the best rate available at that time. Mr. Maertz seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed the delinquency report with some discussion.

**Labor Reports-** The Labor Reports from December 1, 2025- December 31, 2025 were reviewed by the Board with some discussion.

### Old Business-

- Flow Reports - In December 2025 Scott Township received 1.03 inches of rain, down from December 2024 when we received 1.79 inches.
- Lee St. Project - Mr. Benfield told the Board that he had spoken with Dave Madl whom is filling in for Josh Satteson from HRG Engineering. There is to be a scheduled meeting to go over the final figures for the project.
- Epoxy Manhole - Mr. Benfield explained to the Board that in addition to the 7 manholes with an epoxy repair issue, an estimated 20 manholes have been eaten with hydrogen sulfide and will need to be relined in the near future. Mr. Dent discussed with Mr. Benfield about prefabrications for manholes with the threat of high hydrogen sulfide exposure.

Sewer and Penalty Rate Increase Letter-

Ms. Allen updated the Board that the letters have been mailed and customers have reported the letters were received on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Ms. Allen expects to proceed with a resolution to presented the Board for a motion on February 17, 2026. Ms. Allen asked for the Board's recommendation of printing an ad in the paper about the increase. The Board does not think an ad in the paper will be necessary or required. The Board recommended working on talking points that may come up during the motion in February.

Other - Nothing to report.

**New Business-**

Reorganization-

Officers- Mr. Maertz made a motion to retain the officers as presented; Chairman-Douglas Sitler, Vice Chairman-Fred Dent, Secretary- Matthew Spicher, Treasurer- Brian Wille, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer- Gerald Maertz. Mr. Dent seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney- Mr. Sitler summarized to the Board an agreement letter explaining that Scott Township Authority's attorney office (Hill, Turowski, James & Lehman, LLP) will cease operations and MPL Law Firm in an "of counsel capacity" and will be operating from the former office of Hill, Turowski, James & Lehman, LLP at 38 West Third St. Bloomsburg PA. Mr. Matthew Turowski is one of the former Attorneys of Hill, Turowski, James & Lehman, LLP whom will now practice under MPL Law Firm. Mr. Maertz made a motion to attain and sign the agreement to hire the MPL Law Firm as counsel for Scott Township Authority. Mr. Dent seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Engineering- Mr. Willie made a motion to retain the services of HRG (Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.) as the engineering firm for Scott Township Authority. Mr. Dent seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Depository- Mr. Willie made a motion to continue Journey Bank and Fidelity Bank as depositories for Scott Township Authority. Mr. Maertz seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Other- Nothing to report.

**Adjournment-**

The Board formally adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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