

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority  
377 Cedarcrest Drive  
Duncansville, PA 16635

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Edward Silveti.

In attendance were 4 Authority Members as follows: Edward Silveti, Robin Cadwallader, Rodney Patterson, and Jacob Wible. (Ted Ventre was absent.)

Also in attendance were Tim McGaw, Manager; Katie McGaw, Administrative Assistant; Pat Fanelli, Solicitor; and Dave Cunningham, Engineer.

VISITORS: Clay Gingrich Amy Rossi

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of October 1, 2025. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

While the Board Members were looking over the Financial Reports, Katie McGaw pointed out that we received a check from Freedom Township for \$15,509.62 due to the miscalculation of our sewer treatment bills from January – September. This money was deposited into our General Account. When we installed the new Flow Meter at Stowell Farm, we improved the road. Hollidaysburg reimbursed BTWSA for half of the cost of the road, which was \$2,325.00. This money was deposited into our Capital Improvement Account. Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for October 2025. MOTION: Wible SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

Clay Gingrich of Highstreet Insurance Agency presented the rates for our Property and Casualty Insurance Package for 2026. Our renewal premium is \$33,831.00 (\$1,351.00 less than last year). Clay and Amy Rossi of Preferred Benefits Specialists presented the UPMC Healthcare Package for 2026. Clay reported the Medical Plan renewal increased by 15%, but there was no rate change in the Dental and Vision Plans. Ed Silveti inquired about the amount employees are required to contribute. Katie McGaw explained that employees pay 5% of their monthly insurance premium and an additional 10% or 20% of the difference of the Employee Only premium and the Additional Insured's premium if they have a spouse or family insured. Motion was made to renew the current UPMC Medical, Dental, and Vision Plans for eligible employees for 2026. MOTION: Wible SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 4 Yes. Motion was made to renew the current Property and Casualty Insurance Package. MOTION: Patterson SECOND: Wible VOTE: 4 Yes.

Pat Fanelli, Solicitor, stated that he had nothing new to report. No date has been set for the Board of View Hearing regarding the Hickey matter. The acquisition of the Mindy Kern property for Pump Station 2 is still pending due to Mindy's mortgage being held by USDA.

Dave Cunningham stated that DEP appears to be leaning towards requiring a home-to-home inspection by Luke Helsel from Blair County Sanitary Administration for the

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Needs Assessment portion of the Act 537 Plan. Keller Engineers will submit a “desktop study” for DEP to review, showing lot size and soil types. Dave is hopeful this will satisfy DEP.

Dave presented Resolution 2025-3, which requests a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$759,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Stowell Farm Interceptor. After discussion, motion was made to approve Resolution 2025-3. MOTION: Patterson SECOND: Wible VOTE: 4 Yes.

There was discussion about a Capital Improvement Project for 2026. Dave stated that he and Tim think the water lines in the Gordon Lane section of Holliday Heights (specifically, Strubus, Alba, Marianna, and Rubra Circles) need to be upgraded from 2 inch to 6 inch and looped to improve the water quality. This project would cost an estimated \$400,000. Motion was made to approve the Holliday Heights Water Line Upgrade for 2026. MOTION: Silvetti. There was no Second. Motion did not pass.

Dave Cunningham presented the proposed 2026 Budget and explained each item, comparing his 2025 figures with his predicted 2026 figures. Dave feels our User Rates for Water and Sewer are sufficient and is not recommending an increase unless we receive a substantial increase from Altoona, Hollidaysburg, Duncansville, Freedom, or Newry, at which time we would make an adjustment. Motion was made to approve the 2026 BTWSA Budget, as presented. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Wible VOTE: 4 Yes.

In his monthly update, Tim McGaw, Manager, reported that we traded in our 2017 Ford F-250 SuperCab Truck for a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab Truck at Ron Davidson Chevrolet. Tim stated that we received a letter from Link & Associates, P.C. informing us that they are merging their Hollidaysburg office into the Dean Accounting PLLC practice. In the letter, Paul Link promises the services his company have provided us with in the past will continue to be offered by Dean Accounting. Jacob Wible stated he doesn't think Dean Accounting does municipal audits. Katie McGaw stated that she would check into this. Tim also stated that he asked Snowberger Construction to give him an estimate as to what it would cost to repair/replace the back porch at our Office. Tim just met with Tom Snowberger today, so this estimate is forthcoming.

Given that no Water or Sewer Rate Increases are planned for next year, Katie asked the Board to review the 2026 Rates Summary Sheet. All Rates and Fees are staying the same for 2026. Jacob asked Katie to provide some clarity into what makes a bill 30 days delinquent. Katie stated that for a customer to receive a 30-Day Delinquent Notice (and a \$50.00 Administrative fee) they must owe for 2 months and have missed the second month's due date without any payment. When asked about the monthly penalty, Katie stated that each bill shows Amount Due by the Due Date and Amount Due After the Due Date. This Penalty is calculated at 18% APY, or 1.5% per month. Motion was made to approve the 2026 Rates Summary Sheet, as presented. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Wible VOTE: 4 Yes.

Katie also stated that each November she updates the Board Members on their term status. Ed Silvetti's term ends in 2025. Next in line is Robin for 2026, then Rodney in 2027, with Ted and Jacob following in 2028 and 2029.

RESOLUTION 2025 – 3

Be it RESOLVED that Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority of Blair County hereby requests a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$759,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Stowell Farm Interceptor.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant does hereby designate Ed Silveti, Chairman, and Ted Ventre, Vice Chairman, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Robin Cadwallader, duly qualified Secretary/Treasurer of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, Blair County, PA, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority Board at a regular meeting held November 5th, 2025, and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, this 5th day of November 2025.

**Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority**

Name of Applicant

**Blair**

County

Robin L. Cadwallader  
Secretary



Ed announced the next BTWSA Meeting will be held on December 3, 2025, at 7 p.m.

Motion was made (at 8:25 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Wible SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

A brief Executive Session was held following the Board Meeting to discuss a Personnel matter.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,

*Robin L. Cadwallader*

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