

North Wales Water Authority
Minutes of Board meeting of 2/19/2025

Call to order:

Upon conclusion of the annual reorganization, the regular business meeting of the NWWA Board of Directors was called to order at the NWWA business office on February 19, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m., by Board Chair Nagel.

Chair Nagel noted the reappointment letter for Ms. Mengel. Ms. Mengel thanked the Board for their support.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Nagel led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken and recorded as follows.

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>
Joan H. Nagel, Esq	NWWA	Chair	Present
Albert S. Tenney	NWWA	Vice Chair	Present
Donna L. Mengel	NWWA	Secretary	Present
Neil J. McDevitt	NWWA	Treasurer	Present
Sally Neiderhiser	NWWA	Asst./Sec Treasurer	Present
Robert C. Bender	NWWA	Executive Director	Present
Joseph E. Murphy	NWWA	Director of Ops.	Present
Christine Lezoche	NWWA	Director of Finance	Present
Nicole Feight, Esq.	Clarke Gallagher Barbiero Amuso Glassman LLC	Authority Solicitor	Present by Phone
Michael P Clarke Esq	Clarke Gallagher Barbiero Amuso Glassman LLC	Authority Solicitor	Present
Lane Bodley P.E.	Carroll Engineering	Authority Engineer	Present
Allen Mason P.E.	Carroll Engineering	Authority Engineer	Present

Becca Suskin was present for ASL services for Mr. McDevitt

Public Comment/Visitors:

Martin Kepner of Carroll Engineering was present and introduced at the meeting. He will be taking the place of Lane Bodley of Carroll Engineering who is retiring at the end of the month.

Lisa Sobetsky, the Executive Assistant - Operations Dept of the Authority, was in attendance to observe the Board meeting.

Christopher Gibbons of Concord Public Finance was in attendance to discuss the upcoming borrowing.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board next considered approval of the Minutes of 01/15/2025. Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member Mengel, the minutes were approved with a correction of the last meetings persons in attendance.

Vote Record						
x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Ms. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney Initiator	x			
		Ms. Mengel Seconded	x			
		Ms. Neiderhiser	x			
		Mr. McDevitt	x			

Resolutions:

Resolution 2025-02 Incumbency Certificate for 2025. Upon a motion of member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the Resolution was approved as presented.

Vote Record						
x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Ms. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	x			
		Ms. Mengel Initiator	x			
		Ms. Neiderhiser	x			
		Mr. McDevitt Seconded	x			

Mr. Gibbons presented the proposal that were received for the borrowing RFP. There were eight proposals submitted and they were various interest rates for the \$25 million borrowing. Webster Bank out of Connecticut had the lowest rate of 4.37% fixed. He recommended that we move forward with their offer as a bank loan has more flexibility than a bond issue and less administrative burdens. He has dealt with this bank, and they are recommended due to their flexibility and the opportunity to refinance if needed. There is no requirement to deposit money in the bank. After Board discussion it was decided to approve the Webster proposal and to authorize the Executive Director and Finance Director to move forward with the financing as proposed. The Board next considered the approval of Resolution 2025-03 for the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2025 through Webster Bank.

Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Neiderhiser, the Resolution and proposal were approved as presented.

Vote Record						
x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Ms. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	x			
		Ms. Mengel	x			
		Ms. Neiderhiser Seconded	x			
		Mr. McDevitt Initiator	x			

Bids and Contracts: None this meeting

Solicitors' Report:

Ms. Feight gave an update on the PennDOT Letter of settlement and outstanding issues relating to the Park Ave Ferry Rd Project. There was a meeting held between the Authority staff and PennDOT and an agreement was sent to PennDOT for review, and we are still waiting for that.

Mr. McDevitt inquired about a recent PMAA magazine article regarding an Authority and Township court case dealing with an Authority operating outside its geographic boundaries is subject to the PUC. Discussion occurred on this issue and once the courts decide, we will get updated. PMAA will be filing a brief.

Mr. Clarke then reported on the memo that was distributed regarding the 36-month timeline to use funds from borrowing. He confirmed that if something should occur where a project for the borrowing cannot be completed within the 36-month timeline, after good faith efforts, the Solicitor should be notified for communications with the IRS. Once notified, the IRS has guidance on obtaining an extension after considering the circumstances, and if approved, by the issuance of a private letter ruling. The Solicitor stressed monitoring projects and early notice is essential to the process.

Mr. Clarke requested approval of E-1088 Extension Agreement and Deed of Dedication for Hallmark Homes - Warrington Ridge LLC and the addendum forwarded to the developer for overpayment of fees.

Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member Mengel, the agreements were approved as presented.

☐ Vote Record

x	Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Ms. Nagel		x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Initiator	x			
		Ms. Mengel	Seconded	x			
		Ms. Neiderhiser		x			
		Mr. McDevitt		x			

E-1107 Approve Contract for Professional Services for MSD Development LLC 858 Elbow Lane Warrington Twp. Upon a motion of member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the agreement was approved as presented.

☐ Vote Record

x	Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Ms. Nagel		x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney		x			
		Ms. Mengel	Initiator	x			
		Ms. Neiderhiser		x			
		Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x			

E-1109 Approve Contract for Professional Services for Blue Bell Senior Residence LLC 953 Penllyn Blue Bell Pk Whitpain Twp. Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member McDevitt, the agreement was approved as presented.

Vote Record

x	Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Ms. Nagel		x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Initiator	x			
		Ms. Mengel		x			
		Ms. Neiderhiser		x			
		Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x			

E-1110 Approve Contract for Professional Services for Gwynedd Family Apts. LLC Cornerstone at Upper Gwynedd 1500 Pennbrook Parkway Upper Gwynedd Twp. Upon a motion of member Neiderhiser, seconded by member Mengel, the agreement was approved as presented.

Vote Record

x	Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Ms. Nagel		x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney		x			
		Ms. Mengel	Seconded	x			
		Ms. Neiderhiser	Initiator	x			
		Mr. McDevitt		x			

Engineers Report: Mr. Bodley noted that this is his last meeting last the Authority due to his retirement and he thanked the Board. Chair Nagel thanked Lane for his years of work for the Authority.

Operations Report:

Mr. Murphy reviewed the January 2025 operations report. We had nine main breaks in January, and we repaired eight main breaks for Horsham. Sumneytown Pk project is just waiting for paving in March or April. The contractor has started on the North Wales tank maintenance project and the 2-million-gallon tank has been drained. The contractor will finish one tank before he starts the other.

Bills & Requisitions Approval:

Ms. Lezoche said that there were no payments or activities out of the ordinary on the bill listings, recommending and requesting approval to process all invoices, refunds, transfers, and to requisition funds, as presented.

- Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 01/16/2025.
- Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 01/23/2025.
- Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 01/30/2025.
- Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 02/06/2025.
- Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 02/13/2025.

Upon a motion by member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the payments were approved.

Roll Call Vote Record

x	Approved Tabled Failed			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
		Ms. Nagel		x			
		Mr. Tenney		x			
		Ms. Mengel	Initiator	x			
		Ms. Neiderhiser		x			
		Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x			

Executive Directors Report:

Mr. Bender noted the upcoming grant deadline of April 30th and the list of projects we are hoping to apply for. We should have the application and resolution ready for the next meeting.

Mr. Bender distributed the DRAFT Forest Park rate study for the Board to review and to return any comments to him.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board; upon motion by member McDevitt, seconded by member Neiderhiser, the business meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

All members present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna L. Mengel, Secretary