

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority held its organizational meeting and regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority Office, 116 Crestview Road, Slippery Rock, PA.

Present at the Authority Office were Paul Dickey, Craig Caldwell, J.P. Howard, Matt Kovacik, Tom McPherson, Josh Miller, and Heather Sholes.

Chairman, Dickey, called the Regular Monthly Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

General Manager Miller gave a brief synopsis of the frozen pipe incident at 201 Kelly Boulevard.

Dickey recognized Sandeep Bhatia on behalf of K.L. Bhatia, a person to be heard, via phone call from 6:12 p.m. to 6:24 p.m. to discuss the frozen pipe incident on February 23, 2026, and the Hardship Appeal Letter presented at the March 18, 2026, board meeting. Dickey suggested that Bhatia submit the water bills received during the incident to his insurance company.

Following the conversation with Bhatia, Kovacik moved to make a motion to forgive the sewer portion of the bill and abide by the authority's long-standing policy that water charges resulting from a leak are not eligible for adjustment. Howard seconded the motion passed.

Miller presented the Arrowhead Drive Pump Station-Cost Estimate. After reviewing the estimate, the board was in favor of a natural gas generator and requested that Miller obtain the spec sheets of each building on the estimate.

Continuing with the General Manager's Report, Miller reported on the current state of the lift stations within the Authority's system. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, the Kiester lift station's 10" throat flange gasket disintegrated, causing the station to leak. Miller also reported that the Applewood lift station is in need of a new motherboard for its generator, and the Conway lift station is in need of a new lag pump. The authority's crew has been making the necessary repairs on the stations to keep them operational; however, the lift stations will need upgrades as a solution.

Miller indicated that he will obtain proposals for the upgrades to present to the board in a future board meeting.

Kovacik moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 18, 2026. Howard seconded, and the motion passed.

McPherson moved to approve the payment of bills for March 2026:

Bank	Account	Description	Amount
NexTier Bank	GO (0582)	Checks	\$18,451.11
NexTier Bank	GO (0582)	EFT (excl. CC Payments)	\$131,094.20
NexTier Bank	GO (0582)	EFT (CC Payments)	\$14,782.07
NexTier Bank	MM (0407)	EFT	\$1,112.35
<b>TOTAL of Bills Paid</b>			<b>\$165,439.73</b>
USBank	USBank CC Account	CC Purchases	\$10,246.88
NexTier Bank	Constr Sewer (2042)	PENNVEST (Sewer Loan)	\$6,334.73
NexTier Bank	Constr Water (0582)	PENNVEST (Water Loan)	\$7,496.55

Kovacik seconded, and the motion passed.

McPherson moved to approve the March bank statements and reconciliations. Howard seconded the motion passed.

Sholes, Executive Administrator, reported:

- March balances of loans:
  - NexTier, \$10,042,140.69
  - PENNVEST, \$2,244,093.18
- March balance of General Fund deposit accounts, \$5,928,374.37.

Sholes reported that Muni-Link is changing their ACH system and will be charging a fee per transaction. The Authority will have to make a choice of whether to absorb the cost or pass on the cost of the associated fees.

After a discussion, Kovacik moved for the Authority to absorb the ACH fees and continue not to charge the customer for using ACH as a payment method. Howard seconded the motion passed.

McPherson moved to adopt Resolution 2026-05; 2025 Audit Engagement Letter. Howard seconded and the motion passed.

Miller, General Manager, reported:

**Business/Operations**

Administration Assistant Position

- Montgomery accepted the position
- Passed all prerequisites of employment
- Start date: 04/13/2026

#### Maintenance Building

- Got estimates for building
- Will need site surveys and a bid package created
- Both the maintenance building and the lift stations need to be done in 2026

Following Miller's report on the maintenance building, Kovacik moved to authorize the EADs Group to create a bid package for the maintenance building. Howard seconded, and the motion passed.

With no further business, at 7:20 p.m., Kovacik moved to adjourn, Howard seconded, and the motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Executive Administrator, Heather Sholes