

# **GTWSA Board meeting Wednesday May 14, 2025**

Girard Township Municipal Building

6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

## **Call to order:**

Motion: David Sterrett      Second: Bruce Vollbrecht    Vote: unanimous

## **Roll Call**

Ray Penkowski	Chairman
David Sterrett	Vice Chairman
Jodi Fairchild	Treasurer
Karen Mead	Secretary
Bruck Vollbrecht	Board member

Public:

Wilbur Nass	Birchdale resident
Ashley Porter	Engineer
Pat Kennedy	Solicitor

Absent:                      Pete Dion

## **Approval of Wednesday, April 9, 2025 Minutes**

Motion: Jodi Fairchild      2nd: Bruce Vollbrecht      Vote: Unanimous

## **Old Business**

Solicitor update:	-Solicitor has emailed Fairview Township attorney -Draft of the intermunicipal agreement (erie, fairview, Girard Township and Millcreek) is expected perhaps next month;
Engineer Update:	-Uncle Johns Construction completed Approvals received Record drawings completed (provided to Lake City and GT) Consent Order Agreement (DEP / Erie county Health Dept) -in the works

## **New Business**

None

## **Public Comment**

Mr. Wilbur Nass reported he would like Girard Township to be proactive and communicate in writing with ALL Birchdale residents regarding the proposed sewer project, timeline, projected steps and costs .

Mr Wilbur Nass stated: “He doesn’t have a problem with GT doing the work - He needs to be OFFICIALLY notified/asked about the project and need/reason to enter his property”

Mr. Wilbur Nass stated he is concerned about the cost of the sewer project, stating it could be done cheaper.

Mr Wilbur Nass stated:

“you can have my permission to come on my property for the planning to go forward”

Ashley Porter, GT engineer stated Birchdale does not meet DEP requirements and DEP has mandated ALL Birchdale HOHs and residents must connect to a new sewer system.

Ashley Porter reported the DEP has communicated with Birchdale HOHs about the septic problem: all are failing or have failed.

Ashley Porter reported GT is working with the DEP to plan the most economical sewer system possible for Birchdale.

Porter stated to do that, engineers MUST have access to all the property to minimize and determine projected costs.

Ashley Porter stated Girard Township is paying engineers/solicitors to establish intermunicipal agreements, preliminary plans and rate estimates in accordance with DEP requirements.

Porter stated GT will be reimbursed when the Girard Township Water and Sewer Authority is funded potentially by Pennvest.

Projected rates will be advertised and open for public comment in the future.

Porter stated once rates and intermunicipal agreements are determined the design process will begin.

Ray Penkowski stated Birchdale HOHs hired a consultant who then contacted the DEP originally regarding failed, failing and impending failing systems and started this process.

Ray Penkowski stated: in Pennsylvania the responsibility is on GT to follow DEP mandates mandating ALL Birchdale residents connect to a new DEP approved sewer system d/t Birchdales failed, failing or impending failed present septic systems.

Ray Penkowski encouraged Mr Wilbur Nass to attend monthly meetings to stay informed regarding the Birchdale Sewer Project;

**Call for adjournment:**

Motion: Bruce Vollbrecht 2nd: David Sterrett Vote: unanimous

Next meeting Date:

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen M Mead, secretary

## Township Water and Sewer Authority Agenda

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025  
Girard Township Municipal Building

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Call to order**

### **Roll Call**

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David Sterrett	Vice Chairman
Jodi Fairchild	Treasurer
Karen M Mead	Secretary
Bruce Vollbrecht	Board Member
Pat Kennedy	Solicitor
Ashley Porter	Engineer
Pete Dion	Girard Township Supervisor

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

### **Approval of Wednesday, May 14, 2025 minutes**

Motion:            2nd:            Vote:

### **Old Business**

Uncle Johns update  
Birchdale update

### **New Business**

### **Public Comment**

### **Call for Adjournment**

Motion:            2nd:            Vote:

Next meeting date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025