

Girard Township Water and Sewer Authority (pdf)

Date: February 12, 2025 Time: 6:30 pm

Girard Township Municipal Building

Pledge of Allegiance

Present:

	Ray Penkalski	President	chair
	Karen Mead	Secretary	
	David Sterrett		Former PaDEP employee
	Pete Dion	Girard Township	
	Pat Kennedy	Solicitor	
ABSENT	Ashley Porter	Engineer	
	Jodi Fairchild	Treasurer	

Motion to open February 12, 2025 meeting

Motion: David Sterrett

2nd: karen mead

Vote: unanimous

Approval of January 8 2025 Minutes

Motion: david sterrett

2nd: karen mead

Vote: unanimous

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Karen Mead

2nd: David Sterrett

Vote: unanimous

New Business:

Fairview meeting

Birchdale summary

Fairview Water Authority FTWA/ Girard Township Water Sewer Authority

Informal meeting / discussion: Fairview Water Authority / GTWSA

In attendance on January 30, 2025:

Ashley Porter, Ray Penkowski, Pete Dion
Matt Ewell (manager of FTWA) and
Mark Corry (Fairview Engineer)

It appears FTWA will accept sewage from Birchdale

As a bulk customer

It appears FTWA is NOT interested in expanding services

Further discussions regarding entering operations agreement

-to include some services - not described

-FTWA is concerned city of erie may not deduct sewage
capacity

-Pumping, metering systems : GTWSA and FTWA agreed to
work together

-Fairview manager will work through technical

-Solicitors will work together regarding a draft

-Draft agreement will be drafted

COMMENTS from PUBLIC:

John Schack:

Are there plans for Birchdale (no)

Does Fairview understand GTWSA needs?

Sandy Anderson:

Are intermunicipal agreements for sewage
transportation completed? (No)

(millcreek, Fairview, Erie City)

Did Girard Township want Fairview to absorb GT fees
(This will not happen)

Pat Kennedy, GT Solicitor reported

Each municipality will want a share of the fees for GTWSA
transportation and treatment fees

Pat Kennedy is waiting to hear back from Erie Solicitor

Dan Miller (millcreek Solicitor)
communication occurred

Mark Shaw (fairview solicitor)
communication occurred

Mr. Betz (Erie solicitor)
has not returned GT solicitor calls

Erie has newer system at present - more expensive?

Erie transportation fees not established d/t no communicatio

Old Business

Bylaws need board recommendations

MOTION:

David Sterrett motioned for Pat Kennedy, solicitor to finalize bylaws for vote in March 2025

2nd: Karen Mead

Vote: unanimous

Records of Retention Policy of Girard Township

PA historical museum commission establishes it

-Contracts 15 years retained

-Minutes kept indefinitely

Motion: Karen Mead motioned to **TABLE discussions**
d/t awaiting draft from solicitor

2nd David Sterrett

Vote Unanimous

Public Comment:

Scott Haney, John Schack and Sandy Anderson

How long will this take for birchdale?

-several years

How dangerous is this leakage?

-Partially treated WASTE is leaching onto the ground

-There is standing water

Should this area be fenced?

-no definitive response

Residents are mowing to decrease standing water and smell.

LEACHFIELD updates per public comment

Woods 2 - one leach field is working

Becoming a problem with wet winter
Condo leach field is good
Woods 1 is good
Plaza worked on - D
EP stated it was repaired with no permit
How is the WELL water ?
Improving somewhat
3 homeowners needed to dig new 50 feet wells
John Schack stated he contacted DEP via BANNA's office
and worked c Erin d/t his well dropping 20

Vote to Adjourn

Motion David Sterrett

2nd karen Mead

Vote: unanimous

6:53 meeting adjourned

Next meeting date: March 12, 2025 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by karen mead, secretary 1002003004