GTWSA Board Meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2026 6:30 pm Girard Township Municipal Building

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Present: Chairman: Ray Penkalski, Vice Chairman: Bruce Vollbrecht, Secretary: Karen Mead; Member: David Sterrett; Solicitor: Pat Kennedy; Township Supervisor; Pete Dion; Engineer: Ashley Porter

Public: Wilbur Nass, Craig Palmer

Public Comment on Agenda items: none

Approval of the consent of agenda including minutes: Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Motion: B Vollbrecht 2nd D Sterrett Vote 4-0 unanimous

New Business brought to the board by D. Sterrett: Craig Palmer : CEO for Erie City Water Authority

C. Palmer was invited by D. Sterrett to discuss Erie City Water Authority selling water to West County Residents (Girard Township)

D. Sterrett motioned for the GTWSA to suggest the Girard Township Supervisors explore the pros and cons of Erie City Water Authority selling water to Girard Township residents in the future.

2nd: B Vollbrecht Vote: unanimous 4-0

Porter reported the "Girard Township Use and Regulation Rates Ordinances" my need to be cleaned up in order to address the 'mandatory tap' along the potential Erie City Water Route. Girard Township Supervisors are in charge of this – presently there is zero authority to mandate connections.

Old Business:

Engineer Report: Birchdale Project Update

A Porter stated they have located ALL but 6 tanks and he intends to send a targeted letter to the Homeowners Association to address locating the 6 tanks

A Porter reported he connected with Mark Shaw, Millcreek Township Authority and provided flow rate and additional information (18,750 gallons/ flow rate) – and is hoping for an agreement draft

A Porter stated they have started design plans for the Birchdale Project to include: 3 pump stations to a central location main. They are working on costs, after which, rates will be available to advertise and move the Birchdale Project forward

Solicitor Report: Intermunicipal Agreement Update

P Kennedy reported Basil Ronzittie, Chief of Erie's Bureau of Sewers, stated the City of Erie will draft an agreement for flow and transportation/treatment

P Kennedy reported the Fairview agreement is done with the exception of the exhibits and rates

Public comment Wilbur Nass stated he is opposed to connecting to the Birchdale Project because his system has not failed. He also stated he has never received notification of what is going on with the Birchdale Project

Correspondence:

D. Sterrett submitted his letter of resignation as of December, 2026 board meeting

D. Sterrett submitted a follow up email from C Palmer (responding to D. Sterrett's phone call to C Palmer) to discuss Erie City Water Authority's route to Girard Boro and Lake City Township and, Erie City Water Authority being a preferred/designated public water purveyor for Girard Township in its entirety; and, for Girard Township supervisors to support Girard Township being within the permitted service area established by Erie City Water Authority.

Adjorn: 7:20 pm Motion : R Penkalksi 2nd: D Sterrett Vote: 4-0 unanimous

Respectfully submitted by Karen Mead, secretary