

SAXONBURG AREA AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2026

Chairman Greg Clifford called the recessed meeting from August 18, 2026 to order at 5:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Greg Clifford, John Ham, Rob Mrozek, Scott Herbst, Joe Neubert were present. Dave Johnston arrived at 5:15 pm. Also present were Melissa Wolfe/Director of Finance, Donald Graham/Solicitor, and Paul Cornetti/Manager.

Doug Roth, Doug Farney, and Curt Heakins were absent.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

Public Comments

There were no public comments to be heard.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:10 p.m., to discuss personnel matters.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Mrozek/Joe Neubert to accept Melissa Wolfe's resignation from employment. The motion carried.

McFann Road Pump Station Failure

Mr. Cornetti provided a report on the failure of the McFann Road pump station beginning on August 20th. An electrical failure inside the control panel ultimately caused damage to three (3) pumps at this station. The main breaker was ultimately replaced and the spare pump at the Route 8 pump station was installed at McFann. The pump station became operational at approximately 10:00 pm on August 21st. During the outage, Lanco had a team of electricians on-site to attempt to evaluate the reason for the failure. There was an explosion in the control panel and one Lanco employee was injured. This employee is recovering and doing well. McCutcheon Enterprises was brought in to maintain the water level in the wet well during the outage. They worked around the clock non-stop. Our operators did a terrific job in attending to matter as well. Mike Bauer was on-call and was able to transfer the pumps as needed. DEP was advised of the potential emergency situation, however there were no overflows from this event. Our insurance company was placed on notice of this claim for damages. The pumps have been taken to Dumbaugh Electric for repair. Lanco is continuing to investigate the cause of the failure and does not have a full report at this time. Currently, we have no redundant pump system at McFann or Route 8.

Paul also reported that there was a Route 8 Pump Station failure last evening, August 24th. The Power Supply that converts 120 V to 10 A service for the instrumentation/control panel use was damaged. Tony Monfre was on-call and was able to diagnose the failure and report to Lanco. Lanco arrived in the middle of the night with a new Power Supply and installed it. The pump station resumed operations around 3:30 am this morning.

There was an overflow of approximately 500 gallons of wastewater, primarily on the pavement at the Route 8 pump station. This was reported to DEP.

Solicitor

Donald Graham of Dillion, McCandless, King, Coulter, & Graham, LLP

Mr. Graham had no report.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.