

THE UPPER HANOVER AUTHORITY

Minutes of Thursday, March 5, 2026 Meeting (6:00 PM)

The regular meeting of The Upper Hanover Authority Board (TUHA) was held on Thursday, March 5, 2026 in the meeting room of the Upper Hanover Township offices at 1704 Pillsbury Road, East Greenville, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by TUHA Chairman Dean Kresge followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

TUHA Board Members present were Chairman Dean Kresge; Vice-Chairman Dave Grubb; Treasurer Andrew Lechman, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Ben Fiorito and Secretary Tom McCabe.

Also present at the meeting for TUHA were Blake Dunbar, Brant & Associates, LLC; Thomas J. Figaniak (TJ), Gilmore & Associates, Inc. (G&A); Operations Manager Bob Tagert; Finance Coordinator Laurie Hagey; Billing Manager Samantha Williams, and Operator Dave Weller.

Dean Kresge announced that this meeting is being recorded.

VISITORS PRESENT: Kevin and Kyle Hoban of Woodbridge Lane, Pennsburg.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Customers Kyle and Kevin Hoban addressed the Board regarding their missed bill and delinquency notice due to the mail being placed on a hold while being on vacation. They stated they were unaware their bill was past due and felt that the Authority's policy is aggressive and should be revisited. Dean Kresge acknowledged the complaint against the current policy; however, the Board is in agreement that the policy is deemed an acceptable timeline to pay your bill.

TUHA MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Tom McCabe made a ***MOTION*** to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2026 meeting as submitted; the ***MOTION*** was seconded by Andy Lechman. There were no dissenting votes.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the Operations Manager report dated March, 2026.

Recognition was given for 10 years of service to Mr. Grubb.

Bob informed the Board he will not be able to attend the April meeting. He can either send a replacement or Zoom in.

Mantis Electric Auction: The Board discussed the Mantis Electric Auction process and the need to establish a future date in order to secure better electric rates. Separate contracts will be prepared for Board approval. PP&L rates expire in December 2026 and MetED rates expire in January 2027. The Board discussed approving Mantis Innovations to proceed with the reverse auction, including evaluation of term options and determining in advance the minimum rate and contract terms the Board would be willing to accept. A ***MOTION*** was made by Andy Lechman for staff to gather data and prepare information for Mantis Innovations; the ***MOTION*** was seconded by Tom McCabe. There were no dissenting votes.

Red Hill: Bob informed the Board that he and Dean attended a meeting with Red Hill council on March 3, 2026. The meeting was positive and productive. Discussions at the meeting included water system operations, the needs of the water systems, and future planning. It was also noted that Red Hill is in agreement with TUHA's plan regarding interconnects and separated systems.

Non-Revenue Water/Chapter 110 Report: Bob informed the Board the Chapter 110 report has been completed. The system's water loss has been reduced from 52% to 37%, and if the Hereford water system was removed the water loss would approximately be 33% water loss.

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This is a significant improvement for the water system. The Board requested the water loss report be shared with the entire Board.

Area 3 Main Project: Bob informed the Board that progress continues, and work is expected to reach Gravel Pike early next week. Service lines will be connected once water has passed testing and flowing through the main. A cracked storm pipe was identified and is being investigated to determine whether the damage existed previously or occurred during construction. Backfill materials were also discussed at length. Following a meeting with members of the Township on March 2, 2026 with Bob and Dean, it was determined that the engineers for the Authority and Township will work together to determine which materials would ultimately be used. Bob, TJ, and Jordan met with Hereford Elementary staff today to discuss impact of the project on their property. It was determined that work will commence over Spring Break to yield minimal impact for bussing and students.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the Engineer's Report dated March 5, 2026.

Sewer Televising Contract: TJ informed the Board the low bid for the sewer televising project came in at \$118,317.50 by Sewer Specialty Services. The project will be managed from the Authority budget. Televising of the Macoby service area will take place within 24 hours of wet weather to identify any deficiencies in the piping. Immediate repairs can be made where possible, or problem areas can be further analyzed and repaired under dry conditions. High peak flows at Vineyards will also be reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Dave Grubb to award Sewer Specialty Services The Upper Hanover Authority Sewer Televising Contract in the amount of \$118,317.50; the **MOTION** was seconded by Tom McCabe. There were no dissenting votes.

TJ informed the Board he received the East Greenville interconnect permit.

TJ informed the Board that revised as-builts for Northgate are under review.

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AT&T: TJ informed the Board he is working with Blake on a new contract with AT&T since they will be taking on additional groundwork and electrical space. The new contract will need to include taxes as well as pre- and post-tank inspections.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the Solicitor's Report dated February 26, 2026.

Knoll: Blake informed the Board that the Knoll easement is complete and can be recorded.

FINANCE REPORT: The Board reviewed the Billing Manager's Report including Accounts Receivable balances, February 2026 billing of \$165,498.94, and February 2026 receipts for services of \$135,087.45.

Capital Project Financing: Laurie informed the Board she spoke with Greg from Styer. Financially the Authority remains on stable ground without financing for the Area 3 project. It would be better to maintain a buffer, particularly if funds are needed for the Well 4 treatment project. If the Authority chooses to borrow money through QNB, the timeline could move quickly.

TUHA FEBRUARY EXPENDITURES 2026: A **MOTION** was made by Tom McCabe to approve the TUHA Check Registers with water expenses of \$60,689.37, escrow expenses of \$3,596.06 and sewer expenses of \$43,069.53 totaling \$107,354.96 and any unexpected bills to be paid, with ratification for the exact bills to be made at the next regular meeting. The **MOTION** was seconded by Dave Grubb. There were no dissenting votes.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Dave Grubb made a ***MOTION*** to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*NOTE: The above minutes give a generalization of the meeting and is not a verbatim transcript.
Next resolution number: 2026-01*