MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF CONNEAUT LAKE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 9, 2026

ATTENDEES*:*
Mario DeBlasio, Jim Tigri, Eddie Trzeciak, Brian Cagle, Bob Morrow, Julie McVay.
By Phone: Carl McLean, Chris Gates, Alan Baldarelli.

I. Mario DeBlasio called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the reorganization.

II. Reorganization:

a. Appointment of Engineer for a two-year period – KLH Engineers, Inc.

MOTION: KLH Engineers has been nominated and appointed as our Engineer of record for the MACL for a two-year period. (Baldarelli/McLean/Approved) (Motion Carried).

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the January 12th board meeting.
MOTION: To approve the January 12th board meeting minutes as submitted. (Tigri/Baldarelli/Approved) (Motion carried).

IV. REPORTS

Brian Cagle, Attorney –
MOTION: To approve and accept the water/sewer rules & regulations with amendments as discussed. The water connection fee of $325 and sewer connection fee of $300 (including one 5/8" meter) will also be adopted. (McLean/Tigri/Approved) (Motion carried).

a. CLJMA's solicitor has reviewed our proposed revised agreement and stated it is a "good thing", raised the matter with their board and will further discuss then respond back to us.
b. Refund for sewage overage miscalculation from old water software. Legally, customers can request a refund for up to two years (back to March, 2024). *This topic will be tabled until the March board meeting after further research completed.*
c. Our Capital One credit card account was paid in full on 2/6 and then closed by Angela Perrine on 2/9. A new MACL credit card is approved thru Marquette and will be arriving next week.

Brian left at 7:00 p.m.

Mario DeBlasio -

a. Bob expects to make a change with his position by July of 2026.
b. An employee search committee of Carl McLean and Chris Gates is appointed.
c. Three meters sent for testing to Laurel Management (two Rockwell and one Sensus) all passed. Two meters per year should be sent to them for testing.
d. There is a joint grant committee in place now for the borough and water authority. *Mario will provide their names at the March board meeting.*

Carl McLean –

a. Flow meter requirements for filter building. Carl and Eddie will continue working on technical details and provide a quote, plans, design drawings and other specifics next month. *This topic will be tabled until the March board meeting.*

Chris Gates –

a. Chris has been analyzing the 2026 budget and expenses to date. Further research needs to be done, but the projection looks positive for income. *This topic will be tabled until the March board meeting.*

KLH Engineers –

a. Reviewed consulting report
b. Well testing/Moody Report. Eddie did not review or know about the Moody report. Eddie will create a table for Bob to take readings of each well once per week. This will help us analyze the correct status of the well operations. Our wells have 600% capacity, but if it drops by 10 gallons/minute, then more attention is needed. Individual well flow meters will help monitoring.
c. Lead service line investigation. The spreadsheet needs updated asap to determine "unknown" lines that need to be excavated. There is a specific number of houses that need to be excavated according to our size community.
d. Annual reports – KLH will create the Waste Management Report annually. The CCR report and waiver applications will be handled by the MACL office with training from KLH.

MOTION: To authorize up to $700 for KLH to compile our Waste Management Report. (Gates/Tigri/Approved) (Motion carried).

Bob Morrow –

a. Flows were reviewed.
b. Manifold piping at filter building: Fisher Plumbing quoted $8,990, Ross quoted $14,879 and Perry quoted $17,000. Fisher will replace all plumbing including supports. The valves we purchase separately at $940 plus shipping = approximately $11,000 total. Lead time of three weeks is needed for purchase of valves. *Discussion of valve purchase will be tabled until the March board meeting.*

MOTION: To approve Fisher Plumbing quote of $8,990 with clarification stating "any valve will have a flange, unions throughout, and support for all valves". Bob will get project on Fisher's schedule to begin within a couple months. (Baldarelli/Gates/Approved) (Motion carried).

Bob stated our main well pumps are kicking on twice/day instead of typical once/day due to ice inside. The ice scrapes the inside as it rises and lowers. Bob will notify the fire department that there may be a volume issue. Also, Bob put the filter on backwash recently and within 30 seconds, there was an overflow into the building. This could indicate a frozen line going into sanitary sewer. *Mario will inspect further and report back at the March board meeting.*

Julie McVay –

a. Approval for McGill, Powers & Bell to make an allowance for property liens on 700 Water Street and 210 Main Street. The board does not agree with this as they feel we will recover the funds.

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review and vote on Profit & Loss Statement as presented.

MOTION: To accept profit & loss statement. (Gates/Tigri/Approved) (Motion Carried).

b. Review and discuss the Aged Accounts report.
c. Review and vote on bills presented for payment.

MOTION: To approve bills for payment (Gates/Tigri/Approved) (Motion Carried).

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn board meeting at 8:30 p.m. (Baldarelli/Tigri/Approved) (Motion Carried).

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie McVay, Secretary/Treasurer