MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF CONNEAUT LAKE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – July 13, 2026

ATTENDEES*:*
Mario DeBlasio, Carl McLean, Jim Tigri, Chris Gates, Alan Baldarelli, Julie McVay, Eddie Trzeciak.
Via phone: Bob Morrow

I. Mario DeBlasio called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
II. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the June 8th board meeting minutes.
MOTION: To approve the June 8th board meeting minutes as presented. (Gates/McLean/Approved) (Motion carried).

III. REPORTS

Mario DeBlasio – Executive Session not needed; Brian Cagle agreed.

a. Water incident of June 25 – one worker's comp claim filed by a customer, Rising River Brewery, for an employee that was allegedly injured after the delivery of water. A video camera indicates the individual in question jumped off their loading dock and limped away never coming in contact with the boro forklift. We were contacted by an adjuster from Selective Insurance; Mario will respond to their questions.
b. Filter building project done by Fisher Plumbing. Awaiting their response to determine if the leaking valves and additional pipe support were completed. 20% still owed on their invoice.
c. CLJMA meter/flows – Diane, their engineer, stated our meter has been recording data since the end of May, but they still have to verify the process further. The CLJMA reconciliation can still occur next week, but the final payment will not be made until the matter of unmetered flows is resolved. Eddie will speak with Diane further to determine when our meter was put into service (date & time) along with the date of calibration.

   Starting in August, the monthly payment to CLJMA will be reduced from $15,000 to 10,000 until the matter of our new meter and flows have been resolved.

MOTION: To reduce monthly payment to CLJMA from $15,000 to $10,000, starting in August, until a resolution and agreement is reached on how to calculate the sewage gallons used (flows) during the non-metered period of time. (Gates/Tigri/Approved) (Motion carried).

MOTION: To withhold the reconciliation payment to the CLJMA until certification of our meter has been illustrated and in-service operation of the meter has been verified, the meter is calibrated and verified to be operating properly AND both parties agree on the flows since March when our meter was removed (Baldarelli/Tigri/Approved) (Motion carried).

d. There was ***a*** DEP inspection at the filter building on Friday, July 17. Installing backflow preventers on each well was discussed. KLH already has a backflow preventor specified for us. The DEP requests a cut-out pipe with two valves be installed at the filter building due to our water incident. *This item will be tabled until the August meeting pending quotes.*

e. Perry Excavation – preconstruction meeting held before board meeting tonight. They discussed how they will handle the interruption of water service during installation. They feel it would be the same as the last job they did for us (about ten hours). They will work later in the day, noon-midnight, since that is lower flow times. They expect to start sometime in August (awaiting part delivery). Perry will also provide us a quote on full labeling at the filter building.

f. To obtain a device, such as DicksonOne, to record pressure readings at the filter building.

MOTION: ***To approve up to $1,000 for purchase and installation of the DicksonOne recording device for monitoring pressure readings at the filter building. (Baldarelli/Gates/Approved) (Motion carried).***

g. Internet services are needed at filter building in order to establish video/audio recording.

MOTION: ***To approve up to $3,000 for purchase of cameras, network switching gear and obtain internet service for the filter building. (Gates/McLean/Approved) (Motion carried).***

h. MACL paid Brian Leuthold as a subcontractor, due to an emergent situation (approved by Brian Cagle), for his dedicated assistance with our water incident. Formal action regarding Brian assistance to the MACL will take place at the August boro council meeting. Brian authorized to be paid as a sub-contractor this one time since it was an emergency. He will be added to the MACL payroll for future work as a part-time/as needed employee at $27 per hour.

MOTION: ***To hire Brian Leuthold as a part-time/as needed employee of MACL at $27/hour. (Mclean/Gates/Approved) (Motion carried).***

Carl McLean –

a. Brian and Carl will review the mass messaging contract further. Carl would like the contract to have verbiage more like our original contract with Riley Paris stating we own the rights to the software we purchased. *This item will be tabled till the August board meeting.*

Brian left meeting at 8:18 p.m.

KLH Engineering –

a. A revised resolution for the PA LSA grant for the water tower was requested by the DCED.

MOTION: ***To adopt a revised resolution (2026-1) for the PA LSA Statewide grant for the cost of the tank rehabilitation project increased to $402,150.00. (Gates/Tigri/Approved) (Motion carried).***

b. Sewer line rehabilitation projects will be handled on an as needed basis by KLH.
c. *KLH will provide an update on the capital improvements plan at the August meeting.*
d. The annual CLJMA reconciliation meeting will occur later in the week. Eddie will report the outcome to the board via email. Eddie will discuss with CLJMA the board's vote to reduce our monthly payment to $10,000 AND no final reconciliation payment will be made until our flow meter is working properly and a solution to calculating the flows during the unmetered period of time is resolved.
e. Reviewed CE report.

Julie McVay –

a. Nathan replaced two broken meters this month and there will be two more by the end of July.
b. Two quotes received for the drain repair in the valve pit at the filter building – Fisher Plumbing ($6,679) and Mansfield Sanitation ($7,000). Four other quote requests were denied.

MOTION: ***To approve and accept the quote from Fisher Plumbing ($6,679) to repair the drain in the valve pit at the filter building. (Gates/Tigri/Approved) (Motion carried).***

IV. OLD BUSINESS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review and Vote: Profit & Loss Statement

MOTION: To accept the profit & loss statement as presented. (McLean/Baldarelli/Approved) (Motion carried).

b. Review aging list, shut offs completed (0), shut-offs upcoming (2).

c. Review and vote on the bills presented for payment.

MOTION: To approve the bills for payment as presented. (Gates/McLean/Approved) (Motion carried).

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn board meeting at 8:38 p.m. (Baldarelli/Tigri/Approved) (Motion carried).

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie McVay, Secretary/Treasurer