**June 3, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Cleona Borough Authority was held via Zoom on June 3, 2026, at 7:30 PM.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: **Chairman Bryan Hoffman, Ms. Sue Bowman, Ms. Ashlea Good, and Mr. Les Powell.**

AUTHORITY MEMBERS ABSENT: **Mr. Matt Ditzler**.

STAFF PRESENT: **Mr. Scott Rights, Solicitor Amy Leonard, Manager Michael Peiffer**

**CALL TO ORDER**: The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chairman Hoffman.

Chairman Hoffman announced that the meeting agenda had not been posted within the timeframe required by law. Solicitor Leonard advised that the Authority could conduct the advertised public meeting and discuss agenda items but could not take official action. As a result, all approvals and voting items were deferred until the July meeting.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**: The minutes of the May 6, 2026, meeting were reviewed. No comments or revisions were offered. Approval of the minutes was deferred until the July meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**: The Treasurer's Report for May 2026 was presented and reviewed. Members noted that the Authority remained financially stable. Approval of the Treasurer's Report was deferred until the July meeting.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**: Bills for payment were reviewed. Discussion occurred regarding outstanding invoices from both May and June, including the current pay request from Custer Excavating. Approval of all bills was deferred until the July meeting.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**: No citizens were present.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**:

## STORMWATER

Mr. Rights reported that construction activities associated with the South Christian Street stormwater improvement project continued. Progress has been slower than anticipated due to extensive rock excavation encountered between the Dodson and Schultz properties. The storm water piping has been installed and the inlet structure was recently completed.

Mr. Rights intends to meet with the affected property owners after final backfilling is completed to review site conditions and address concerns regarding grading and restoration. Discussion occurred regarding comments received from Mrs. Dodson about cracking observed in an existing retaining wall and grading surrounding the newly installed end walls.

Mr. Rights explained that the outlet pipe locations remain unchanged from the previous installation and that grading modifications were limited to the areas immediately surrounding the end walls. Board members noted that the final design reflects requests previously made by property owners to preserve lawn areas rather than install a rock-lined drainage swale extending to the creek. Mr. Rights further reported that the willow tree located within the project area was not disturbed during construction activities.

Following completion of work on South Christian Street, the contractor is expected to proceed to South Center Street. Mr. Rights reported that deteriorated curb sections along South Center Street will be replaced as part of the project.

Mr. Rights noted the replacement tree required as part of the project has not yet been planted, pending the contractor's completion of grading and seeding before installation. The tree's final location will be coordinated during upcoming meetings with affected property owners.

Regarding the Consortium SQ6 project, Mr. Rights indicated that approval had been received from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, but the remaining permit approval is still pending. He also reported no significant updates regarding anticipated MS4 regulatory revisions, which remain expected sometime in 2027.

## WASTEWATER

Mr. Rights reported that North Cornwall Township has completed the transfer of wastewater flows to the new Dairy Road pump station. CBA representatives continue monitoring discharge pressures to determine whether the change has affected operation of the Authority's pumps. He also indicated a facility walkthrough may be scheduled in the near future.

**PUMP STATION REPORT**: Mr. Powell reported that the pump station continued operating well. During a recent power outage, the backup generator functioned properly and maintained operations without interruption. Mr. Powell also said that automated notifications continue to provide alerts regarding alarms and generator operation.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**: Manager Peiffer stated that, as of May 31, 2026, CBA had billed $134,529.94, with an outstanding balance of $8,121.96. Discussion occurred regarding the continued reduction in delinquent balances and overall collection performance.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**: Solicitor Leonard reported that a long-standing stormwater delinquent property owner recently made contact and expressed interest in resolving the outstanding balance. Solicitor Leonard will follow up with the property owner regarding potential payment arrangements.

Solicitor Leonard also reported on a foreclosure matter involving 301 East Penn Avenue. A pre-lien notice has been issued in accordance with CBA's normal collection procedures regarding delinquent account balances and anticipated foreclosure proceedings.

Discussion occurred regarding documentation of conflicts of interest and abstentions involving Mr. Powell and Annville Township. Solicitor Leonard recommended that a written abstention form be completed documenting Mr. Powell's ongoing abstention from voting on Annville Township matters due to his employment with the Township. Additional discussion occurred regarding language to be included in future meeting minutes documenting such abstentions.

Solicitor Leonard also provided an update regarding the Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision involving municipal stormwater fees. Discussion occurred regarding whether the ruling could affect CBA's ability to impose stormwater fees and the possible effects on tax-exempt entities, including Norfolk Southern, which represents a significant portion of the Authority's stormwater fee revenue.

Solicitor Leonard advised that the legal implications of the decision remain uncertain and additional litigation may be required before clearer guidance becomes available.

**NEW BUSINESS**: Discussion occurred regarding Custer Excavating Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of $25,712.20. Approval of paying the invoice was deferred until the July meeting.

Discussion also occurred regarding the delinquent account and lien proceedings associated with 301 East Penn Avenue.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: No unfinished business was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**: A motion was made by Ms. Bowman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Good. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Peiffer
Borough Manager