

Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management
**Public Hearing on the
Tentative Budget and
Monthly Meeting Minutes**
May 19, 2025
6:00pm

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026 SVBOWM TENTATIVE BUDGET

Chairman Drew opened the public hearing on the 2025-2026 SVBOWM budget.

He read from each line of the budget. He asked if there were any questions. No one spoke up. Commissioner Dennison made the motion to close the public hearing, Chairman Drew seconded the motion, all in favor public hearing closed.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

The board will meet at 6:30 on Monday June 16th, 2025 at the Village of Victory Meeting Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nick Lussier, the contractor who performed the line replacement on North Broad presented on the change order detail. He had provided the board with a document outlining the issues that he encountered during the line replacement with large amounts of bedrock. He broke it down day by day tasks accomplished. In black was the original schedule that was laid out when they bid the job. In red shows what happened each day. In blue was a breakdown of the hours that were above and beyond the original project. This is shown on the sheet to show how he came to his determination as to what the change order should be. He gave detail on machine usage and materials, stating that this project extended two weeks beyond the original timeline.

Commissioner Ryan Campbell asked Lussier to confirm that the homeowner at 260 Broad is the only one that did not pay to connect to the new line. 262 and 260 were connected to the same line and the shut off was under a concrete pad. 262 did pay for a new line but 260 did not. 260 has a galvanized line. He asked Lussier to confirm that the additional \$68,000 is above and beyond the original cost and that it was because he hit the bedrock. He stated that the understood that the job needed to be completed, it was in the right of way of NYSDOT he asked what the procedure that took place was when it was determined that the project would be costing more than the original quote. Lussier stated that he spoke to Chairman Drew and that he told him that he should do what he had to do to move on. Chairman Drew stated that the engineer confirmed this. Commissioner Campbell stated that he felt that in the future, the board, as well as the contractors, need to have a better more formal procedure when a project exceeds the contract for our own budgeting purposes. He agreed that it was certainly owed to Lussier and that he deserved it but we need to have a better process. Lussier stated that he was perfectly willing to follow whatever procedures that the board would like to implement.

Commissioner Healy made the motion to pay the amount of \$68,098.92 for the change order on the contract for the Upper Broad water line replacement, Chairman Drew seconded the motion, all in favor, change order payment approved. Commissioner Healy informed Lussier that there should be a check tomorrow for the remainder of the contract as well as for the amount of the change order. Commissioner Dennison agreed.

MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT (Bank Balances: ending April 30, 2025)

Operating Account	\$339,695.90
NYCLASS Operating Account	\$102,891.08
Filter Account	\$ 62,626.71
NYCLASS Filter Account	\$166,218.08
Capital Reserve Savings Account	\$ 29,826.31
NYCLASS Capital Account	\$208,834.50

JCF PLANT REPORT

No report. Jake Fort is out of town

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Campbell reported on the progress of the 112 & 114 Gates Ave issues. He informed the board that he had conferred with Logan Steel. He will reach out to Schuylerville DPW Supervisor Decker to determine next steps forward to replace the old-style Buffalo Boxes at the 112 and 114 Cemetery locations.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Heyman brought it to the attention that currently the credit card on file is in the name of retiring Clerk Treasurer Maureen Lewsey. Heyman recommends that the SVBOWM look into getting a municipal Credit card. She provided the board with an edited version of the credit card policy that is used by the Village of Schuylerville. The policy states that only the water plant operator should have custody of the card. Chairman Drew will send this to Attorney Dixon for review.

Commissioner Campbell asked for details on the SVBOWM procurement policy. Details were provided.

The purchase of valves by Jake Fort in the amount of \$416.57 was presented for approval. Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve the purchase, Chairman Drew seconded the motion all in favor, purchase approved.

The remainder of Invoice 1422 in the amount of \$37,843.75 for the Upper Broad line replacement was presented for approval. Commissioner Healy made the motion to approve the payment of the invoice, Chairman Drew seconded the motion, all in favor, invoice payment approved.

Presentation of a resolution to adopt the 2026 SVBOWM budget. Chairman Drew read from the resolution to adopt the 2026 budget. Chairman Drew made the motion, Commissioner Healy seconded the motion, all in favor budget adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Campbell suggested that the board add the procurement policy to the credit card policy. The board agreed.

Several residents spoke, but as they were not asked to state their names or addresses their comments are not included.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Abstract Period 12 in the amount of \$37,785.61. Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve the claims, Chairman Drew seconded the motion, all in favor, claims approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dennison made the motion to adjourn, Chairman Drew seconded the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned.