

September 9, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Port Washington Water District was held at the District office located at 38 Sandy Hollow Road, Port Washington, New York, on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 8:00am.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS:

David R. Brackett, Chairman
Peter Meyer, Secretary
Mindy Germain, Treasurer

Paul Prignano, Superintendent
William DeWitt, Attorney
William Merklin, P.E., Engineer
Michael Savarese, P.E., Engineer
Michelle Handley, Office Manager

The meeting was called to order by David R. Brackett, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, with the Pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Brackett requested a moment of silence to remember and honor the victims of September 11th.

Minutes for the meeting held on September 2, 2026 were read and approved.

The Board further reviewed the District's account balances as follows as of September 9, 2026:

General Checking	\$4,070,800.82
Money Market	\$10,080,002.34
Tap Fee Account	\$193,248.89
Repair Reserve Equipment	\$2,544,311.90
Repair Reserve Bldg. & Grounds	\$1,763,388.90

The following claim was received for payment and approved by the Board:

1. Philip Ross, Ind., Req.#3 Plumbing Construction Sandy Hollow 1 & 2 (Bond Issue) \$441,094.50

A Public Hearing for the 2027 Budget was held on Thursday September 3, 2026 at 7:00pm. Commissioner Brackett discussed the hearing with the Board.

In regards to the 2027 Budget the Board discussed several aspects of the 2027 Budget. After discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Commissioner Brackett put forth a motion to approve the 2027 Annual Budget.
The Board was polled as follows:

Commissioner Brackett	- Yea
Commissioner Meyer	- Yea
Commissioner Germain	- Yea

By unanimous vote of all three Commissioners, the motion was passed to approve the 2027 Annual Budget and forward same to the Town of North Hempstead.

Commissioner Germain made the following Resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Meyer authorizing an override of the tax levy limit for 2027 fiscal year:

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to New York State Town Law § 215(9-a), must prepare an estimated budget for its fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027, conduct a public hearing with respect to such estimated budget, and file such estimated budget with the Budget Officer for the Town of North

Hempstead; and

WHEREAS, the Port Washington Water District is subject to the property tax levy restrictions imposed upon local governments pursuant to Chapter 97 of the Laws of the State of New York of 2011 (the “Tax Levy Limit Law”);

WHEREAS, the Board has prepared an estimated budget for the District’s 2027 fiscal year, and conducted a public hearing with respect thereto on September 3, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Board, in preparing its estimated budget and conducting its public hearing, has determined that the best interests of the Water District, its residents and its tax payers will be served by approving for filing with the Budget Officer of the Town of North Hempstead, a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027 that includes a tax levy that exceeds the limits of the Tax Levy Limit Law in order to enable the Water District to perform its functions and satisfy its statutory mandate to provide potable water to residents and properties within the Water District in a responsible, safe and cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board makes such determination based upon unavoidable cost increases that must be borne by the Water District and its tax payers, including: debt service on a bond financing for Water District capital improvement and repairs; the Water District must satisfy contractual obligations for salary increases to certain of its employees in excess of 2%, as well as similar salary increases for other employees; increased pension and health insurance costs for employees, anticipated increases in amounts to be paid to third-party vendors and suppliers, increased fuel and utility costs, and unfunded mandates imposed upon the Water District by the State of New York, and subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby determines to override the Tax Levy Limit applicable to the Water District pursuant to the Tax Levy Limit Law with respect to the fiscal year of the Water District commencing January 1, 2027.

The Board was polled on the override resolution as follows:

Commissioner Brackett	-	Yea
Commissioner Meyer	-	Yea
Commissioner Germain	-	Yea

The resolution was passed by unanimous vote of all three commissioners.

Michael Savarese, P.E. and Andrew Marrandino, P.E., reported on the following:

1. Morley Park AOP Treatment – Welsbach will be onsite this week to address the punch list items that are in their court with the security and UEP equipment supplier.
2. Stonytown AOP Treatment – The project certification package was submitted to the Health Department on Thursday, 9/3. The stonework on the garden wall is scheduled to begin this Thursday along with the chain-link fencing.
3. Sandy Hollow Station PFAS Treatment Improvements and Station Upgrades – A progress meeting is scheduled for today, 9/9 at the site. The general contractor’s dewatering plan has been returned and they are implementing and running the system. The electrical contractor will be continuing with site utility work and conduit installation.
4. Neulist Station Electrical and Miscellaneous Improvements – The District has preliminarily selected the week of Monday 9/21 and JVR is awaiting confirmation from PSEG for the required shutdown.
5. Ricks Well PFAS Treatment and Station Improvements – The response to the Health Department’s second round of comments was sent on 9/4/26. D&B has a meeting with Superintendent Prignano to review the project plans and specifications on Thursday, 09/10, at D&B’s office.
6. Bar Beach Well 6 PFAS Treatment and Station Upgrades – D&B and PWWD reviewed the draft report and the requirements for conducting on-site influence testing to finalize the last section of the report.

Checks for payment of claims, due from the Port Washington Water District totaling \$255,937.06 were approved for payment by the Board.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:05am.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2026.

Peter Meyer, Secretary