

SANITARY BOARD WEIRTON, WV
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

The Sanitary Board, City of Weirton, met in regular session Thursday, September 10, 2026, in the Sanitary Board Conference Room, 5000 Freedom Way, Weirton, WV. Chairman, Mayor Dean Harris, called the meeting to order and stated all members were present.

Those in attendance were:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mayor Dean Harris, Chairman

Robert Gribben, Vice Chairman – absentee

Joseph Barnabei, Board Member

SANITARY BOARD OFFICIALS:

A.D. Mastrantoni, Utilities Director

Charles Smith, Assistant Director

Brian Jurosko, Chief Operator

Dan Guida, Legal Counsel

Connie Wright, Executive Secretary

Brian Kuntz, Treasurer

Others in Attendance:

Carlo Fabian – BHJ

Jesse Alden – The Thrasher Group

Chuck Kelly – The Thrasher Group

Craig Brown – Weirton Dailey Times

1) Chairman, Mayor Harris; made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 13th, 2026, as presented; seconded by Board Member, Joseph Barnabei passed unanimously.

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2) Comments from citizens: N/A

3) Financial Report:

Brian Kuntz presented and reviewed the financial report with the Board members. The Financial Report is as follows: Beginning bank balance as of September 1, 2026, \$365,570.74 disbursements as of September 10, 2026, \$243,762.73 bank deposits as of September 10, 2026, \$125,983.56; actual bank balance as of September 10, 2026, \$245,791.57. Disbursements still to be paid for September are in the amount of \$212,123.88. September revenue is \$286,455.35 our total then at the end of September 2026, \$320,123.04. The R&R Account has a balance as of September 10, 2026, \$181,813.14 and Working Capital Account has a \$437,379.29 balance. Sanitary Surplus Account has \$761,852.99 and IJDC accounts \$81,322.70 as of September 10, 2026.

Chairman, Mayor Harris; made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented; seconded by Board Member, Joseph Barnabei; passed unanimously.

4) Approval of Unpaid Bills: N/A

5) OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Harris stated the two old business items on the Agenda are to be moved new business, so start with Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and expansion update under new business.

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6) NEW BUSINESS:

A) Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion: Jesse stated the progress report handout that he provided, he will be going over. Jesse Alden stated that no progress meeting was required and we will be going over the progress report. Jesse stated that the project is approximately 99.7% complete. The current contract amounts \$38,572,670.37 and no contract and pay application submitted this month. Beginning contingency amount is \$1,860,650.56 current contingency \$320,980.19. Jesse stated the windows in the Control building have been completed. There was some warranty work on the decanter for SBR number one. That work was completed but In doing so, there was some damage to the sludge pump in the basin, and it was determined that that pump does need to be replaced. What happened was a bolt got dropped down into the basin when they were doing the replacement work for the decanter, and it got sucked up into the pump, and it's got damaged beyond repair. Jesse stated some work items still left to complete include final top-soil touch-up and re-seeding, aeration basin diffuser head replacements, sluice gate installation between aeration basins 1 and 2, and warranty work on the secondary clarifier. Now on the next page, a couple photos: The new windows in the control building and the repaired SBR number one decanter in addition to that, we're administratively several things we're working with Triton to get the project in a position to be closed out. So, we've requested various documents from Triton. We're working on getting the O and M manual submitted to the DEP, which is part of the project work as well. Just some other miscellaneous things like record drawings and project record documents that will need to be delivered to the Sanitary Board once the project is complete. Butch stated I'd like to report to the Board that as we've reached 99.7 percent. It's been a very good experience and has been a very good plant upgrade. One of the reasons I believe that it is as good as it was and went as trouble-free as it has been that Thrasher been alongside of me. I think it comes down to engineering clarity, a good design, a tight, good specific set of specifications, clarity in submittals. Once evaluation of submittals is quick, concise, and clear, the contractor has a clear marching order and limits established for performance. And I'd like to say that this is one of the best projects I've worked on with regard to that.

Chairman, Mayor Harris; made a motion to accept the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade report as presented; seconded by Board Member, Joseph Barnabei; passed unanimously.

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B) Draw #30:

Carlo presented Draw #30 totaling \$11,716.13 and that is broken down, for Triton Construction \$0 and The Thrasher Group \$10,000, and BHJ \$1,716.13

Chairman, Mayor Dean Harris; made a motion to approve to pay Draw #30 as presented; seconded by Board Member, Joseph Barnabei; passed unanimously.

A) Resolution – To Purchase Eight Hundred feet of Eight-inch Sewer Pipe for Line Extension on 10th Street; Not to Exceed \$8000

Chuck stated the plans show a sewer line running behind there, going to Figaro and North 10th Street, but there's no line there. We are going to put a line into tie into North 10th Street, right there at the intersection, and Figaro. The other thing with doing that is If anybody buys the two lots right in between there, they'll have a place point of service to tap in.

Chairman, Mayor Dean Harris; made a motion to approve Line Extension as presented; seconded by Board Member, Joseph Barnabei; passed unanimously.

B) Resolution – To Replace the Generator Automatic Transfer Switch for 5th Street Lift Station ; Not to Exceed \$32,000

Brian Jurosko stated that we need to replace the automatic transfer switch at the 5th Street Lif Station, the generator is required to run the station when the power goes out I'm asking for \$32,000 for that replacement, and it will be done by Western Branch Diesel, and to be fund from the R and R account.

Chairman, Mayor Dean Harris; made a motion to approve to replace Generator Automatic Transfer Switch as presented; seconded by Board Member, Joseph Barnabei; passed unanimously.

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C) Resolution – To Purchase a New Flygt Pump for Crystal Lift Staton; Not to Exceed \$13,857 : (Approved via-phone September 4, 2026)

Chairman, Mayor Dean Harris; made a motion to approve to Purchase a New Flygt Pump as presented; seconded by Board Member, Joseph Barnabei; passed unanimously.

Chuck Smith stated that was approved by phone. Lightning had hit it during the storm on Friday. Pretty much blew out all the wiring and everything at the lift station. We're back to being duplexed up there now, and everything's functioning as it should.

D) “Discussion – Separating Weirton Sanitary Board from Weirton Area Water Board , changing the Assistant Director position to the Director of Weirton Sanitary Board

Mayor stated that is basically a discussion, we have talked, and I believe the Weirton Area Water Board has talked as well about separating utilities to basically work upon work on your own, Butch you'll be leaving Friday after our next meeting, right? So, in order to do that, we need to kind of get our ducks in a row, so to speak, as far as the Sanitary Board is concerned. I'm recommending that we change from the Assistant Director Chuck Smith move him to the Interim Director of the Board, the servant, Butch's absence after Friday at 4 p.m., October 16th, 2026. Joe stated he has no problem, but will this position get advertised, or does it become an appointment by the Board. Mayor Harris stated I think the important thing is just to get somebody in place, and then we can have a discussion whether we want to advertise or we just want to act as a Board and move Chuck into that position.

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But at this point, I think just to cover all our bases, I think it's better to just get Chuck into the interim position and then act in some future. Dan Guida stated by redesignating Chuck's title, that just means the assistant director remains vacant. You're not deleting that office, right, or that position. Right now, it'll just be vacant because he gets elevated. Mayor stated there is nothing as far as the pay and we probably need something on the next Agenda to discuss the pay. Dan Guida stated Connie, if you could put that for next meeting, so we don't scramble right at the end on the interim director's pay and other benefits. Also, I guess there is a discussion as to whether you're going to advertise this or just make that position permanent or however, whatever direction you want to go, we're going to want that as an item on the agenda. Mayor stated right now it is probably better just to get the interim in place, and then sometime in the future meetings we can have a discussion.

E) The next regular meeting of the Sanitary Board is Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at Wastewater Treatment Plant, 5000 Freedom Way, Weirton, WV 26062.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. with no further business to discuss. Chairman, Mayor Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member, Joseph Barnabei passed unanimously.



SECRETARY, SANITARY BOARD



CHAIRMAN, MAYOR DEAN HARRIS