

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT (ECSD) NO. 5
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026
AMHERST ENGINEERING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jonathan Bleuer (left at 1:55pm), Mr. Jeffrey Burroughs (arrived at 1:37pm), Mr. William Lardo, Mr. Timothy Lavocat and Ms. Vaishali Reberholt

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Anthony Cimato, Mr. Joseph Fiegl, Mr. Jason Gollegly, Ms. Sally Mertz, and Mr. Jeffrey Palumbo

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Lavocat called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Bleuer, seconded by Ms. Reberholt the Board voted to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2026 meeting. The motion carried 4-0 (Mr. Burroughs not present).

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. Cimato Family Business Park – Pumping Station (Handout)

Mr. Cimato and Mr. Palumbo were present on behalf of Cimato & Sons to discuss a request for ECSD No. 5 to maintain the pumping station for the Cimato Family Business Park (Park) located on James Ryan Parkway. Mr. Palumbo articulated concerns related to maintaining sanitary sewer services in the Park into the future.

Mr. Fiegl explained the Park is not in, nor tributary to, ECSD No. 5. Further, he noted that the ECSDs do not maintain private infrastructure. Several Board Members asked questions about the extent of request (pumping station, force main, gravity sewers), the setup of a potential sewer works corporation, and more.

At the close of the discussions, Mr. Palumbo stated he would look further into the documents related to the Park to see what alternatives may be available to ensure long-term maintenance.

ITEM NO. 4 – OLD BUSINESS

a. Eastern Hill Mall Redevelopment

Mr. Fiegl updated the Board on the Transit Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. JMDavidson's subcontractor has completed topographic survey along the entire stretch of Transit Road where new infrastructure may be installed. Initial mapping is expected soon, which will allow for commencement of preliminary layouts. The Governor's preliminary 2026-27 New York State Budget included funding for construction of the Transit Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements, which is subject to final State Legislature approval.

b. Parallel Peanut Line Sewer Project

Ms. Reberholt presented an update to the ECSD No. 5 Board on the Parallel Peanut Line Sewer Project. The project has not yet received approval from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. GHD Consulting Engineers, the Town of Amherst's consultant, is addressing previous regulatory comments related to potential wetland impacts, along with comments from the New York State Department of Transportation. The goal is still to bid the project in 2026, pending final approvals.

ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

a. Creekwood Meadow Pumping Station Notice of Violation/Hearing (Handouts)

Mr. Fiegl stated that Kanaka Construction Management (Kanaka) submitted an acceptable written response to the Notice of Violation prior to March 1, 2026, and hence avoided any premium assessments. A preconstruction meeting was held on March 4, 2026 and construction has commenced. Kanaka has remained in compliance thus far.

ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Operational Report (January-February)

Mr. Gollegly updated the Board with the operational report. Outside of routine activity in the district, the crew performed scheduled maintenance on two trouble spot sections on Transit Road. Both locations are slightly back pitched and accumulate a buildup of grease. Heavy flushing is required.

The Transit Valley Pump Station had several issues that were addressed including the repair of the transfer switch, replacement of motor starters to stop the pumps from kicking out and Pump No. 2 was replaced.

b. Construction Report

Contract 101(Multi-District) – On-Call Sewer Repair Contract (2026-2028) (Visone Construction) - A pre-construction meeting was held in February for this two-year multi-district

on-call/emergency repair contract. Sewer repair work orders may be assigned under this contract on an as needed basis.

Design–Transit Road Sanitary Sewer Upgrades (Engineer–JMDavidson)- Field survey continued over the winter months when weather permitted. Preliminary design phase services will continue throughout 2026.

c. Payments (Handout)

Mr. Lardo reviewed the payments made to JM Davidson and WM Schutt.

On a motion by Mr. Burroughs, seconded by Ms. Reberholt, the Board voted to receive and file the informational items. The motion carried 4-0 (Mr. Bleuer not present).

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Reberholt, seconded by Mr. Burroughs, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm. The motion carried 4-0 (Mr. Bleuer not present).

**Next ECSD No. 5 Board Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026 @ 1:30 p.m.
Clarence Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted,



William Lardo, Secretary
ECSD No. 5 Board of Managers

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Motion to Approve April 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: _____
Seconded by: _____
App./Disapp.: _____
Date: _____
Signed: _____