

READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
May 19, 2026

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Mr. Richard L. Carpenter, Mr. Daniel Luckey, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Distribution Manager Anthony Reyolnds, Director of Operations and Maintenance Gary Phillips, Plant Superintendent Patrick Bauer, Administrator Suzanne Ruotolo, Meter Reader Manager Amy Styer, Customer Service Manager Tracey Karish, Human Resource Manager Wendy Marrero, Dan Standish from SSM Engineering. Absent was Mrs. Tressa Jefferson.

The meeting was brought to order at 4:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

No Public Comment

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 21, 2026. Mrs. Grimshaw made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the May Invoices for Payment as follows, General Fund in the amount of \$666,059.67 the Capital Fund in the amount of \$59,814.18 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$3,248.50. Mr. Luckey made a motion to approve payment of the invoices and Mrs. Grimshaw seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Chairman McCracken asked if any Board Member have anything to report.

Mr. Murray advised the internal audit was conducted by Sue and Sharon.

Mr. Murray advised the department reports are in the board packet.

Mr. Murray advised he attended the AWWA conference. At the conference they gave an update on Lead and Copper rules and PFOS/PFOA rules. Until they finalize the rules for Lead and Copper and PFOS/PFOA, you cannot really get a plan. The conference provided good information on what to expect and the PFOS/PFOA is in litigation. Mr. Murray advised the board within the next couple of months he wants to get a process, and role this out to the board and develop it together, this is going to be a strategy to handle all the issues. Mr. Murray advised he attended another session on Selection on Consultants for PFOS on remediation. Mr. Murray advised we have a consultant now; CDM Smith we use for Lead and Copper. They maybe the same consultants for the PFOS they are one of the largest firms in the country and have a deep connection with the government so whatever information they are telling you it is very accurate and dependable. Mr. Murray advised with the Lead and Copper

regulations that there are now companies that are offering Co-Stars pricing for services. He is looking into getting a quote for the meter replacement in the North Heidelberg system.

Mr. Murray provided an update on the drought, stating we are getting some rain however the lake is going down, and, in a few months, we will be right where we were last year. We are starting to see a drop in the Aquifers and will keep everyone what to date.

Mr. Murray advised Chairman McCracken and himself will be going to City Council on June 22, for the annual update.

Mr. Murray stated you may have read that the Titus Station Developer is now looking to put it in a Data Center. He advised we have dealt with the developer in the past on other projects at the site, so he knows the amount of water he could access but he also knows what he will have to go under the river to get water to the site. He no one has approached RAWA yet for a will-serve letter. As an example, Bern Township there is an action group, if this group comes to RAWA to say don't sell them water, our answer is sample we don't sell water to the site, they are not our customer, we sell water to Bern Township, Bern Township is already our customer, so this is something Bern Townships will have to deal with not RAWA. But just so everyone knows no one has approached RAWA yet. Mr. Luckey stated as far as the water is concerned, it is the City of Readings water, and he thinks we do have a case to say how the water is used. Mr. Murray advised he is correct we do have a say, but to do what they are talking about is at least a six-month process and they are basing the usage from other projects, they haven't even come and talked to us yet. Mr. Murray advised just because we had the water it that time does not mean we will have it allocated again. This allocation could be used for another project and it won't be available. Mr. Luckey just wanted to state this is the City of Reading's water and the residents have a right to the water first. Mr. Murray advised if we are giving water to someone else we will have full control over the water and we will benefit from it or RAWA is not going to do it.

Mr. Standish advised the Engineers Report was submitted, he provided an update on the North Heidelberg Well Site, stating the Well was reamed out to 8" should be wrapping up tomorrow and a few weeks after that we should be able to start the step testing for the flow. There is one action item the 2026 Pavement Bids, SSM is making the recommendation to award the bid to CMS, he stated they did the last years paving. The question was asked how much the bid was for, Mr. Standish advised this is based on square yards used for each patch, so if it is on a Penn-Dot road with concrete it is \$680.00 sq yd, if it does not have concrete, it is \$475.00 sq yd. this is about \$20.00 more then last year. He advised on City streets this went down from \$680.00 sq yd to \$550.00 sq yd. Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to award the bid, a motion was made by Mr. Luckey and seconded by Mr. Carpenter, all in favor, motion passed.

Solicitor Stock advised there are no action items.

No Executive Session was needed.

Chairman McCracken stated the next Board Meeting will be on June 16, 2026.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was made by Mr. Luckey at 4:21 pm.