

South County Sewer & Water Authority

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Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of Tues. Feb. 24, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair John Speeter (Pavilion Charter Township Supervisor). Also in attendance were Secretary and Treasurer Don Ulsh (Schoolcraft Township Supervisor) and Associate Member Joe Beck (Village of Schoolcraft Trustee). Also in attendance were SCSWA Executive Director Frank LaPierre and Legal Counsel Rob Thall.

Review and Set Agenda-

Today's meeting agenda was presented for review. Motioned by Ulsh, seconded by Speeter to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Review of Regular Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the Jan. 27, 2026 regular meeting were presented for review. Motioned by Ulsh, seconded by Speeter to approve the draft minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Hear those present- N/A

General Correspondence- N/A

Active Project Status-

- Village of Schoolcraft Update- Beck updated that the Village is working on a grant for water line lead remediation funding.
- Bond Project Update- LaPierre confirmed that weather is creating slight delays but still making progress.
- UV Avenue Emergency Repair Update- LaPierre expressed appreciation to John Crumb for establishing contact with the MPSC. LaPierre and Crumb collaborated to collect and provide detailed information including communication timeline, photos and consulting report. MPSC confirmed that they will review and advise their opinion.

New Business-

- 2026/27 Financial Forecast and Proposed Rate Increase were presented for approval. Motioned by Ulsh, seconded by Speeter to approve the financial forecast and rate increase. Rollcall vote resulted in **unanimous approval.**
- 2026/27 Preliminary Budget were presented for approval. Motioned by Ulsh, seconded by Speeter to approve the preliminary budget. Rollcall vote resulted in **unanimous approval.**
- 2026/27 Rate Resolutions and Letter to Customers were presented for approval. Motioned by Ulsh, seconded by Speeter to approve the financial forecast and rate increase. Rollcall vote resulted in **unanimous approval.**

Old Business-

- Maintenance Update- The GLSWA Jan. 2026 O/M report was included for Board review. Crumb updated that O/T labor costs were higher due to pump repair and power outages. Crumb also updated that SCSWA should consider temperature-controlled environments for generator storage. Ulsh will check on Schoolcraft Township storage capacity.

Financial Review-

- The General Operating and Payroll Expenses were presented as of Feb. 13th, 2026. The SCSWA financial reports for Jan. 2026 were presented. Motioned by Ulsh, seconded by Speeter to approve the operating and payroll expenses and accept the financials as presented. **Motion carried.**

Closing Comments- Ulsh updated that Portage is inquiring about future collaboration for sewer and water expansion. Ulsh will check on possible meeting dates.

Meeting Adjourned- The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. Motioned by Ulsh, seconded by Speeter to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Mar. 24th, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at Pavilion Township.**

Submitted for approval on: 3-24, 2026 Approved by: Don Ulsh
Don Ulsh / Secretary