

# **PHILLIPSBURG SEWER MEETING AGENDA**

**May 12, 2026**

**5:00 PM**

**Meeting to be held in person at the Phillipsburg Housing Authority,  
Community Building, 535 Fisher Avenue, Phillipsburg, NJ**

## **1. Call to Order**

## **2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT**

**THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW. THIS MEETING OF MAY 12, 2026, WAS INCLUDED IN A NOTICE SENT TO NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS THE REQUIRED NOTICES UNDER THE STATUTE. IN ADDITION, A COPY OF THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK**

## **3. INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

## **4. ROLL CALL**

### **I. Close Session for Legal Updates on Pending Matters.**

### **II. Question or Concerns from Sending District Representatives.**

### **III. Review of EPA Administrative Order and Sewer System Improvement Needs**

- Updated Administrative Order being drafted by USEPA – Draft Compliance Schedule in review.
- Projects commitment list submitted to USEPA with schedule (CCE commitment of \$14.5M) proposed.
- NJDEP has funded a work order under the Technical Assistance Program. This opens opportunity for the Town to participate in \$2M Sage Grant Program.
- Planning & Design costs for proposed projects can be funded with NJIB Sage Grant appropriations. NJDEP is holding approval of all IBank and NJDEP-funded projects, pending WIPA decision.

### **IV. District Flow Monitoring & Reviews**

1. District Flow Meters and Flow Data Updates

## **V. Sewer System Projects**

- Riverside Way Pump Station Replacement. Additional Cultural Resource investigation was completed and has been approved by NJDEP. Flood Hazard Permitting is in progress. An agreement with DRBJT Commission is in progress and is being coordinated by Legal. Joint funding is also in review with FEMA to determine eligibility.
- Region 3 sewer priority work is in design. A TWA Permit was received. NJIB loan initiated with all submission at NJDEP. The hope was to have this as a 2026 IBANK funded project, but NJDEP is holding approval pending WIPA determinations.
- Lopatcong Creek Pipe Crossing Rehabilitation – On-hold pending FEMA funding potential.
- Replacement of the sewer interceptor connecting the Housing Authority to Warren Street Sewer is a USEPA project commitment. An engineering services proposal is pending (SAGE Funding). Easement procurement is needed.

## **VI. Wastewater Treatment Plant Planned Projects 2024 Sewer Utility Capital**

- Generator Replacement & Electrical Upgrades – Contract work completed.
- WWTP IBANK project initiated for Blower Upgrades, Additional Screening, Controls and Bio-Mag System Upgrades. Engineering services proposal is pending (SAGE Funding).

## **VII. NSU Operations - WWTP & Sewer System Operations Update**

- Septage Receiving Update
- WWTP Operations Update – Headworks Bar Screen Issue.

## **VIII. Legal Update – Agreements and Other Matters if any**

- Sewer service agreements with Greenwich & Lopatcong are being drafted to update expiring agreements.
- WIPA process is in progress for evaluating potential privatization sale of sewerage infrastructure. It is important to expedite and make a final decision.
- Rate study for sending district fair share has been completed by Phoenix Advisors. Actions need to be implement.
- Connection fee increase recommended.
- Bloomsburg Sewer Connection – interest expressed in connecting to Phillipsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant.