

Plainfield Water/WasteWater Commission Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2025

Present In Meeting: Scott Stewart, Josh Pitts, Tristan Macgregor-Stewart, Tim Phillips, Mary Lane.

5:15PM Meeting called to order

Review/approve agenda

Agenda approved.

Review/adopt minutes

Approved minutes October 21st as edited

Clerk's financial report

Carol was not present so nothing was reported by her in the meeting. Josh said they had submitted the grant for the School Street waterline work.

Possible NBC5 interview

NBC5 tried to interview Mary as part of the East Village vote coverage that they did.

Mary didn't get that request until it was too late. The reporter contacted Mary after the broadcast and said she might want to talk with the Commission about another news segment about how the water/wastewater systems were impacted by the flooding. Mary has heard nothing further.

Projected financial/system issues

Josh said if all the buyouts happen, the systems will lose 28 units. Wastewater will lose about \$21,000. Water will lose \$22,341. These are potentially the numbers that should be used for FY2027 budgeting. The systems will either need to find savings in these amounts or plan for fee increases. Goddard will probably go up in water allocations, but there is uncertainty when it will happen.

Goddard SPE is the group who owns the building commonly known as the Plainfield Inn on the blinking light intersection. There was concern expressed that there are already apartments in there in excess of the allocations owned by that property....and they are intending to add more apartments going forward.

Scott expressed concern that Goddard has not provided a plan to the Commission about what they are doing on the campus. Goddard has refused to answer questions for 8 months.

Josh and Tristan are attending a meeting requested by Goddard on Thursday (11/20/2025). The Commission agreed that any discussion about future plans of Goddard need to be put aside until Goddard has provided the basic information requested to this point about the current system. Mary offered to write a formal letter threatening to shut off the water after this meeting if Goddard doesn't seem to be willing to comply.

Chief Facility Operator's report

The grant for School Street line replacement has been submitted.

The springs are producing about ½ of what Tristan expects to see. They are getting better, but not yet back up to full capacity.

When replacing leaking lines by the School Street apartment, the seals on the shutoff valve failed. That flooded the worksite. There are limited ways to isolate the lines along Route 2 so the operators had to shut the complete system down. The issues were repaired and the water tested so the Boil Water notification was lifted on Monday (11/17/2025). The operators still need to do some cleanup in the driveway at School Street, otherwise this project is mostly completed.

The School Street project in spring should be smaller since this chunk of work is already accomplished. Tristan thinks there should be a \$60,000 savings in that bond. The project is on hold a bit as the state is going back and forth over temporary vs permanent easements for access to pipes.

GMP is moving a telephone pole near the well house building to allow for access to the wellpit so heavy repairs can be conducted in the future.

Tristan is hoping this week to talk with a structural engineer to get a plan for how much a garage space would cost.

Scott reminded that solar panels could be installed on this new structure to defray electrical costs.

Loren Geiger and Peter Young are doing a bunch of cleanup on Hudson Street. There are some "cisterns" there that they want to know if the system will pay to remove. After the meeting, Tristan clarified that the "cisterns" are the concrete manholes that were taken out of service during the temporary repairs and were left next to where they were removed. Loren has a quote for removal. Josh said there will be debris removal that is part of the FEMA buyouts for impacted properties, but doesn't know what Loren and Peter are specifically doing. Tristan is reluctant to spend system money on cleanup if there is FEMA funding available. Mary will let Loren know that the systems are reaching out to get clarity as to what FEMA will cover before a decision is made to spend system money on a clean up.

The state has decided that any operator meeting certain criteria are required to get a distribution license. Tristan asked if additional pay will be provided once an operator has this extra licensing. Tristan didn't expect a decision today, just wanted to bring the issue to the Commission's attention for future discussion. Holding the license adds additional training classes that an operator needs to do each year.

Approve warrants

Warrants for 10/21/2025 through 11/18/2025 were approved.

Other business

None

The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2025 as a hybrid in person/Zoom meeting.

The meeting adjourned 6:12PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips