

**TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**Public Meeting Minutes**  
**April 8, 2025**

A public meeting of the Tredyffrin Township Municipal Authority was held at the Township Building on the above date. Present were: Chair Michael Heaberg, Rob Cepielik, Stanford Nishikawa and Jere Shertzer. Also in attendance were Township Manager William Martin, Municipal Authority Solicitor Patrick McKenna (virtually), and Recording Secretary Patricia Hoffman.

The meeting dates for the year were advertised in the 12/27/2024 issue of Daily Local and the 1/5/2025 issue of the Main Line Suburban. The meetings dates for the year were published on the Township website by 12/31/2024 and were printed in the Township's newsletter 1/31/2025. The agenda was posted on the Township website 4/4/2025 and at the main entrance to the Township Building 4/4/2025. Copies of the agenda were made available for the public in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Heaberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion made by Mr. Cepielik, seconded by Mr. Nishikawa, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the 1/14/2025 Organizational meeting.

**VALLEY FORGE SEWER AUTHORITY UPDATE**

Mr. Heaberg reviewed the organization and history of the Valley Forge Sewer Authority. There are three municipal owners – Schuylkill, Charlestown and East Pikeland Township. There are five municipal partner townships – Tredyffrin, Easttown, East Whiteland, and Willistown Townships and Malvern Borough.

In 2021, VFSA determined that three municipalities would need more capacity to meet growth and development within their Townships. They evaluated their options, one of which was to purchase excess capacity from a partner municipality. Tredyffrin has more capacity than is needed now and is anticipated to need through 2045. There was no significant population growth between the 2010 and the 2020 census. Tredyffrin owns 2,000,000 gallons/day but uses about 600,000 – 700,000 gallons per day. Tredyffrin agreed to sell 200,000 gallons/day. They agreed to choose the option to purchase the capacity from Tredyffrin and approach PADEP, but asking for 270,000 gallons/day. The purchase price would be the Tredyffrin Township current tap-in fee of \$21.45/gallon.

Mr. Cepielik asked if Tredyffrin could lease the capacity to which the response was that leasing capacity is only done on a temporary basis for emergency situations and that DEP requires a more long-term solution.

There was again discussion regarding the Valley Forge Sewer Authority (VFSA) capital projects plan. The municipality members in the Authority will be responsible for the costs for the projects of which Tredyffrin Township's portion is 17.3% but that percentage would be reduced if Tredyffrin's capacity at the treatment plant is reduced. There was discussion that the proceeds from the sale of excess capacity may offset Tredyffrin's portion of the capital improvements and updates that are needed.

There was discussion of Tredyffrin being serviced by three other treatment plants, two through Upper Merion and one through Delaware County, through which the township rents capacity. VFSA is the only plant where the Township is a partner.

Mr. Shertzer shared concerns over the conversion of commercial space into apartments, which may require more capacity than is currently allotted to those buildings.

The next steps would include:

- 30-day comment period is open now for municipalities to provide any feedback or concerns they may have.
  - Review by Tredyffrin Planning Commission (scheduled for April 17), as well as other municipalities Planning Commissions.
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- Resolutions provided by DEP and adopted by each municipality's Board of Supervisors and Municipal Authority. May require scheduling a special TTMA meeting in May to adopt a resolution. DEP's plan is to have these submitted to them by June.
- Possible 537 Plan update may be required by DEP.

Motion made by Mr. Cepielik, seconded by Mr. Nishikawa, passed unanimously stating that the Municipal Authority approves pursuing the concept and potential sale of excess capacity from the Valley Forge Sewer Authority to partner municipalities.

**2025 MEETINGS**

The remaining 2025 meeting schedule is July 8 and October 14.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hoffman  
Recording Secretary

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