

Meeting Minutes 3/9/26

This is a recording of the Somerset Domestic Water Works board meeting held on March 9, 2026, at 6:01 PM.

Key Attendees: Steve LaCroix, Nickolas Mounier, Christine Gilchrist, Mike Camp

Main Topics Discussed:

Board Changes:

- Two board members resigned: Thomas Tullio and Eddie Bowden.
- Nickolas Mounier was elected as the new treasurer.
- Nickolas Mounier be added to bank accounts; Thomas will be removed.
- The board will post notices seeking community interest in filling the vacant positions, with a follow-up meeting scheduled for Thursday.

Financial Report:

- Year-end financials completed (pending review).
- February bank balances: Capital Reserve \$27,679.99, Operating Account \$46,746.66.
- Tax exemption filing needed before April 15th.

Water System Engineering & Grants:

- SGM Engineering completed a walkthrough and identified major issues: the treatment plant doesn't adequately treat water quality, and the river inlet needs improvement.
- Engineers recommend either reverse osmosis or ion exchange systems (reverse osmosis preferred).
- Concerns raised about pure water potentially increasing copper leaching from pipes
- OJT grant of \$150,000-\$200,000 available.

Grant Priority List (in order):

1. Lightning protection system.
2. River inlet improvements.
3. Reverse osmosis or ion exchange system.
4. Pressure differential/backflush system.
5. Security cameras.
6. Valve replacement and blow-off.
7. Pits and meters.

Next Steps: Steve will consult with engineers about state approval and operational costs, work with Stephanie on the grant application, and schedule a Thursday meeting.