

The September 4, 2014 Special Meeting of the Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairman Veneroso at 7:00 PM. All in attendance gave a pledge of allegiance. All Board Members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robert Jones, a resident of Hazleton City, spoke about his property on the corner of Chapel and Mill Streets adjacent to the East End Playground. He stated that standing water has been a problem at his property for over 20 years and he believes the water is coming from leaks in the sewer system. He said the problem was previously reported to the City and DEP, but nothing has been done to correct the issue. Andy Nowak, the Field Operations Manager, responded that he would look into this matter and asked Mr. Jones for his contact information to follow-up. Mr. Jones then asked if the Authority was responsible for implementing the new Stormwater Fee. He was informed that the fee was implemented by the City of Hazleton, not the Authority.

The Operations Manager, Gregory Olander, informed the Board that the corrected July 28, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes were distributed to the Board and are now ready for approval. **Grink & Milot** moved to accept the minutes of the July 28, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting (copy provided). Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

Hiring Committee Report

As Chairman of the Hiring Committee, Board Member Eyerly reported that the committee reviewed five applications on file for the Electromechanical Assistant position in the Maintenance Department. He said the Maintenance Department Lead Man, Ryan Peterko, assisted during the review of candidate qualifications. He stated that the committee was ready to recommend a candidate for the Electromechanical Assistant position because they thought that his credentials were superior to that of the other candidates. He further stated that this candidate had some specialized training by working at sewage treatment plants as an electrician over the past few years. He then recommended Mr. Ryan Cannon for the position.

Fay & Grink moved to hire Mr. Ryan Cannon for the position of Electromechanical Assistant in the Maintenance Department at an hourly rate of \$23.61 plus benefits under the existing Union Bargaining Agreement, conditioned upon his passing a physical examination and drug screening. The probationary wage is set at \$20.00 per hour during the 90 day probationary period.

On the Question: Board Member Cuozzo stated that the candidate only has 8 months experience as a Journeyman and other candidates had 30 years of experience. Chairman Veneroso stated that according to Ryan Peterko, he was the only candidate that met the qualifications that he needed. Board Member George then stated that Mr. Cannon worked on electrical wiring of sewage treatment plants for the past 3 years. Christopher Carsia then stated that it was Ryan Peterko's recommendation and the recommendation of Steve Delman, the Authority's Electromechanical Technician, to hire Mr. Cannon partly due to experience working alongside Mr. Cannon on electrical jobs in the past.

Roll Call: Boyarski-yes, Carsia-yes, Cuozzo-no, Eyerly-yes, Fay-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Milot-yes, Veneroso-yes

The Director of Operations informed the Board that the PMAA Region II meeting is has been set for Thursday, October 2, 2014 in Palmerton, PA.

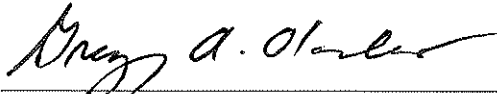
The Director of Operations reported that a 2 day annual DEP inspection was recently completed including a plant walkthrough and file review. Board Member Eyerly asked what type of things the inspectors look for during the inspection. Christopher stated that the walkthrough consisted of the entire treatment plant operation, Gashouse Pump Station, Autumn & Ridge CSO Separator, and the

60" CSO Outfall pipe behind the Hazleton Area High School. He said the file review included inspection of flow calibration records, contracts with laboratories, thermometers in samplers and refrigerators, etc. He stated that the same information that was provided for last year's inspection interview by Mr. Olander was used to complete DEP's new electronic reporting format this year. He said although no samples of the effluent were taken during the inspection, the plant was running well within compliance at 8 parts per million (PPM) TSS due to the operation of the BAF system. He also reported that the DEP representative discussed connecting homes in the Greenridge Area of Hazle Township, which are currently discharging into septic systems or wildcat sewers. Board Member Eyerly asked how many homes were scheduled to be connected. Gregory Olander responded that there are approximately 100 EDUs to be connected.

The Director of Operations then reported that Mr. Harold Karchner contacted him concerning the use of land and building at 50 Jaycee Drive adjacent to the Authority's property. Christopher stated that the Authority is currently occupying the rear garage and an entire section of ground in the rear of the building without paying rent at this time and he is concerned about an Authority employy injuting himself on Mr. Karchner's property. He said that he informed Mr. Karchner that he would contact the Building and Grounds Committee to setup a meeting because the last meeting was several months ago.

Eyerly & Milot moved to adjourn. Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0
The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority



Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary