

The July 6, 2016 Special Meeting of the Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairman George at 7:00 PM. All in attendance gave a pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Boyarski – Present

Carsia – Present

Cuozzo – Present

Fay – Present

Fayock – Present

George – Present

Grink – Present

Milot – Present

Sherrock – Present

Also in Attendance:

Christopher Carsia – Director of Operations

Gregory Olander – Operations Manager

Andrew Nowak – Field Operations Manager

Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski – Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Gregory Olander reported that one of the outside waste hauling companies had a liquid sludge spill while offloading at the Hauled Waste Receiving Station in the treatment plant. He said the driver started to offload and then left his truck unattended for about six to seven minutes. He said the discharge hose ruptured about 1 minute into the offload and the SCADA system recorded approximately 1,391 gallons of liquid sludge were spilled on the ground. He said Authority employees were immediately mobilized to contain the spill and prevent additional liquid from entering the storm sewer drain in the grass near the entry gate. He said although a very small amount of sludge discharged to the creek, DEP representatives were notified verbally during the event and again in writing afterwards to summarize the clean-up efforts. He said there may be the possibility of a Notice of Violation (NOV) being issued to the Authority, but our DEP representative asked for the name and contact information for the hauled waste company whose employee spilled the sludge. He said the contaminated grass and stone were excavated and sent to landfill for disposal. He stated that the cost of remediation would be charged to the hauler for reimbursement.

Gregory then reported that a change order was received from Suez Technologies, Inc. for the Incinerator Project. He said the \$7,205.00 change order is needed to redesign the drain system for the Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP). He said the original design called for a sump to be installed 42" below grade, which would be much more costly during construction. Christopher Carsia noted that it is solid rock below the concrete floor in that location. Gregory said although the Authority would be spending this additional money now, there should be a greater savings during installation.

Carsia & Fayock moved to approve Change Order #4 of the Incinerator Procurement Contract in the amount of \$7,205.00, for the redesign of the WESP drain trap and piping arrangement as recommended by the Authority's engineer. Current design calls for the concrete floor to be cut for placement of the drain; however, the redesigned trap and piping would allow for placement into an existing sump pit within the Control Building.

On the Question: Board Member Grink asked if this piping change would definitely work. Gregory responded that the change was based on the recommendation of the Engineer and the equipment supplier (SUEZ).

Roll Call: Boyarski-yes, Carsia-yes, Cuozzo-yes, Fay-yes, Fayock-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Milot-yes, Sherrock-yes

Gregory then recommended the Board approve a contract to purchase electricity from the current supplier, Talen Energy, for calendar years 2019 and 2020. He said electricity rates continue to drop and the rate for a 24 month term beginning January 1, 2019 is \$0.0552 per kWh plus GRT. He said it is a lower rate than the current \$0.0578 per kWh. Attorney Ustynoski noted that he

reviewed the contract, which contains their standard language. He noted that the Authority has entered into a contract with Talen Energy several times in the past. Board Member Grink asked how much saving this could be for the Authority. Gregory responded that given the historical annual usage, there should be a savings of approximately \$20,000 per year from current contracted electrical rates. Board Member Sherrock asked what the GRT was on the cost sheet. Gregory responded that GRT is the Gross Receipts Tax, which is added to all electricity supplier rates.

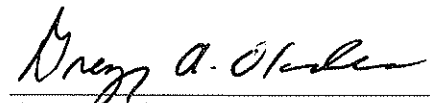
Boyarski & Grink moved to authorize Authority Management to enter into a contract with Talen Energy (formerly PPL Energy Plus), for the supply of electricity at a fixed price of 5.520 cents/kWh + GRT for the Authority's eleven accounts for a twenty-four (24) month term beginning January 1, 2019. The Authority is currently under contract with Talen Energy, which expires on December 31, 2018. The motion is conditioned upon review and approval of the contract by the Solicitor. The Authority's contracted fixed rate price for calendar years 2016 and 2017 is 5.978 cents/kWh + GRT.

Roll Call: Boyarski-yes, Carsia-yes, Cuzzo-yes, Fay-yes, Fayock-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Milot-yes, Sherrock-yes

Board Member Milot asked if an agreement to purchase gasoline at Weis Markets on Route 93 in West Hazleton was finalized. Christopher Carsia responded that the manager at the Weis store was still waiting for a response from their corporate headquarters on the matter. Andy stated that he would make another inquiry as to the status of the issue.

Sherrock & Milot moved to adjourn. Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0
The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority



Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary