

The November 8, 2017 Special Meeting of the Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairman George at 6:30 PM. All in attendance gave a pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Ammon – Present

Boyarski – Present

Cuozzo – Present

Fayock – Present

George – Present

Grink – Present

Milot – Present

Sherrock – Present

Zola – 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.

The Director of Operations reported that a request was received from one of the contractors pre-qualified to bid on the Incinerator Installation Project. He said they asked for more time to better prepare their bid. He said Gannett Fleming would issue an addendum to the pre-qualified contractors if the Board is willing to extend the bid due date.

**Fayock & Sherrock** moved to change the due date for the Incinerator Installation Project bid from November 20, 2017 at 4:00 PM to November 29, 2017 at 4:00 PM.

The Director of Operations then informed the Board that he recommends getting quotes for the employee Short Term Disability (STD) and Life Insurance due to the increasing costs with the current carrier. He said there will be a 40% increase to retiree life insurance premiums and a 12% increase to the STD premiums for 2018 with the current insurance carrier. He informed the Board that he was recently approached by other insurance carriers for the opportunity to provide quotes. He said the quotes will be received for the November 15, 2017 work session and he will make a recommendation to award coverage for STD and Life Insurance at that time.

Chairman George asked Attorney Ustynoski to report on his research and discussions concerning sale of the Authority. Attorney Ustynoski requested the Board move to executive session to discuss a legal issue concerning the potential for a sale of the Authority.

**Milot & Grink** moved to enter executive session to discuss a legal issue pertaining to the sale of the Authority.

Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

After the Board moved out of executive session, Chairman George formed the “Authority Purchase Committee” to correspond with the incorporating municipalities concerning the potential sale of the Authority. He then appointed Board Members Ammon, Boyarski, and Zola to serve on the Committee. All Board Members accepted their appointments. Chairman George asked Board Member Ammon to serve as Chairman of the Committee. The Board instructed the Solicitor to handle all correspondence with the Municipalities and/or their counsel concerning the potential sale.

**Grink & Fayock** moved to enter executive session to discuss another legal issue pertaining to the sale of the Authority.

Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

After the Board moved out of executive session, Board Member Fayock suggested the Authority consider a public relations firm to create a public outreach presentation outlining the reasons why sale of water and wastewater authorities is not in the best interest of the community and the ratepayers.

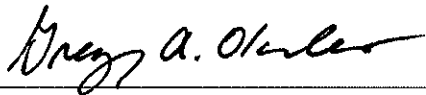
**Milot & Fayock** moved to adjourn.

Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority**



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Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary