

The September 7, 2021 Special Meeting of the Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairman Sherrock at 6:30 PM. All participating in the meeting gave a pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Ammon – Present <sup>1</sup>	Formica – Present	Gallagher – Present <sup>1</sup>
George – Present <sup>1</sup>	Grink – Present <sup>1</sup>	Milot – Present
Sherrock – Present	Sullivan – Present	Zola – Present <sup>1</sup>

Also in Attendance:

Gregory Olander – Director of Administration	Andy Nowak – Field Operations Manager
Christopher Carsia – Director of Operations	Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski – Solicitor
<sup>1</sup> Gene Zynel – Plant Operations Manager	

<sup>1</sup> via Videoconference

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment received prior to the meeting to be presented.

**Hiring Committee Report –**

Board Member Zola gave a report on behalf of the Hiring Committee. He stated that several applications were received and reviewed for the open Plant Operator positions. He said six (6) applicants were called for an interview, but a couple of the applicants did not appear for their interview. He said the Committee is recommending two candidates for hire at this time. He said they both interviewed well and have backgrounds that make them qualified for the position. He said all the members of the Committee were in agreement with the following recommended candidates: Edward Makuta and Holly Greenly. Board Member Ammon stated that although he was not aware of any of the applicants being interviewed, he would base his vote solely on the recommendation of the Committee.

**Zola & George** moved to hire **Edward Makuta** for the position of Plant Operator, conditioned upon his passing a physical examination and drug screening, at an hourly rate of \$22.39, which is 80% of the current Certified Plant Operator rate with a start date determined by Authority Management. As stated in the Union Contract, a Plant Operator is a certified position and requires Mr. Makuta to pass the PA State certification exam for a Class “A” Wastewater Operator within twenty-four (24) months from the date of hire. Upon passing the State Examination, the rate of pay will increase to the Certified Plant Operator rate.

Roll Call: Ammon-yes, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Milot-yes, Sherrock-yes, Sullivan-yes, Zola-yes (Passed 9-0-0)

**Zola & Sullivan** moved to hire **Holly Greenly** for the position of Plant Operator, conditioned upon her passing a physical examination and drug screening, at an hourly rate of \$28.00, with a start date determined by Authority Management. As stated in the Union Contract, a Plant Operator is a certified position and Ms. Greenly already possesses a PA State Class “A” Wastewater Operator Certification. Roll Call: Ammon-yes, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Milot-yes, Sherrock-yes, Sullivan-yes, Zola-yes (Passed 9-0-0)

Christopher Carsia then informed the Board that a newspaper reporter was scheduled to be at the treatment plant on Thursday September 9, 2021 to write a story about installation and operation of the new incinerator in case any Board Members wanted to be present.

Milot & Formica moved to adjourn.

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

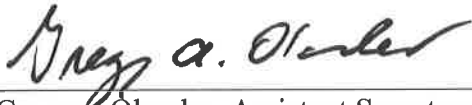
The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM

The next scheduled Work Session will be Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM

The next scheduled Regular Monthly Meeting will be Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority**



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Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary