

The May 2, 2023 Special Meeting of the Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority was called to order by Acting Chairman Gallagher at 6:30 PM. All participating in the meeting gave a pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Eyerly – Absent	Formica – Present	Gallagher – Present
George – Present ¹	Grink – Present	Pacelli – Present
Sherrock – Present	Sullivan – Absent	Zola – Present

Also in Attendance:

Gregory Olander – Director of Administration	Andy Nowak – Field Operations Manager
Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski – Solicitor	Gene Zynel – Plant Operations Manager
Attorney Scott Gartley – Labor Law	

¹ via Videoconference

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Sherrock & Grink moved to enter executive session to discuss negotiations for a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Union.

Passed: Aye-7, Nay-0, Absent-2

After the Board moved out of executive session, **George & Formica** moved to appoint Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, with representation by Attorney Jennifer Caron, as Bond Counsel with respect to the upcoming PENNVEST closing for the Locust Street CSO Separation Project for a fixed fee not to exceed \$43,000 for a bond issue inclusive of costs and expenses with terms and conditions as contained in the Engagement Letter dated April 28, 2023.

Roll Call: Eyerly-absent, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Pacelli-yes, Sherrock-yes, Sullivan-absent, Zola-yes (Passed 7-0-2)

Committee Chairman Zola then reported on behalf of the Hiring Committee. He stated that the Committee reviewed several resumes and applications for the open Plant Operator Position. He said interviews were conducted by the Committee and the Hiring Committee is recommending the Board hire Hope Kinney for the open position.

Formica & Grink moved to hire Hope Kinney for the position of Plant Operator, conditioned upon her passing a physical examination and drug screening, at an hourly rate of \$24.00, 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 Ms. Kinney 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.

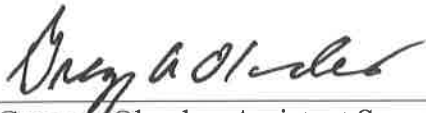
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Zola & Grink moved to adjourn.

Passed: Aye-7, Nay-0, Absent-2

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority



Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary