

The March 12, 2024 Special Meeting of the Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairman Sullivan at 6:30 PM. All participating in the meeting gave a pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Also in Attendance:

Gregory Olander – Director of Administration	Andy Nowak – Field Operations Manager
Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski – Solicitor	Robert Dougherty, P.E. – RJD Engineering

¹ via phone or videoconference

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Robert Dougherty, P.E. informed the Board of a conflict that was recently discovered on Vine Street between Chapel and Elm Streets while the Locust Street CSO Separation and Force Main Replacement Project (Project) contractor was excavating for the new gravity sewer installation. He said there were nine laterals that had to be connected from properties on the east side of Vine Street to the new sewer main on the west side of vine street; however, the stone arch conveying combined flows must be removed for about 250 feet in order to make the connections. He said the contractor investigated making 9 crossings, but it was not feasible without damaging and repairing the arch at every crossing due to its thickness. He said the contractor recommends removing the arch and replacing it with 24-inch ADS smooth wall pipe, which is a size that will allow unobstructed lateral crossings. He said since the pre-approval change order is above \$25,000, the documents were sent to PADEP for their approval before continuing with the work. He requested the Board approve the change order as presented.

Formica & Sharkey moved to approve Change Order #1 of the Locust Street CSO Separation and Force Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$118,506.57 to replace 280 feet of an existing stone arch on Vine Street between Chapel and Elm Streets with a 24-inch smooth walled ADS pipe as recommended by the engineer. Properties on the east side of the stone arch structure are unable to be served unless the structure is removed so laterals can be connected to the new sanitary sewer line on the west side of Vine Street.

On the Question: Board Member Eyerly asked for an explanation of ADS pipe. Robert Dougherty responded that it is a black plastic pipe that is smooth on the inside and corrugated on the outside for strength.

Roll Call: Eyerly-yes, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Sharkey-yes, Sherrock-yes, Sullivan-yes, Zola-absent (Passed 8-0-1)

Attorney Ustynoski requested the Board move to executive session for a personnel issue.

Sherrock & Grink moved to executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Passed: Aye-8, Nay-0, Absent-1

After the Board moved out of Executive Session, **Formica & George** moved to adjourn.

Passed: Aye-8, Nay-0, Absent-1

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory A. Olander". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary