

The September 17, 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
George – Present
Sherrock – Present

Formica – Present
Grink – Present
Sullivan – Present

Gallagher – Present
Sharkey – Present
Zola – Present

Also in Attendance:

Gregory Olander – Director of Administration
Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski – Solicitor

Andy Nowak – Field Operations Manager
Christopher Carsia – Director of Operations

' via phone or videoconference

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Directors' Report -

Gregory Olander reported that he received a request from the investment advisor to update the Pension Plan Investment Policy to reflect the change in the target rate of return that was approved by the Board in November 2019. He referenced the Pension Investment Policy handout that was provided to the Board and noted that there is no change to the policy other than lowering the target rate of return from 7.5% to 6.5%.

Gregory then reported on the request from Northpoint Developers to provide will serve letters for supply of the Authority's treated effluent for use as non-contact cooling water by a facility interested in locating in Hazle Township. He said they are requesting supply of up to 2.8 million gallons per day of treated effluent, mainly for use in the summer months. He also stated that the facility would be returning approximately 30% of the cooling water each day for treatment at the plant. He said will serve letters are requested for both supply of effluent and treatment of the spent cooling water. He noted that the will serve letters would contain conditions that PADEP would need to approve the requests and that an agreement for the supply of treated effluent must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Gregory then reported that he received pricing from the current sludge hauler, Waste Management, for a one-year extension to the current sludge hauling contract. He requested the Board enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Attorney Ustynoski stated that he also requests an executive session to discuss negotiations for an agreement to complete a land purchase.

Gallagher & Formica moved to enter executive session for contract negotiations discussions.

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

After the Board moved out of executive session, **Gallagher & Grink** moved to proceed with the purchase of an approximately 4.22-acre portion in the southern part of the Amcor Flexibles North America, Inc property (Parcel ID 63-T7S7-001-016-000) adjacent to the WWTP for the amount of \$80,000.00 as outlined in the Term Sheet and Sales Agreement, with all costs paid by the Authority including but not limited to engineering fees, surveying, reverse subdivision, zoning, permitting, and planning.

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

Grink & Gallagher moved to approve the 2024 Pension Investment Policy Statement, which formally updates the desired rate of return from 7.5% to 6.5% that was previously recommended by the Pension Committee and approved by the Board on November 25, 2019. The updated policy does not change the asset allocation model previously recommended by the Pension Committee and approved by the Board.

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

Gallagher & Formica moved to proceed with supply of the Authority’s WWTP effluent for use as cooling water for the Northpoint Campus Facility and correspondingly, acceptance of wastewater discharge from the facility after it has been used as cooling water and issuance of “Will Serve Letters” for both supply of reuse water and treatment of the development’s waste discharge. The motion authorizes Authority Management, Engineer and Solicitor to perform all tasks associated with the project including but not limited to correspondence, permitting, planning, development of contracts, investigation of UV System upgrades, etc. with the understanding that engineering and legal costs will be paid for by the developer and the Final Agreements for supply of reuse water must be approved by the Board.

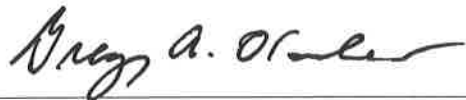
Roll Call: Eyerly-yes, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Sharkey-yes, Sherrock-yes, Sullivan-yes, Zola-yes (Passed 9-0-0)

George & Gallagher moved to adjourn.

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

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority



Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary