

The November 1, 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 – Absent	Formica – Present <sup>1</sup>	Gallagher – Present
George – Present <sup>1</sup>	Grink – Present	Sharkey – Present <sup>1</sup>
Sherrock – Present	Sullivan – Present	Zola – Present

Also in Attendance:

Gregory Olander – Director of Administration	Andy Nowak – Field Operations Manager
Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski – Solicitor	Christopher Carsia – Director of Operations

<sup>1</sup> via phone or videoconference

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**Hiring Committee Report -**

Board Member Zola reported on behalf of the Hiring Committee. He said several resumes were reviewed and the Committee chose applicants to interview. He said after the interview process, one candidate stood out as the most qualified for the position; therefore, the Committee is recommending the Authority hire James McKinley for the position of Plant Operator. He also noted that Mr. McKinley was given a walkthrough of the treatment plant by Gene Zynel and Shane Boyer and they indicated that Mr. McKinley had no issue with performing the duties of a plant operator.

George & Grink moved to hire James McKinley for the position of Plant Operator, conditioned upon his passing a physical examination and drug screening, at an hourly rate of \$25.96, 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. McKinley 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: Eyerly-absent, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Sharkey-yes, Sherrock-yes, Sullivan-yes, Zola-yes (Passed 8-0-1)

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

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

After the Boad moved out of executive session, Zola & Sharkey moved to adjourn.

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

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
**Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority**

  
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Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary