

The January 8, 2025 Special Meeting of the Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairman Sullivan at 6:00 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
Sherrock – Present <sup>1</sup>	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 and said several resumes were reviewed for qualifications. He said the committee met with Blythe Spong, a certified wastewater operator with many years of experience in water and wastewater treatment. He said the Committee is recommending the Authority hire Blythe Spong for the position of Plant Operator. He also noted that Mr. Spong was given a walkthrough of the treatment plant by Gene Zynel and Shane Boyer to familiarize him with the duties of a plant operator.

**George & Grink** moved to hire Blythe Spong for the position of Plant Operator, as recommended by the Hiring Committee, at an hourly rate of \$32.45, which is the current Certified Plant Operator rate with a start date determined by Authority Management. Mr. Spong cleared the background check and has passed his physical examination and drug screening.

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

**George & Formica** moved to approve one (1) additional petrographic test on the concrete Core C-3 taken from the Nitrification structure at a cost of \$1,500.00 as recommended by the testing company and the engineer.

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

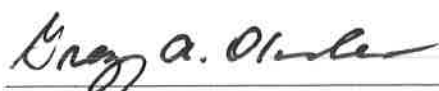
The Director of Operations reviewed the list of conferences and seminars with the Board for calendar year 2025.

**Gallagher & Grink** moved to adjourn.

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

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM

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



Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary