

The July 2, 2025 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
George – Present¹
Sherrock – Present

Formica – Present
Grink – Present
Sullivan – Present

Gallagher – Present
Sharkey – Present¹
Stefanovich – Present

Also in Attendance:

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

Andy Nowak – Field Operations Manager

¹Christopher Carsia – Director of Operations

¹ via phone or videoconference

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Directors' Report

The Director of Administration, Gregory Olander, reported that he had a conversation with an Air Compliance representative at PADEP, who outlined conditions and a penalty amount to combine all air quality violations and exceedances to date into one (1) Consent Assessment and Civil Penalty (CACP) for the Board's consideration. After some discussion the Board agreed to the conditions and penalty, which will be presented in a document for approval by the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Gregory informed the Board that the candidate hired at the June 2025 regular meeting decided to stay with his current employer due to a promotion. He said the motion on the agenda rescinds the motion to hire that candidate. He said the candidate recommended by the committee to be hired at the July regular meeting is now on this agenda to fill the current Plant Operator vacancy.

Field Operations Manager, Andy Nowak, reported that Michael F. Ronca & Sons, Inc. completed all pipe work on the Locust Street CSO Separation Project. He said only asphalt paving remains, which should be completed by the end of July 2025. Andy then distributed a draft meeting schedule for the upcoming fiscal year for the Board's consideration.

Director of Operations, Christopher Carsia, reported on natural gas commodity pricing that was received from UGI Energy Services. He said pricing currently ranges from \$4.50 to \$5.50 for three (3) month term to nine (9) month term contracts. He said commodity pricing continues to fluctuate and the lower price is limited to very short-term contracts. He said that he will continue to monitor pricing and a contract will be put in place by the end of the month.

Gallagher & Stefanovich moved to approve the Directors' Report as presented.

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

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Ustynoski reported that a Right to Know Request (RTKR) was received from Clyde Glossner of Lock Haven, PA while Mr. Olander, the Authority's Right to Know Officer, was at a wastewater conference. He said that he responded to the request by email while Mr. Olander was away noting that the requested records did not exist in the Authority's files; however, Mr. Glossner filed an appeal with the PA State Office of Open Records. He said that an affidavit is needed from Mr. Olander through the appeals process, which was submitted today.

Gallagher & Grink moved to approve the Solicitor's Report as presented.

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

Formica & Grink moved to rescind the conditional hiring of Jeremy Rossi for the position of Plant Operator that was approved at the June 18, 2025 meeting.

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

George & Formica moved to hire Kyle Besecker for the position of Plant Operator, conditioned upon his passing a physical examination and drug screening, at an hourly rate of \$26.74, 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. Besecker 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, Stefanovich-yes, Sullivan-yes (Passed 8-0-1)

Gallagher & Grink 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory A. Olander", written over a horizontal line.

Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary