The September 22, 2025 regular monthly 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.

September 17, 2025 Work Session Roll Call:

Eyerly – Present	Formica – Present	Gallagher – Present
George – Present[1]	Grink – Present	Sharkey – Present
Sherrock – Present	Sullivan – Present	Stefanovich – Present

Also in Attendance during Work Session:

Gregory Olander – Director of Administration	Andy Nowak – Field Operations Manager
Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski – Solicitor	Christopher Carsia – Director of Operations
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[1] *via phone or Videoconference*

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment during the meeting.

Formica & Sherrock moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2025 Pension Meeting.
Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

Stefanovich & Formica moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting.
Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

George & Formica moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2025 Special Meeting.
Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

Directors' Report - **MONTHLY FLOW REPORT**

	August 2025		**Year to Date Total**		**Year to Date Average**	
Total Flow	**211,665,398**	**Gallons**	**2,117,115,734**	**Gallon**	**xxxxx**	
Total Flow Bypassed	**6,926,822**	**Gallons**	**112,509,114**	**Gallon**	**xxxxx**	
Days Flow Bypassed	**2**	**Days**	**47**	**Days**	**xxxxx**	
Total Flow Treated	**204,738,576**	**Gallons**	**2,004,606,620**	**Gallon**	**xxxxx**	
Average Minimum	**4.5**	**MGD**	**xxxxx**	**xxxxx**	**6.1**	**MGD**

Average Maximum	**9.8**	**MGD**	**xxxxx**	**xxxxx**	**14.4**	**MGD**
Average Daily Flow	**6.6**	**MGD**	**xxxxx**	**xxxxx**	**8.2**	**MGD**

During the Work Session, the Director of Administration, Gregory Olander, reviewed the wastewater flows for August 2025 as presented in the monthly flow report. He said the flow to the treatment plant was recorded at approximately 211.6 million gallons with 204.7 million gallons being treated. He also stated that the average daily flow to the treatment plant for the month was 6.6 MGD, which decreased the year-to-date average daily flow from 8.5 MGD to 8.2 MGD. He then noted that the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) were submitted to PADEP for August with no violations noted.

Gregory then reported that the revenues for August 2025 were $1,030,297.56 and the billing for hauled waste received in August totaled $195,897.74. He stated that the customer collection rate for the month of August was 92.36%, which is normal for the beginning of the fiscal year following the delinquent collections season. He then reported that the programming of a new data collection and reporting program to replace the older treatment plant ODMS Program is nearly complete, and the two systems will be operating side by side for a period to make sure the new program is functioning properly. He also reported that Assistant Plant Operations Manager, Shane Boyer, continues work on the second 360water training module for the "A" side (Wet End) of the WWTP. He said Shane is doing most of the work on the training modules and the goal is to have the second module completed and available for employee training by the end of the year. Gregory then reported that the Cybersecurity assessment has been completed and the final report is being reviewed with CoStream on September 18th. He said the report will be distributed to the Board following the review.

Gregory reported that the new control cabinets for the UV Disinfection System include a newer style lamp that requires lower energy. He said the new lamps are undergoing certification, which is delaying the project. He said the vendor was onsite and installed new ballasts and bulbs in Bank B of the existing system to keep the unit functional until the certification process is completed and they can proceed with the full rebuild. He then reported that the Operations and Maintenance staff are in the final stages of planning and coordination for the 2025 annual incinerator shutdown scheduled to begin on September 29th. He said the maintenance department continues troubleshooting VFD faults at the remote pump stations along with the monitoring/controls vendor CoStream. He said they determined that the fault issues can be eliminated with minimal rewiring of the drives, which the maintenance department will complete at one station as a test.

Gregory also reported on the incinerator air quality items noting that a purchase order was sent to Gammie Air Monitoring, Inc. for the December 2025 full stack test. He said a virtual meeting was held on August 26th with the Authority, the new testing company and PADEP to discuss the collection HCl efficiency issues and a request for an expedited protocol review by PADEP. He said the PADEP representatives were helpful and gave guidance for HCl testing on how to proceed with the test.

Gregory then reported that a notice was received from PADEP reminding the Authority that the NPDES Permit Application must be submitted by September 1, 2026. He said that he circulated an email to the working group so application materials may be shared and worked on leading up to the application submission next year. He also reported that Nick Sahd continues to provide support to the Authority laboratory staff for sampling and testing of the stream and plant effluent for a Chlorine Demand Study.

Gregory also reported that Authority staff and GFT representatives continue to work with Northpoint and their engineer to complete design of the effluent pump station needed to provide cooling water to the data center development. He said at a minimum, meetings are being held every two weeks to keep the design process moving forward and a SCADA/Electrical meeting is scheduled for September 23rd.

During the Work Session, Christopher Carsia reported that he requested pricing from three vendors for purchase of custom sized sludge dumpsters. He said the prices are well below bidding requirements and he said unless there are any objections a dumpster will be ordered from two of the companies for comparison purposes. He then reviewed some of the specifications and differences between the dumpsters with the Board. Christopher then reported that there were two spills into the sewer system reported last week. After giving additional details of the spills, he reported that there were no adverse effects at the wastewater treatment plant.

During the Work Session, Andy Nowak gave an update on the depression that was previously reported along the 96-inch CSO Pipe on Branch Ct. in Hazle Township. He said after further investigation, it was determined that two segments of pipe separated just below the sink hole. He said that section of pipe will need to be excavated and replaced with new pipe. He said he anticipates the work will be done this winter with restoration of the disturbed driveway and front yard this spring. Andy then reported that twenty to thirty feet of fill material were found to be dumped over top of the Authority's 96-inch CSO line by the contractor excavating for the new HASD fieldhouse. He said the HASD officials were put on notice, and the contactor has begun removing the material from the Authority's easement for that line. He said the pipe was inspected on the inside and there appeared to be no damage from the excess fill material. Andy then reported that the Road Crew has begun work to relocate the sewer lateral from the Giant Shopping Center to remove the existing lateral from the combined sewer system. He said relocation of this sewer lateral into a dedicated sanitary sewer main is the last piece of construction work for the Locust Street CSO Separation Project.

Andy then reported that thirty-two (32) letters were sent to property owners who have not responded to the numerous notices for inspection of roof drains to determine if they are connected to the sanitary sewer. He said the notice informs the property owner that they are in noncompliance and if they continue to ignore the situation, Authority personnel will disconnect the roof drains and pass that cost to property owner. There was some discussion as to the cost of the disconnection since it was originally approved back in 2017. The Board instructed the Director of Administration to add a motion to the agenda for the regular meeting that increases the one-time charge to $250.00 due to the increased cost of labor and materials. There was additional discussion on adding additional EDUs to each non-compliant property and continuing to bill at the higher EDU count until the illegal connection(s) are removed.

Andy also reported on development activities in the service area. He said the developer NorthPoint made a request to PADEP to allow their Building #5 along Rt 424 in the City of Hazleton to connect to the Municipal Authority of Hazle Township (MAHT) sewer line to avoid using limited EDU allocations in the City. He said the request was made by Northpoint, but they then asked to delay any approvals by the Board until next month until the PADEP position is further clarified. He then notified that Board that the developer One Trinity Real Estate is applying for a change in use to a data center for their property behind the Valmont Shopping Plaza in West Hazleton. He said they were previously issued 7 EDUs for a proposed warehouse at that location. He said no one from the company has contacted the Authority regarding this change.

Andy then reported that there has been no recent contact from Allen Ridge Associates, LLC, relative to the housing development in the Terrace section of Hazleton City. He said they have not yet returned the required documents and bonding to move forward with sewer work for the development. He then notified the Board that a new set of plans for Troy Ridge, LLC development was just dropped off at the Authority office for apartment buildings totaling 660 EDUs. He reminded the Board that the Authority does not currently have enough remining EDUs to allocate for the proposed development.

Formica & Stefanovich moved to accept the Directors' Report and to have the written report on diverted flows made a permanent part of the record.
Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

Engineer's Report – During the Regular Meeting, Rachel Govelovich referred to a written Engineer's Report that was distributed to the Board. Rachel reviewed the list of air quality issues and upcoming reports with due dates under the air quality permit for the incinerator. Rachel then reported on the Incinerator Installation Project PENNVEST final reimbursement. She said the reimbursement request continues to be worked on for submission to PENNVEST. She then reported on the PENNVEST funding for the Locust Street CSO Separation Project. She said two (2) change orders for the Engineering contract were submitted to PENNVEST and have been approved because they do not require PADEP approval. She said the final Engineering reimbursement request will be submitted. She said for the Construction contract, all change orders require PADEP approval and based on the past meeting with the PADEP representatives, they requested two or three change orders to verify that all required information is contained in the change order before moving forward with the remaining change orders. She informed the Board that her firm can provide assistance compiling the construction change orders if there is additional manpower needed to assist Bob Dougherty with the submissions. She then stated that no further construction reimbursement requests will be submitted to PADEP until all remaining change orders are approved by PADEP.

Rachel then reported on the Act 537 and Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) activities. She reported that the meter company has provided re-calibrated flows at the meter locations, which yielded much more representative flow amounts as compared with the WWTP influent flow meter. She said once the scrubbed data is returned from the meter company, they will have the necessary information to run the flow model. She then reported that GIS mapping and data collection continues to progress, and information is being added for any manholes that are opened by GHJSA staff.

Rachel then reported that as part of the Act 537 Plan, GFT held meetings with the engineers for the City of Hazleton and Borough of West Hazleton to discuss the information that will be needed from them to complete the Plan. She said they were asked to provide a scope and budget for providing the required information. She said after a follow-up conversation, she expects to have the requested information to develop the Act 537 Plan scope and proposal for the next Board meeting.

Rachel reported that her firm continues to provide support for the NorthPoint Data Center development attending bi-weekly meetings for engineering and design discussions for the reclaimed water pump station preliminary basis of design. She said a meeting with PPL is being coordinated to determine the route for electrical service to the new pump station.

Rachel then reported on the concrete issues with the Biological Aerated Filter (BAF) structure for Nitrification and Denitrification. She said strain gages were installed on cracks by the structural team to monitor the rate of movement of the cracks to provide some insight into how quickly the structure is degrading. She also reported on new treatment process considerations noting that a pilot testing proposal was received from Nuvoda and reviewed with Authority staff. She also stated that discussions were held with another vendor, Veolia, for an alternate process and in information request will be completed to determine if that process is a viable alternative.

Rachel also reported that programming work continues to progress on the upgrade to the ODMS system that captures the laboratory and operational data to generate reports for submission to PADEP. She said the system is nearing completion; however, there was additional work requested by Authority staff to add pages to the program to produce reports needed for monthly reporting to the PADEP. She said the project already expended the approved budget and with the additional work, she will be sending a proposal for Board approval to increase the budget amount not to exceed $8,000.

During the Regular Meeting, Robert Dougherty referred to a written report that was distributed to the Board. He began reporting on the Locust Street CSO Separation Project and noted that project and paperwork were complete and completion certificates were sent to the contractor. He said the contractor signed and returned the final certificate to the Authority. Attorney Ustynoski then requested the Board move to executive session to discuss a legal issue.
Stefanovich & George moved to enter executive session for a legal issue.
Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

After the Board moved out of executive session, **Formica & Sherrock** moved to accept the Engineer's Report.
Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

Solicitor's Report – In addition to what was reported in executive session during the Work Session and Regular Meeting, Attorney Ustynoski stated that he had nothing additional to report.

George & Formica moved to accept the Solicitor's Report.
Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

BILLS AND CREDITS
George & Formica moved to approve payment of Gannett Fleming, Inc. invoices and requisitions through August 22, 2025, totaling $30,969.42 as listed in the following table:

Requisition#	Invoice #	Description		Amount
Operating Fund	051153.A*56659	Annual Service Work	$	8,592.31
Operating Fund	051153.B*56664	Attending Authority Meetings	$	373.63
Operating Fund	051153.E*56665	CSO Work - Flow Modeling	$	722.86
Operating Fund	051153.C0*56666	PENNVEST - Incinerator	$	1,162.16
Operating Fund	051153.42*56650	Annual Air Compliance 2024-2025	$	6,833.51
Operating Fund	051153.43*56651	Act 537 Plan	$	880.69
Operating Fund	051153.46*56653	GIS Mapping Project	$	3,828.94
Operating Fund	051153.47*56652	PENNVEST-Locust St CSO Project	$	1,051.79
Operating Fund	051153.49*56656	Development - NorthPoint	$	4,691.60
Operating Fund	051153.51*56657	Nite/Denite Structural Eval/Emergency	$	707.60
Operating Fund	051153.52*56658	Development - HASD Elem. School	$	2,124.33
		Total	$	30,969.42

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

George & Formica moved to approve payment of RJD Engineering, Inc. invoices from August 2025 totaling $11,032.00 as listed in the following table:

	Invoice Date	Project Description		Amount
Operating Fund	8/31/2025	Area 2/3 - Locust St CSO	$	9,844.00
Operating Fund	8/31/2025	Collection System Engineering	$	1,188.00
		Total	$	11,032.00

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

Sharkey & Formica moved to authorize payment from the Operating Fund for Operating and Administrative Expenses ($745,628.71); Construction in Progress ($9,879.31); Debt Service Series 2020 Bond ($335,875.00); Debt Service Series 2021 Bond ($501,950.00); Debt Service Series 2018 Bond – BB&T ($18,362.29); Debt Service PENNVEST Loan #27906 ($11,152.44); Debt Service PENNVEST Loan #71468 ($2,234.14); Debt Service PENNVEST Loan #77114 ($377.12) from the month of August 2025.
Roll Call: Eyerly-yes, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Sharkey-yes, Sherrock-yes, Stefanovich-yes, Sullivan-yes (Passed 9-0-0)

Stefanovich & Formica moved to approve issued credits report totaling $369.78 from the month of August 2025.
Roll Call: Eyerly-yes, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Sharkey-yes, Sherrock-yes, Stefanovich-yes, Sullivan-yes (Passed 9-0-0)

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
George & Formica moved approve a cost increase from $155.00, which was previously approved by the Board on April 24, 2017, to a one-time charge in the amount of $250.00 for materials and Authority labor associated with removal of roof drains from the sewer system at properties that have not complied with the disconnection requirement as contained in Resolution 002 of 2015 (Stormwater Resolution). The flat rate charge shall be applied to the account balance of any property where the roof drains are disconnected by Authority personnel.
Roll Call: Eyerly-yes, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Sharkey-yes, Sherrock-yes, Stefanovich-yes, Sullivan-yes (Passed 9-0-0)

At the request of the Attorney Ustynoski, **Formica & Stefanovich** moved to executive session to discuss a legal issue. Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

After the Board moved out of executive session, **Stefanovich & Eyerly** moved to adjourn.
Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0
The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM

The next scheduled Work Session will be Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM
The next scheduled Regular Monthly Meeting will be Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority

Greg A. Olander

Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary