



GREATER HAZLETON JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

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April 27, 2026

Dear Board Member:

The following is the agenda for the April 27, 2026 regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Roll Call and Opportunity for Public Input at this time.
- 3) Approval of the minutes of the March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting (copy attached)
- 4) Approval of the minutes of the April 8, 2026 Special Meeting (copy attached)
- 5) Hiring Committee Report
 - Motion to hire _____ 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. _____ 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, which is currently \$33.42 per hour.
- 6) Negotiating Committee Report
- 7) Directors' Report – copy attached
- 8) Engineer's Report – copy attached
- 9) Solicitor's Report

BILLS AND CREDITS

10) Motion to approve payment of GFT Infrastructure, Inc. invoices and requisitions through April 21, 2026, totaling \$69,723.63 as listed in the following table:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Invoice No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AG048847.0C0	5005733	WWTP Incinerator Upgrade	\$ 2,869.90
AG051153.00A	5005693	Annual Service Work	\$ 2,161.38
AG051153.00B	5005696	Attend Authority Meetings	\$ 1,126.38
AG051153.00C	5005698	Chapter 94 Report	\$ 5,116.38
AG051153.00E	5005700	CSO Work	\$ 7,287.30
AG051153.042	5005704	Annual Air Compliance	\$ 12,420.10
AG051153.049	5005711	Northpoint Campus Development	\$ 5,405.25
AG051153.053	5005725	Nit/Denit WWTP Process Evaluation	\$ 24,904.72
AG051153.055	5005721	Regional Act 537 Planning Effort	\$ 7,255.53
AG051153.056	5005726	Troy Ridge Apartment	\$ 1,176.69
Total:			\$ 69,723.63

11) Motion to approve payment of Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. invoices from March 2026, totaling \$15,550.00 as listed in the following table:

	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Operating Fund	3/11/2026	GHJSA Municipal Engineer	\$ 1,106.25
Operating Fund	3/11/2026	Area 10, Phase 2	\$ 2,485.00
Escrow Fund	3/11/2026	Allen Ridge	\$ 11,958.75
Total			\$ 15,550.00

12) Motion to approve payment of Olde Forge Environmental invoices through March 27, 2026, totaling \$750.00 as listed in the following table:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Invoice No.</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03171.001.0001	01101	IPP Annual Report	\$ 450.00
03171.001.0002	01102	IPP Assistance	\$ 75.00
03171.001.0003	01103	Local Limits	\$ 150.00
03171.001.0008	01104	Laboratory Assist	\$ 75.00
Total			\$ 750.00

13) Motion to authorize payment from the Operating Fund for Operating and Administrative Expenses (\$686,838.84); Construction in Progress (\$6,011.88); Purchase of Collateral Certificate of Deposit (\$245,000.00); Equipment (\$39,759.91); Debt Service Series 2018 Bond – BB&T (\$18,362.29); Debt Service PENNVEST Loan #27906 (\$11,152.44); Debt Service PENNVEST Loan #71468

(\$18,211.81); Debt Service PENNVEST Loan #77114 (\$2,426.40) from the month of March 2026 (copy attached).

- 14) Motion to approve issued credits report totaling \$1,703.11 from the month of March 2026 (copy attached).

OLD BUSINESS

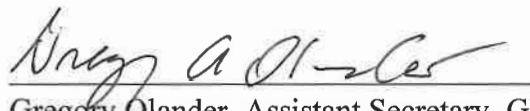
None

NEW BUSINESS

- 15) Motion to approve the purchase of one (1) EnviroCare VenturiPak Scrubber through Sherwood Logan & Associates per Proposal No. 4453P75 Rev 1 through the PA State COSTARS Program Contract #016-E23-290, for the equipment purchase price of \$750,875.00 to replace the existing air scrubber equipment originally provided with the Fluidized Bed Incinerator conditioned upon review of the Solicitor. Installation of the scrubber equipment will be through a separate proposal and motion.
- 16) Motion to approve a sewage connection allocation for six (6) EDUs, at 230 gallons per EDU, to BRH Homes in PA Southeast, LLC for the following properties in the Allen Ridge Subdivision: Lot No. 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200 as described in the sewer permit application package and authorization to issue payment from the ROC Escrow Account to Abruzzi of Coopersburg, LLC in the amount of \$4,489.20 to refund the balance of ROC Fees for the six (6) EDUs as outlined in the October 1, 2025 ROC Agreement.
- 17) Motion to approve the purchase of a Thomas & Muller Systems, LTD Screw Conveyor System consisting of one 12-inch feed screw conveyor and one 16-inch incline screw conveyor through Kappe Associates, Inc. per Proposal dated April 17, 2026 through the PA State COSTARS Program Contract #016-E23-310, for the equipment purchase price of \$186,328.00 to convey screening solids from the Gashouse Pump Station wet well conditioned upon review of the Solicitor. Installation of the conveyor equipment will be through a separate proposal and motion.
- 18) Motion to approve the contract with Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. for the installation of two (2) Screw Conveyors purchased from Thomas & Muller Systems, LTD into the Gashouse Pump Station as outlined in the proposal dated April 20, 2026 through the PA State COSTARS Program Contract #016-E22-244, for the equipment installation price of \$167,960.00 conditioned upon review of the Solicitor.
- 19) Motion to approve the proposal from GFT Infrastructure, Inc. dated April 24, 2026, for the development of a Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP), including the project description, scope of services, and schedule outlined in the proposal for a cost not to exceed \$169,000.00 unless additional approval is granted by the Board.

- 20) Motion to approve the proposal dated April 3, 2026 from ARRO Consulting, Inc. in the suggested budget amount of \$160,500.00 to \$196,500.00 for Professional Engineering Services and Land Development Preparation Services in support of the proposed Authority Facilities Improvement Project located in the previous "Amcors Parcel" in West Hazleton Borough, Luzerne County. Budget for Contingency Services (if required) will be provided by ARRO for Board approval prior to proceeding.
- 21) Motion to approve the proposal dated April 3, 2026 from Geo-Technology Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Preliminary Stormwater Infiltration Testing Services in support of the proposed Authority Facilities Improvement Project located in the previous "Amcors Parcel" in West Hazleton Borough, Luzerne County. Private Utility Clearance (if required) will be billed at \$3,000.00 per day. Additional consulting services (if required) will be billed on a time-and-material basis.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary, GHJSA