

The April 27, 2026 regular monthly meeting of the Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority was called to order by Acting Chairman Gallagher at 6:30 PM. All participating in the meeting gave a pledge of allegiance.

April 22, 2026 Work Session Roll Call:

Eyerly – Present	Formica – Present	Gallagher – Present
<sup>1</sup> George – Present	Grink – Present	<sup>1</sup> Sharkey – Present
Sherrock – Present	Stefanovich – Present	Sullivan – Present

Also in Attendance during Work Session:

Gregory Olander – Director of Administration	Andy Nowak – Field Operations Manager
Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski – Solicitor	Chris Carsia – Director of Operations
Bianca Martincek – Office Manager	Gene Zynel – Plant Operations Manager
Joe Bluge – ARRO Consulting, Inc.	

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Bianca Martincek – Office Manager	Rachel Govelovich, P.E. – GFT Infrastructure, Inc.
Robert Dougherty, P.E. – Barry Isett & Associates	<sup>1</sup> Joe Bluge – ARRO Consulting, Inc.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**Formica & Sherrock** moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting.

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

**Formica & Sharkey** moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026 Special Meeting.

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

**Hiring Committee Report –**

**Stefanovich & Formica** moved to enter Executive Session during the Regular Meeting to discuss employment considerations related to hiring.

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

Following Executive Session, Board Member Grink reported on behalf of the Hiring Committee. He gave a report on applications received and interviews held for the Wastewater Operator position. He then stated that the Committee is recommending Mr. Jayson McConnell for the position.

**Grink & Formica** moved to hire Jayson McConnell 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 eighty percent (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. McConnell 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.

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

**Negotiating Committee Report –**

During the Regular Meeting, Negotiating Committee Member William Gallagher provided an update regarding ongoing union negotiations. He advised that members of the negotiating committee recently met with Attorney Scott Gartley for a preliminary discussion concerning the current union agreement and potential contract extension proposals. William explained that the meeting primarily served as an introductory discussion and general review of matters Attorney Gartley intended to further research and develop into possible negotiation proposals.

**Formica & Sharkey** moved to accept the Negotiating Committee’s Report.

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

**Directors’ Report -**

**MONTHLY FLOW REPORT**

	<u>March 2026</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>		
			<u>Total</u>		<u>Average</u>
<b>Total Flow</b>	<u>489,716,845</u>	<b>Gallons</b>	<u>891,127,514</u>	<b>Gallon</b>	<b>xxxxx</b>
<b>Total Flow Diverted</b>	<u>69,407,373</u>	<b>Gallons</b>	<u>69,407,373</u>	<b>Gallon</b>	<b>xxxxx</b>
<b>Days Flow Diverted</b>	<u>15</u>	<b>Days</b>	<u>15</u>	<b>Days</b>	<b>xxxxx</b>
<b>Total Flow Treated</b>	<u>420,309,472</u>	<b>Gallons</b>	<u>821,720,141</u>	<b>Gallon</b>	<b>xxxxx</b>
<b>Average Minimum</b>	<u>11.4</u>	<b>MGD</b>	<b>xxxxx</b>	<b>xxxxx</b>	<u>7.1</u> <b>MG</b>
<b>Average Maximum</b>	<u>25.0</u>	<b>MGD</b>	<b>xxxxx</b>	<b>xxxxx</b>	<u>14.3</u> <b>MG</b>
<b>Average Daily Flow</b>	<u>13.6</u>	<b>MGD</b>	<b>xxxxx</b>	<b>xxxxx</b>	<u>9.1</u> <b>MG</b>

During the Work Session, Director of Administration Gregory Olander reviewed the March 2026 wastewater flow data as presented in the monthly flow report. He reported total monthly flows of 489,716,845 gallons and an average daily flow of 13.6 MGD, which is particularly high due to the numerous wet weather events during the month. He further advised that the Discharge Monitoring Reports for the prior month were in the process of being completed and submitted to the PADEP with no violations identified.

Gregory next reviewed the Authority’s financial and collections activity for March 2026. He reported total revenues of approximately \$1,069,114.35 were received and the hauled waste discharged during the month totaled \$189,246.75. He advised that customer collections increased to 98.41% of billed amounts, improving the Authority’s fiscal year collection rate from the

previous month and remaining on target. Gregory further stated that second collection notices had recently been mailed to delinquent customers while tenant notices had already been posted for the first section as part of the Authority's annual collections process.

Continuing his report, Gregory informed the Board that a Plant Operator had recently resigned for personal reasons after approximately fourteen months of employment. He shared that following consultation with the Chairman and Hiring Committee, the Authority immediately advertised the position, reviewed applications, and scheduled interviews with several qualified candidates, including certified wastewater operators, for the following evening. He emphasized the importance of promptly filling the position due to the extensive training period required before an operator can independently provide shift coverage, particularly with the upcoming summer vacation season. Gregory noted that the Hiring Committee hoped to provide a recommendation to the Board at the upcoming Regular Meeting.

Gregory then advised the Board that the Authority's annual chemical bids and cationic polymer bid would be advertised in May with a June opening date. He also provided an update regarding the Authority's proposed collateral certificate of deposit being pursued in lieu of the existing surety bond. He stated that draft documents had been forwarded to the PADEP for preliminary review and that the Authority was awaiting feedback prior to final execution.

Additional operational updates regarding current equipment projects at the treatment plant were then provided by Gregory. He shared that the second HPU for the sludge cake pump separator had been delivered and that installation would be coordinated with the equipment company and programmer. Gregory further reported that the cabinets and lamp arms for the UV system rebuild were currently being fabricated; however, delays continued due to supply chain issues involving lamp connectors. He stated that the Authority remains in communication with the contractor in an effort to expedite completion of the project. Gregory also advised that replacement hauled waste screening unit is expected to be delivered during the summer.

Gregory next provided an update regarding ongoing wastewater treatment process evaluations and future treatment planning efforts. He advised that Authority staff recently met with representatives from GFT Infrastructure, Inc. to review the proposed Nuvoda process and its integration into the existing treatment plant piping system. He explained that due to continued concerns involving the Biological Aerated Filter (BAF) system, the Authority intends to proactively coordinate with the PADEP regarding permitting and implementation options for temporary alternative treatment before an operational failure occurs with the BAF. He further reported that GFT Infrastructure completed mass balance calculations related to flows, solids and nutrient loadings, and treatment process evaluations, which are currently under internal review by Authority staff.

Gregory then discussed the Authority's ongoing incinerator emissions compliance issues and the proposed replacement of the existing wet scrubber system, which had also been reviewed at the prior month's meeting. He advised that stack retesting for mercury and hydrogen chloride was completed several weeks earlier following replacement of the activated carbon media by Authority staff. While management remained hopeful that the replacement carbon would improve the test results, Gregory explained that discussions with air quality consultants, testing professionals, and equipment vendors determined that the existing wet scrubber system was outdated, unsupported,

and no longer represented best available technology. He further stated that the original scrubber manufacturer was no longer in business and that most modern incinerator facilities now utilize systems manufactured by EnviroCare International. Gregory advised that a proposal was included on the meeting agenda for the purchase of a new EnviroCare air scrubber system through the COSTARS procurement program at an equipment cost of approximately \$750,000, with installation costs estimated at approximately \$404,000, bringing the total projected project cost to approximately \$1.15 million. At the Work Session, Plant Operations Manager Gene Zynel further explained that the proposed scrubber technology would provide significantly improved removal of hydrogen chloride, acid gases, and particulates while also protecting downstream equipment from contamination and premature wear. Gene additionally stated that nearly every modern incineration facility he had visited throughout the country utilized EnviroCare systems due to their proven reliability and performance.

Gregory additionally informed the Board that the Authority anticipated receiving Notices of Violation from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection related to the late resubmission of quarterly CEMS reports. He explained that although the original reports had been submitted on time, corrections later became necessary after inaccurate data involving carbon monoxide exceedances were systematically generated within the reporting process. Following several meetings with programmers, Authority staff revised the data logging and reporting methods to ensure future submissions would properly account for "hot standby" operational periods. Gregory advised that DEP had already reduced a potential penalty and stated that he requested additional consideration based upon the Authority's corrective actions and cooperation.

Gregory further reported that work associated with the Authority's NPDES permit renewal and industrial pretreatment local limits reevaluation remained ongoing. He explained that the local limits reevaluation had been accepted by the EPA; however, because several limits became less stringent, the modifications were classified as substantial permit changes requiring a thirty-day public comment period. Following publication of the required public notice, the EPA reportedly received requests for a public hearing. As a result, the EPA is expected to coordinate a public hearing regarding the proposed local limits revisions.

In conclusion, Gregory updated the Board regarding the reclaimed water project associated with the proposed NorthPoint development, noting that the Water Quality Management Part II Permit application had been submitted to the PADEP and that pump station design work continues at a slower pace pending additional project developments.

Following Gregory's report at the Work Session, Director of Operations Christopher Carsia discussed the proposed replacement of the screw conveyor at the Gashouse Pump Station, which had also been reviewed during the previous month's meeting. He explained that after updated field measurements and additional project evaluation were completed, the selected COSTARS vendor, Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc., submitted revised pricing which will be placed on the agenda for the Board's consideration.

Lastly, during the Work Session, Field Operations Manager Andrew Nowak provided several updates regarding ongoing development projects throughout the Authority's service area. Andy reported that the Authority received permit applications and tapping fees associated with the first

six (6) townhouse units within the Allen Ridge residential subdivision located off Allen Drive. He explained that the six (6) EDUs were being drawn from the developer's previously reserved allocation of 259 EDUs through their ROC Agreement. Under the existing reservation structure, the developer had already paid reservation fees for the full allocation, with a portion of those fees now being credited back upon payment of the tapping fees. Andy further advised that site work, sewer main installation, and sewer lateral construction activities were already underway at the development.

Andy next updated the Board regarding the Troy Ridge apartment development. He advised that the Authority, with assistance from Scott Armbrust, P.E., of GFT Infrastructure, Inc., completed a review confirming sufficient capacity within the collection and conveyance lines to accommodate the project. Following completion of the review, the Authority issued the required capacity confirmation letter and executed the necessary planning module documentation for the developer's engineer. Andy stated that the next phase of the project would involve receipt of the developer's agreement information, including bonding documentation, project cost estimates, and related materials.

Continuing his report, Andy advised that Hazle Logistics Building No. 2 located on Conahan Drive was nearing completion. He explained that once the building was connected to the Authority's system and the water meter was installed and activated, billing would commence based upon the project's approved allocation of 87 EDUs.

Andy additionally provided updates regarding ongoing road crew and maintenance activities throughout the Authority's service area. He reported that crews recently repaired several sinkholes along Hemlock Street noting that the affected areas contained older stone arch infrastructure historically prone to settlement issues. In addition, road crews continued performing work throughout the city to raise buried manholes, with Andy explaining that hundreds of additional manhole structures remained to be addressed over time. Andy further advised the Board that the Authority plans to begin phased sidewalk replacement work in front of the Administration Building within the coming weeks due to the deteriorating condition of the existing concrete.

**Formica & Grink** moved to accept the Directors' Report and to have the written report on diverted flows made a permanent part of the record.

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

### **Engineer's Report –**

During the Work Session, Joe Bluge of ARRO Consulting, Inc., reviewed a proposal previously distributed to Board members for consideration at the Regular Meeting related to land development planning services for the Authority's future development of the former Amcor parcel located behind the treatment plant property for future Road Crew and Maintenance Department facilities.

He noted that the proposed schedule was intentionally aggressive in an effort to position the Authority to potentially begin construction by the following spring.

Joe also discussed the significant engineering and coordination efforts required for development of the parcel, particularly the need to obtain access beneath the railroad and coordinate utility crossings for water, sewer, gas, electricity, and stormwater infrastructure. He noted that uncertainties related to railroad coordination, right of way access, permitting requirements, and other project variables contributed to the range in estimated costs throughout the various phases of the project.

At the Regular Meeting, Rachel Govelovich, P.E., provided the Board with several engineering, compliance, and project updates on behalf of GFT Infrastructure, Inc. Rachel first addressed incinerator and air quality compliance activities. She advised that early April stack testing had been completed in an effort to address the two exceedances identified during prior testing. She also reported that the quarterly report due April 30 had been submitted as part of the Authority's required annual reporting obligations. Rachel further noted that PENNVEST reimbursement activities associated with the Locust Street CSO Separation Project remain ongoing.

Rachel next updated the Board regarding the Area 10 Project. She explained that as construction activities continue, GFT intends to begin preparing reimbursement requests in order to initiate grant funding paperwork and begin drawing grant funds prior to the September 30, 2026, deadline. Rachel then provided an update regarding Act 537 mapping and coordination efforts. She explained that staff continue performing system mapping activities and holding regular coordination meetings with participating municipalities and entities involved in preparation of the plan. She further advised that a preliminary report template and mapping framework had been established to begin incorporating required information, including soils, wetlands, slopes, and other mapping data necessary for the final report.

Rachel also updated the Board regarding ongoing reuse pump station coordination efforts. She reported that a recent design review meeting had been conducted to address QA/QC comments and continue coordination related to the project design. She next discussed the Authority's nitrification and denitrification filter monitoring activities, advising that monthly strain gauge monitoring continues with no significant movement observed to date.

Rachel next reviewed ongoing evaluations related to potential treatment solutions at the treatment plant to replace the BAF system when it is no longer operational. She advised that the Authority continues working with process equipment vendors regarding both short-term and long-term treatment alternatives. She explained that a mass balance analysis related to plant capacity and treatment capabilities has been prepared for review internally by staff prior to being forwarded to the vendors for additional modeling and proposal updates. Rachel stated that the updated evaluations would assist the Authority in determining anticipated treatment efficiencies and evaluating possible temporary and permanent treatment solutions. She further reported that the firm continues meeting weekly with a construction contractor to determine replacement facility costs.

Rachel also reviewed NPDES permitting and annual reporting requirements. She advised that the annual reports due at the end of March had been completed and submitted. She noted that the remaining outstanding reports include insurance replacement cost documentation, the annual solid waste management report, and the annual engineer's report.

Rachel then reviewed the proposal for development of the Authority's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP), which had previously been distributed to Board members for review prior to consideration at the evening's Regular Meeting. She explained that the LTCP is required under the Authority's NPDES permit and will build upon the previously completed Flow Study, which analyzed existing system flows, combined sewer overflows, and stormwater capture percentages during rain events. Rachel advised that the Authority currently remains slightly below the target eighty-five percent (85%) capture and treatment goal established under regulatory requirements. She explained that future system improvements will be necessary to maintain compliance as additional development and growth occur within the system.

Rachel further explained the major components of the proposed LTCP. She advised that the plan would address the required nine minimum controls, post construction compliance monitoring requirements, and additional alternatives such as stormwater storage within the collection system or additional treatment options. She stated that storm and sanitary sewer separation is expected to remain the Authority's primary long-term solution for reducing combined sewer overflows. Rachel also explained that public participation requirements and post construction monitoring procedures would be incorporated into the plan to help ensure completed projects achieve anticipated results. She advised that the proposal was presented at a not to exceed cost of \$169,000.00, with additional optional supplemental items identified for possible future consideration.

Also, during the Regular Meeting, Robert Dougherty, P.E., of Barry Isett & Associates provided an update regarding ongoing work to closeout the PENNVEST funding for the Locust Street CSO Separation Project. He advised that all existing project documentation was being uploaded into a shared file system, including change orders, revised change orders, PADEP cover sheets, mapping exhibits, plans, photographs, inspection records, and other related project materials to ultimately compile the change order submissions to PADEP for their approval.

Robert then updated the Board regarding the Area 10 Project. He reported that Wexcon Inc. was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$481,711.00 and that a Notice of Award had been issued. He further advised that the required bonds, insurance documents, and contracts had been returned and reviewed, and that a Notice to Proceed was issued on April 8, 2026, establishing a contract completion deadline of July 7, 2026. Mr. Dougherty noted that a preconstruction meeting was held on April 15, 2026, and that the contractor is expected to begin work in mid-May. He added that the contractor anticipates completing the work within the allotted construction schedule.

**Stefanovich & Grink** moved to accept the Engineer's Report.

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

#### **Solicitor's Report –**

During the Work Session, Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski requested that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue for litigation.

**Gallagher & Grink** moved to enter executive session to discuss a legal issue for litigation.

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

After the Board moved out of Executive Session, Grink & Formica moved to accept the Solicitor’s Report.

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

**BILLS AND CREDITS**

George & Formica moved to approve payment of GTF 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

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

George & Formica moved 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

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

**Formica & Grink** moved 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

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

**Sherrock & Formica** moved 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.

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

**Stefanovich & Grink** moved to approve issued credits report totaling \$1,703.11 from the month of March 2026.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Stefanovich & Grink** moved 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.

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

**Sherrock & Formica** moved 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.

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

**George & Formica** moved 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.

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

**Stefanovich & Formica** moved 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.

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

**Stefanovich & George** moved to approve the proposal from GFT Infrastructure, Inc. dated April 24, 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.

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

**George & Formica** moved to approve the proposal dated April 3, 2026 from ARRO Consulting, Inc. in the suggested budget amount not to exceed \$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 "Amcor Parcel" in West Hazleton Borough, Luzerne County. Budget for Contingency Services (if required) will be provided by ARRO for Board approval prior to proceeding.

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

**Formica & Stefanovich** moved 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 "Amcor 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.

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

**Grink & Formica** moved to adjourn.

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

The next scheduled Work Session will be Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

The next scheduled Regular Monthly Meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority**



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Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary