

The May 18, 2026 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.

May 13, 2026 Work Session Roll Call:

Eyerly – Present	Formica – Present	Gallagher – Present
¹ George – Present	Grink – Present	¹ 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	Bianca Martincek – Office Manager
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¹ via phone or Videoconference	

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

George & Grink moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

Negotiating Committee Report –

During the Work Session, Negotiating Committee Member William Gallagher reported that the committee recently met with union representatives and their counsel to discuss the Union's initial contract proposal. Bill explained that the meeting was primarily informational, with no substantive agreements reached. He stated that the proposal has been reviewed and discussed with the Authority's labor counsel, Attorney Scott Gartley, and the parties are scheduled to meet again on June 1st to continue negotiations by submitting a counter proposal.

Gallagher & George moved to accept the Negotiating Committee's Report.

Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

Pension Committee Report –

During the Work Session, Pension Committee Member Gerald Grink reported on the Pension Committee meeting held earlier that afternoon. Gerald stated that Paul Baugher of Foster & Foster Consulting Actuaries presented an updated funding analysis and confirmed that the pension plan remains fully funded. He also reported that the Authority's financial advisor, Howard Willard of

Morgan Stanley, reviewed investment performance, noting a year-to-date return of approximately 2.5 percent (2.5%) and an average annual return of approximately 11 percent (11%) over the previous three years. Gerald further advised that the committee approved recommended changes to certain investment managers while maintaining the existing asset allocation model as previously approved by the Board.

Gallagher & Formica moved to accept the Negotiating Committee’s Report.
 Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

Directors’ Report -

MONTHLY FLOW REPORT

	<u>April 2026</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>		
			<u>Total</u>		<u>Average</u>
Total Flow	<u>236,562,523</u>	Gallons	<u>1,127,690,037</u>	Gallon	xxxxx
Total Flow Diverted	<u>2,865,162</u>	Gallons	<u>72,272,535</u>	Gallon	xxxxx
Days Flow Diverted	<u>5</u>	Days	<u>20</u>	Days	xxxxx
Total Flow Treated	<u>233,697,361</u>	Gallons	<u>1,055,417,502</u>	Gallon	xxxxx
Average Minimum	<u>5.7</u>	MGD	xxxxx	xxxxx	<u>6.7</u> MG
Average Maximum	<u>12.1</u>	MGD	xxxxx	xxxxx	<u>13.8</u> MG
Average Daily Flow	<u>7.8</u>	MGD	xxxxx	xxxxx	<u>8.8</u> MG

During the Work Session, Director of Administration Gregory Olander reviewed the April 2026 flow report, reporting total wastewater flows of 236,562,523 gallons and an average daily flow of 7.8 MGD. He advised that monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports were being finalized for submission to PADEP and that no permit violations had been identified during the month. Greg also reported that annual bids for treatment chemicals would be advertised for a bid opening at the June meeting to assist with preparation of the upcoming fiscal year budget. He further advised that bids for cationic polymer and diesel fuel would also be solicited this year.

Greg then reviewed the Authority's financial performance for April, reporting operating revenues of \$1,393,311.13. He also reported that \$196,002.79 in hauled waste was received during the month of April. He noted that hauled waste activity has increased following the winter season and continues to trend upward. Mr. Olander further reported that collection efforts have improved significantly due to the Authority's annual posting and shutoff program, with April collections reaching 113.13% of current billings, which has increased the Authority's overall collection rate for the fiscal year. He advised that delinquency notices had been mailed to the second of three sections and that water shutoffs would begin the following week.

Greg informed the Board that PADEP recently conducted an unannounced compliance inspection of the wastewater treatment plant. The inspection lasted approximately five hours and resulted in highly favorable feedback regarding the facility's cleanliness, organization, operations, and overall condition. He also reported that PADEP's review of the Authority's collateral surety bond replacement remains pending and that renewal of the existing surety bond for an additional year may be necessary to maintain permit compliance.

Turning to plant operations, Greg advised that the UV disinfection system rebuild continues to experience delays due to supply-chain issues affecting equipment components. During that discussion, several Board members instructed the Solicitor to enter the discussions with the equipment provider due to the potential for compliance issues. He then reported that purchase orders have been issued for the Gas House conveyor replacement project and that the project has entered the submittal review phase, with construction anticipated in the coming months.

Discussing air quality compliance, Greg reported that recent incinerator stack testing achieved passing results for HCl and mercury emissions following replacement of activated carbon media. He noted that discussions with regulators remain ongoing regarding testing methodologies and compliance requirements. He further advised that a replacement scrubber has been ordered and that engineering coordination is underway to ensure compatibility with existing plant infrastructure.

Greg also updated the Board on ongoing discussions with PADEP regarding historical stack testing and reporting requirements. He reported that the agency recently issued a Notice of Violation and is pursuing a consolidated consent order and civil penalty agreement. While the potential financial impact remains unknown, he noted that PADEP has expressed a willingness to work cooperatively with the Authority as corrective actions continue.

Additionally, Greg reported that PADEP has approved the Act 537 planning documentation for all phases of the NorthPoint Development (Project Hazelnut). He further advised that the associated Water Quality Management Part II permit application has been submitted and engineering reviews of the project design plans remain ongoing.

Also at the Work Session, Field Operations Manager Andrew Nowak provided an update on development activity. Mr. Nowak reported that the Allen Ridge townhouse development continues to progress, with the initial six (6) EDU allocations being granted and the next phase prepared for construction. He noted that an additional request for six (6) EDUs would be considered on this month's meeting agenda. He also discussed a proposed 64-unit residential development in Hazle Township that is currently in the conceptual planning stage.

Andy also reviewed ongoing field work undertaken by the Road Crew. He reported that they continue to support the Area 10 (Phase 2) Rehabilitation Project through sewer televising, asset locating, and construction marking. Additional work includes manhole rehabilitation, sinkhole repairs near the stone arch on Allen Street in West Hazleton, and system mapping activities. He further advised that ARRO Consulting has initiated survey work on the Amcor parcel as planning efforts continue.

Stefanovich & George 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 –

At the Work Session, Rachel Govelovich, P.E., of GFT presented the Engineer's Report. Rachel reported that preparation of the Annual Solids Permit Report is underway and remains on schedule for the June 30 filing deadline. She also advised that PENNVEST project closeout efforts remain ongoing and noted that completion of the process would improve the Authority's cash flow position.

Providing an update on the Locust Street CSO Project, Rachel reported that additional closeout documentation has been requested by the funding agencies and that staff are currently working through the reporting requirements. Rachel further reported that revised project change orders have been submitted to PADEP for review and that GFT continues coordinating with project representatives to address agency comments and complete remaining closeout requirements.

Regarding the Area 10 (Phase 2) Rehabilitation Project, Rachel advised that reimbursement requests will be prepared and submitted as construction progresses. She also provided an update on the Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP), reporting that GFT continues analyzing system data and evaluating alternatives to achieve the required 85 percent Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) capture rate.

Rachel reported that Act 537 planning efforts continue through regularly scheduled meetings with participating municipalities and their consulting engineers. Discussions have focused on future flow projections and anticipated development growth, particularly within Sugarloaf Township, while also establishing procedures to evaluate the reliability of projected flows for future planning purposes. She said the municipal engineers were given a deadline of June 5, 2026 to provide her firm with the necessary flow and growth projection information for each respective municipality so the Plan may move forward.

In regard to development activity, Rachel reported that GFT completed its review of the Project Hazelnut (NorthPoint Development) pump station design and submitted quality assurance and quality control comments. A meeting was subsequently held with the developer's engineering team to review the comments, and GFT is awaiting revised submissions.

Rachel further reported that monitoring of the Nit/Denit structures remains ongoing and that another strain gauge reading is expected during the month. She also advised that GFT recently met with operations staff to review and refine a treatment plant mass-balance analysis. The completed analysis has been forwarded for further evaluation of potential short-term and long-term process changes to maintain compliance when the BAF process fails. She concluded by noting that GFT continues assisting the Authority with insurance valuation documentation and replacement cost estimates and reminded the Board that the annual engineer's report is due August 1.

Additionally, at the Work Session, Robert Dougherty, P.E., of Barry Isett & Associates provided engineering updates along with his written report. Bob reported that documentation for several Locust Street CSO Project change orders has been uploaded to GFT's ShareFile system and that additional change orders are being prepared for submission to PADEP. He also advised that the Water Quality Management Completion Certificate has been submitted to PADEP and that preparation of as-built drawings is underway.

Providing an update on the Area 10 Project, Bob reported that Phase 2 field activities are underway. He stated that GHJSA crews and engineering personnel have been locating project sites, televising sewer lines, marking defects, and identifying cross-connections in advance of construction activities. Bob further advised that Wexcon is expected to mobilize with two crews in early June.

Gallagher & Grink moved to accept the Engineer’s Report.
 Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

Solicitor’s Report –

Solicitor Joseph D. Ustynoski, Esq., reported that he had no additional matters to discuss beyond those addressed during Executive Session at the Work Session.

Gallagher & 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 GFT Infrastructure, Inc. invoices and requisitions through May 1, 2026, totaling \$80,095.70 as listed in the following table:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Invoice No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AG051153.00A	5007240	Annual Service Work	\$ 1,702.66
AG051153.00B	5007244	Attend Authority Meetings	\$ 704.55
AG051153.042	5007226	Annual Air Compliance	\$ 27,803.06
AG051153.047	5007230	2024 Locust Street CSO PV Const Phase	\$ 2,376.59
AG051153.049	5007231	Northpoint Campus Development	\$ 2,638.25
AG051153.051	5007252	Nit/Denit Structural Evaluation	\$ 3,432.72
AG051153.053	5007233	Nit/Denit WWTP Process Evaluation	\$ 20,961.09
AG051153.054	5007234	Nit/Denit Insurance Claim Assistance	\$ 4,978.36
AG051153.055	5007236	Regional Act 537 Planning Effort	\$ 15,498.42
Total:			\$ 80,095.70

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 approve payment of Olde Forge Environmental invoices through May 4, 2026, totaling \$300.00 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	\$ 225.00
03171.001.0003	✓ 01103	Local Limits	\$ 75.00
Total			\$ 300.00

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

Sherrock & George moved to authorize payment from the Operating Fund for Operating and Administrative Expenses (\$1,015,686.68); Construction in Progress (\$5,354.90); Equipment (\$6,684.00); 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 April 2026

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

Grink & Formica moved to approve issued credits report totaling \$3,266.91 from the month of April 2026.

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

Formica & Stefanovich 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. 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206 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 \$4,334.40 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-yes (Passed 9-0-0)

Gallagher & Formica moved to adjourn.

Passed: Aye-9, Nay-0, Absent-0

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM

The next scheduled Work Session will be Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

The next scheduled Regular Monthly Meeting will be Monday, June 29, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority



Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary