

The June 29, 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.

June 24, 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	Gene Zynel – Plant Operations Manager
Bianca Martincek – Office Manager	Rachel Govelovich, P.E. – GFT Infrastructure, Inc.

June 29, 2026 Regular Meeting Roll Call:

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¹ George – Present	Grink – Present	Sharkey – Present
Sherrock – Present	Stefanovich – Present	Sullivan – Present

Also in Attendance during Regular Meeting:

Gregory Olander – Director of Administration	¹ Rachel Govelovich, P.E. – GFT Infrastructure, Inc
Andy Nowak – Field Operations Manager	Robert Dougherty, P.E. – Barry Isett & Associates
Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski – Solicitor	Attorney Scott Gartley – Koff, Mangan, & Gartley, P.C.
Bianca Martincek – Office Manager	
¹ 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 May 13, 2026, Pension Meeting.

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

Formica & Grink moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, Regular Meeting.

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

Negotiating Committee Report –

At the Work Session, Board and Committee Member William Gallagher presented the Negotiating Committee report, advising that the Committee had reached a three-year collective bargaining agreement following negotiations with the Union. He stated that the agreement was fair to both the Authority and its employees and would be considered for ratification at the regular meeting, with labor counsel available to review its provisions and answer any questions. Bill summarized the key terms of the agreement and highlighted the major provisions negotiated by both parties.

During the Regular Meeting, **Gallagher & Formica** made a motion for the Board to enter Executive Session with Attorney Scott Gartley to further discuss the Negotiating Committee's report and recommendations.

After the Board moved out of Executive Session, **Grink & Formica** moved to accept the Negotiating Committee's Report.
Passed: Aye-8, Nay-0, Absent-1

OPENING OF BIDS FOR ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

BIDDERS NAME	BID AMOUNT
Russell Postupack Oil Co., LLC McAdoo, PA	Terminal Rack Price plus \$0.43 per gallon delivered
M&J Excavation, Inc. Bloomsburg, PA	Terminal Rack Price plus \$0.35 per gallon delivered

Formica & Grink moved to award the Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel supply contract for August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 to the apparent lowest responsible bidder, M&J Fuel, LLC of Bloomsburg, PA for the wholesale terminal rack price plus a fixed adder of thirty-five cents (\$0.35) per gallon delivered to the GHJSA as recommended by the Authority Management
Roll Call: Eyerly-absent, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Sharkey-yes, Sherrock-yes, Stefanovich-yes, Sullivan-yes (Passed 8-0-1)

OPENING OF BIDS FOR CATIONIC EMULSION POLYMER FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

BIDDERS NAME	BID AMOUNT
SNF Polydyne, Inc. Riceboro, GA	\$1.54 per pound delivered

Formica & Grink moved to award the Cationic Emulsion Polymer (Clarifloc C-9530) supply contract for August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 to the lowest responsible bidder, SNF Polydyne, Inc. of Riceboro, GA, for the bid price of \$1.54 per pound delivered to the GHJSA treatment plant as recommended by the Authority Management.
Roll Call: Eyerly-absent, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Sharkey-yes, Sherrock-yes, Stefanovich-yes, Sullivan-yes (Passed 8-0-1)

OPENING OF BIDS FOR WASTEWATER CHEMICALS FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

BIDDERS NAME	SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	MAGNESIUM HYDROXIDE	POLY- ALUMINUM CHLORIDE	SODIUM HYDROXIDE	HYDROGEN PEROXIDE	METHANOL	METHANOL ALTERNATIVE
Brenntag Northeast, Inc.	No Bid	\$927.00 Dry ton	No Bid	\$2.589/gal	\$2.30/gal	\$0.40 gal Subtracted from Methanex Index	No Bid
Chemstream, Inc.	\$2.13/gal* (pending tiebreaker)	No Bid	No Bid	\$3.12/gal	\$2.19/gal	No Bid	No Bid
Coburn Chemicals, Inc.	No Bid	\$835.00 Dry Ton	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
Environmental Operating Systems, Inc.	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$1.45/gal Subtracted from Methanex Index
Holland Company, Inc.	No Bid	No Bid	\$3.74/gal \$3.329/lb Al ₂ O ₃	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.9667/gal	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
Kemira Water Solutions, Inc.	No Bid	No Bid	\$3.45/gal \$3.32/lb Al ₂ O ₃	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
Kuehne Chemical Co.	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
Thatcher Company of NY, Inc.	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.5322/gal	No Bid	\$2.29/gal Added to Methanex Index	No Bid
Univar USA, Inc.	\$2.13/gal* (pending tiebreaker)	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.5322/gal (plus Tariff)	No Bid	\$0.53/gal Subtracted from Methanex Index	No Bid
USALCO	No Bid	No Bid	\$3.3273/gal \$2.1929/lb Al ₂ O ₃	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
USP Technologies	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.40/gal	No Bid	No Bid

Gallagher & Formica award the August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 chemicals contracts as specified in the bid documents to the apparent lowest responsible bidders listed in the following table as recommended by Authority Management:

Sodium Hypochlorite		Pending Tiebreaker
Polyaluminum Chloride (DelPAC 1525)	USALCO of Baltimore, MD	\$3.3273 per gallon \$2.1929 per lb Al ₂ O ₃
Methanol	Univar USA, Inc. of Morrisville, PA	\$0.36 per gallon Subtracted from the Methanex Index
Methanol Alternative (EOSi - MicroC 3000)	Environmental Operating Systems, Inc. of Pocasset, MA	\$0.53 per gallon Subtracted from the Methanex Index Price with a \$3.00/gal ceiling and a \$2.25/gal floor
Sodium Hydroxide (50%)	Univar USA, Inc. of Morrisville, PA	\$2.5322 per gallon
Hydrogen Peroxide (27%)	Chemstream, Inc. of Homer City, PA	\$2.19 per gallon
Magnesium Hydroxide (Thioguard)	Coburn Chemicals of Cockeysville, MD	\$835.00 per Dry Ton

All pricing is FOB delivered to the treatment plant in West Hazleton, PA.

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

Directors' Report -

During the Work Session, Plant Operations Manager Gene Zynel reported on a significant electrical incident involving the failure of the B phase within the plant's main automatic transfer switch. He explained that the failure caused irregular voltage and damaged several components. Gene further reported that the plant operated on generator power for approximately 35 hours while ARC Electric obtained and installed an emergency rental transfer switch. During that time, GHJSA personnel used on-site replacement parts to restore the main centrifuge drive, aeration blower No. 1, and a magnesium-hydroxide mixer, while other operations were redirected to functioning equipment.

The Board subsequently entered executive session to further discuss the emergency maintenance and repair matter.

MONTHLY FLOW REPORT

	<u>May 2026</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>		
			<u>Total</u>		<u>Average</u>
Total Flow	255,407,811	Gallons	1,383,097,848	Gallon	xxxxx
Total Flow Diverted	2,865,162	Gallons	76,554,235	Gallon	xxxxx
Days Flow Diverted	5	Days	25	Days	xxxxx
Total Flow Treated	233,697,361	Gallons	1,306,543,613	Gallon	xxxxx
Average Minimum	5.8	MGD	xxxxx	xxxxx	6.5 MG
Average Maximum	13.1	MGD	xxxxx	xxxxx	13.6 MG
Average Daily Flow	8.1	MGD	xxxxx	xxxxx	8.7 MG

At the Work Session, Director of Administration Gregory Olander reviewed the May 2026 flow report, reporting total wastewater flows of 233,697,361 gallons and an average daily flow of 8.1 MGD. He advised that the May discharge monitoring reports were being finalized pending receipt of a cyanide test result. One instantaneous maximum exceedance for fecal coliform occurred during May and was reported. The Solid Waste Management Annual Report was completed and submitted to PA DEP on June 5, 2026.

Greg then reviewed the Authority's financial performance for May, reporting operating revenues of \$1,329,210.76 and hauled-waste billings of \$189,859.61. May collections totaled 122.87% of current billings, increasing the fiscal-year sewer collection rate to 98.42% and the combined collection rate, including hauled waste, to 98.47%.

Greg informed the Board that the second round of water shutoffs had been completed, with the final section scheduled to take place over four days in July. He also reported that the annual PCOR fee associated with the Authority's health plan was calculated at \$249.60 and must be reported and remitted to the IRS by July 31, 2026.

Regarding the incinerator, Greg reported that the final stack-test results were submitted to PADEP, confirming that the Authority passed the mercury and hydrochloric-acid emission limits and are now in compliance. He added that work continues on the Board-authorized replacement scrubber and that a proposed installer under a COSTARS contract will be presented at the regular meeting. Since the next stack test is not required until April 2027, staff is considering moving the annual incinerator shutdown from October to January 2027 to coordinate the scrubber installation with annual maintenance.

Greg also advised that the required air-permit modification application was submitted to PADEP and advanced to technical review. Installation cannot begin until PADEP issues plan approval. He further noted that the Authority submitted its response to the notice of violation concerning the June and December 2025 stack tests and related reporting delays.

Also at the Work Session, Field Operations Manager Andrew Nowak reported that the road crew completed cleaning the plant's flocculation tank, removing approximately 77 to 80 tons of grit. The work proceeded efficiently, and staff recommended continuing the cleaning on an approximately four-year cycle.

Andy also reported that staff replaced approximately twenty feet of the 96-inch interceptor at Branch Court. The emergency work was required after a sink hole was observed in the area and included an excavation approximately fourteen feet deep through a residential front yard. The pipe was installed within two days, with concrete, paving, landscaping, and other restoration work remaining. New sidewalks were also completed in front of the administration building, with the side and rear sections to be addressed in the fall.

Andy informed the Board that ARRO Consulting continues preliminary planning for the AMCOR parcel across the railroad tracks adjacent to the WWTP and has provided an initial layout showing possible building locations. He explained that the Authority intends to preserve the site's flexibility

for future treatment-plant upgrades before finalizing any plans. Additional title documents are still needed to identify easements referenced in the deed. He also noted that property-insurance proposals are expected before the July meeting, as the current policy expires July 31, 2026.

Providing an update on the Area 10 Phase 2 Sewer Separation Project, Andy advised that Wexcon Inc. has two crews working and has completed several repair locations. He added that Authority staff completed raising manholes in the City of Hazleton's Phase 1 paving area and is proceeding with work in the Phase 2 area.

Greg concluded the report by noting that billing began for the first building at the Hazel Creek property following installation of its meter, adding 111 equivalent dwelling units. He also reported that flows through the Locust Street pump station had decreased to approximately 500,000 to 600,000 gallons after the developer completed the required temporary stormwater correction.

Gallagher & 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-8, Nay-0, Absent-1

Engineer's Report –

At the Work Session, Rachel Govelovich, P.E., of GFT Infrastructure, Inc., presented the Engineer's Report. She began by informing the Board that, since the previous meeting, GFT had submitted change order requests to PENNVEST to reallocate budget funds, allowing the Authority to proceed with the final payment request without line-item budget restrictions for the Incinerator Installation Project. She explained that PENNVEST had since completed the requested budget modifications and that the firm was in the process of finalizing the Authority's final payment application.

Rachel then provided an update on the Locust Street CSO Project. She explained that additional ARPA closeout information regarding the value of installed work had been returned for confirmation and that staff returned the completed questionnaire and is awaiting further direction. She also reported that PENNVEST change orders were being updated to meet the submission format required by the PADEP Northeast Regional Office. Ms. Govelovich further advised the Board that DEP had approved Change Orders Nos. 4 through 12 and 14 through 17, with the remaining items divided between GFT and Robert Dougherty, P.E. for completion.

Regarding the Authority's Act 537 Plan, Rachel explained that the collection and review of municipal flow projections remained ongoing. She reported that responses had been received from several municipalities and agencies, while follow-up efforts continue to get the required information from West Hazleton Borough. She noted that Authority staff continues providing GIS mapping and other information to assist municipalities in preparing the required flow projections. Submitted information was reviewed, clarified as needed, and incorporated into the wastewater process evaluation.

Rachel continued her report with an update on the wastewater process evaluation being conducted with Nuvoda and Veolia. She explained that both firms were updating their proposals and evaluating treatment-system performance under the Authority's operating conditions. Questions

had been submitted to Veolia, a meeting with its engineer had been scheduled, and Nuvoda's revised proposal remained under review. Once the remaining revisions are received, both proposals will be presented to the Board and Authority staff for evaluation and consideration.

Rachel concluded her report by advising the Board that work had begun on the Authority's NPDES permit renewal, due September 1, 2026, with responsibilities shared between GFT and Olde Forge Environmental. She also reported that updated insurance replacement-cost information had been submitted for the annual insurance report due August 1, 2026. Regarding the scrubber replacement project, manufacturer and installer submittals were expected in mid-July, followed by an on-site coordination meeting on July 23 to address outstanding questions and review shop drawings.

At the Regular Meeting, Robert Dougherty, P.E., of Barry Isett & Associates provided an update on the Area 10 Phase 2 Sewer Separation Project. He advised the Board that all ten repair and replacement items had been completed. Of the 26 identified sewer-to-storm cross-connections, 14 had been corrected, four were determined through field testing not to be interconnected or were found to be capped, and eight remained to be completed. He also reported that revisions to the Area 2-3 Separation Project change orders requested by PA DEP remained in progress and that a shared file had been established to provide project documentation and facilitate the review process.

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

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

Solicitor's Report –

At the Regular Meeting, Solicitor Joseph D. Ustynoski, Esq. advised the Board that, because identical low bids were received from Chemstream, Inc. and Univar USA, Inc. for sodium hypochlorite, the Authority would conduct due diligence on both companies before awarding the contract. He explained that each vendor's qualifications would be evaluated and that a recommendation would be presented to the Board at the following month's meeting. Solicitor Ustynoski then reported that he had no additional matters to discuss beyond those addressed during Executive Session at the Work Session.

Gallagher & Stefanovich moved to accept the Solicitor's Report.

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

BILLS AND CREDITS

George & Formica moved to approve payment of GFT Infrastructure, Inc. invoices and requisitions through May 29, 2026, totaling \$46,642.53 as listed in the following table:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Invoice No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AG048847.0AG	5010057	Financing & Grants (Area 10 - Phase 2)	\$ 217.74
AG051153.00A	5010061	Annual Service Work & Keynet GPS Subscription	\$ 6,892.51
AG051153.040	5010063	Locust Street CSO Assistance	\$ 2,177.70
AG051153.042	5010064	Annual Air Compliance	\$ 4,727.24
AG051153.047	5010067	2024 Locust St CSO PV	\$ 2,437.53
AG051153.053	5010071	Nit/Denit WWTP Process Evaluation	\$ 6,716.71
AG051153.054	5010072	Nit/Denite Insurance Claim Assist	\$ 2,078.21
AG051153.055	5010073	Regional Act 537 Planning Effort	\$ 7,289.53
AG051153.058	5010060	Long Term Control Plan 2026	\$ 14,105.36
Total:			\$ 46,642.53

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

Formica & Sharkey moved to approve payment of Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. invoices for work from March 29, 2026 through May 30, 2026, totaling \$15,813.75 as listed in the following table:

	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Operating Fund	5/15/2026	GHJSA Municipal Engineer	\$ 1,450.00
Operating Fund	5/15/2026	Area 10, Phase 2	\$ 965.00
Escrow Fund	5/15/2026	Allen Ridge	\$ 6,118.75
Operating Fund	6/12/2026	GHJSA Municipal Engineer	\$ 4,213.75
Operating Fund	6/12/2026	Area 10, Phase 2	\$ 507.50
Escrow Fund	6/12/2026	Allen Ridge	\$ 2,558.75
Total			\$ 15,813.75

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

Formica & Gallagher moved to approve payment of Olde Forge Environmental invoices through May 29, 2026, totaling \$225.00 as listed in the following table:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Invoice No.</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03171.001.0002	01130	IPP Assistance	\$ 75.00
03171.001.0006	01131	NPDES Permit	\$ 75.00
03171.001.0007	01132	Chlorine Demand Study	\$ 75.00
Total			\$ 225.00

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

Formica & Sherrock moved to approve payment of ARRO Consulting, Inc. invoices through June 5, 2026, totaling \$19,381.30 as listed in the following table:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Invoice No.</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11352	0121000	GHJSA Land Development Plan (Amcor Parcel)	\$ 19,381.30
Total			\$ 19,381.30

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

Formica & Gallagher moved to authorize payment from the Operating Fund for Operating and Administrative Expenses (\$973,266.04); Construction in Progress (\$2,376.59); 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 (\$18,211.81); Debt Service PENNVEST Loan #77114 (\$2,426.40) from the month of May 2026 (copy attached).

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

Formica & Sharkey moved to approve issued credits report totaling \$2,468.14 from the month of May 2026.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Formica & Grink moved to approve the proposal from CECO Environmental, Quote No. JB-1122-0369, dated June 1, 2026, for the installation of the MicroMist Scrubber Project through the Pennsylvania COSTARS Program Contract No. 015-E26-053, at a total cost of \$404,044.00.

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

Formica & Stefanovich moved to approve the terms and conditions contained in the Tentative Agreement for Ratification (Agreement) dated June 4, 2026 made to the United Steelworkers of America Local 8567-03 for Maintenance Employees and the United Steelworkers of America Local 8567-13 for Clerical Employees as recommended by the Negotiating Committee and Labor Law Counsel as outlined in the Agreement ratified by the Union on June 5, 2026. This motion will amend the Collective Bargaining Agreements to include the terms and conditions outlined in the Tentative Agreement.

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

Formica & Grink moved to approve the purchase and installation of an ASCO 7000 Transfer Switch through Arc Electric for the price of \$35,925.00, rental of a temporary transfer switch for \$6,250.00 per month plus \$1,200.00 delivery and pickup charge, and \$4,522.00 for due to the emergency situation brought about by failure of the utility side of the existing transfer switch for MCC #6 in the Control Building. This motion also includes purchase and replacement of all ancillary electrical and control components damaged by the event and needed to return the WWTP to normal operation.

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 & Formica moved to adjourn.

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM

The next scheduled Work Session will be Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

The next scheduled Regular Monthly Meeting will be Monday, July 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority



Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary