The July 27, 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.

July 22, 2026 Work Session Roll Call:

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

Also in Attendance during Work Session:

Gregory Olander – Director of Administration
Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski – Solicitor
[1]Alton Wittle, P.E.– GFT Infrastructure, Inc.
Andy Nowak – Field Operations Manager
Bianca Martincek – Office Manager

July 27, 2026 Regular Meeting Roll Call:

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Sherrock – Present	Stefanovich – Present	Sullivan – Present

Also in Attendance during Regular Meeting:

Gregory Olander – Director of Administration
Andy Nowak – Field Operations Manager
Attorney Joseph D. Ustynoski – Solicitor
Robert Dougherty, P.E. – Barry Isett & Associates
[1]Christopher Carsia – Director of Operations
Bianca Martincek – Office Manager
[1]Alton Wittle, P.E.– GFT Infrastructure, Inc.

[1] via phone or Videoconference

Public in Attendance during Regular Meeting:

Kent Jackson

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

George & Formica moved to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2026, Regular Meeting.
Passed: Aye-8, Nay-0, Absent-1

During the Work Session, the Director of Administration, Gregory, presented documents reviewing the estimated final budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. He first reported on the Treatment Plant Budget, noting that payroll was expected to be under budget by approximately $152,000 primarily due to an employee vacancy and absences from military deployment and short term disability. He reviewed other line items estimated to close out the year with higher variations from the original budget, including Consulting Engineering due to additional Board-approved proposals during the year, Electrical Power (+$62,000), unanticipated replacement of Granulated Activated Carbon for air quality (+$129,000), and Maintenance, Repairs & Materials (-$360,000). Overall, the Treatment Plant operating expenses were under budget by approximately $351,711. Gregory also reviewed capital purchases of $ 672,299 and approximately $330,000 in construction in progress related to WWTP capital improvement projects. He then reviewed the Collection System Budget, noting that Maintenance, Repairs & Materials was approximately $122,000 under budget and Consulting Engineering for the Act 537 Plan was also under budget because the work did not begin during the fiscal year. Overall, the Collection System Division was approximately $236,000 under budget.

Gregory then reviewed a summary of revenues and expenses for the current fiscal year, noting that projected revenue was approximately $14,615,485. The Authority also received a PENNVEST reimbursement of approximately $734,000, bringing total receipts to approximately $15,350,000. Combined Treatment Plant and Collection System operating expenses were projected to be approximately $9.8 million, or $588,000 under budget. He reported that revenues exceeded operating expenses and debt service by approximately $658,000. Gregory said a motion would be included on the agenda authorizing the continued payment of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 invoices through the end of the fiscal year. He also reported that including payment for the Area 10 Phase 2 Project, the Collection System Division revenues exceeded expenses and capital expenditures by $20,100, which should be transferred from the Operating Fund to the Collection System Reserve Fund and is on the agenda for the Board's consideration.

Gregory then presented the budget for Fiscal Year August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027. He said Treatment Plant net operating expenses were budgeted at approximately $9,548,500, an increase of approximately $521,700 from the prior year. The increase was primarily attributable to anticipated increase to Electrical Power (+$325,000) and Group Insurance (+$177,000). Chemical expenses were expected to remain relatively stable, while Maintenance, Repairs & Materials was reduced by approximately $104,000 to more closely reflect prior-year expenditures. Payroll was adjusted to account for contractual wage increases and the possibility of the Authority becoming fully staffed. projected expenses and debt service were approximately $13,203,000, compared with projected revenues of approximately $12,731,000. Gregory then reviewed the proposed Collection System Budget, noting that it remained generally consistent with the prior year. Maintenance, Repairs & Materials was reduced by approximately $100,000, while Payroll and Group Insurance were each increased by approximately $31,000. No significant new Collection System projects were included pending completion of the Long-Term Control Plan and GFT's recommendations on the best approach to achieve compliance with CSO regulations. He then reviewed multiple, significant unknown factors affecting future revenues and expenses this fiscal year and stated that a rate increase may be necessary later this year. He said it has been eight (8) years since the last rate increase in 2018 and the rising expenses in almost every category over the past few years makes it difficult to cover expenses going forward without a rate increase or additional revenue from other sources. He noted that it is unknown whether sale of the WWTP effluent for reuse will be realized, which is a major factor in determining if a rate increase is needed. He said the revenues and expenses will be monitored as the year progresses.

Gregory also reviewed the five-year financial projections, including ongoing and proposed capital projects such as the new air quality scrubber for the incinerator, Gashouse screw conveyor, Long-Term Control Plan, Wastewater Treatment Plant Process Evaluation, temporary emergency treatment process, Campus Annex Planning, and anticipated demolition of the Biotowers to make room for the new treatment plant process. Gregory also reviewed projected debt-service coverage of approximately 100.7 percent (100.7%) for all debt and 111.4 percent (111.4%) for bond debt, noting that both remained above the required thresholds but would need to be closely monitored.

Stefanovich & Gallagher moved to approve the Fiscal Year August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027 Operating Budget for the Treatment Plant and Collection System Division as presented by 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)

Directors' Report -

MONTHLY FLOW REPORT

	June 2026		Year to Date Total		Year to Date Average	
Total Flow	190,391,131	Gallons	1,573,488,979	Gallon	xxxxx	
Total Flow Diverted	5,476,998	Gallons	82,031,233	Gallon	xxxxx	
Days Flow Diverted	4	Days	29	Days	xxxxx	
Total Flow Treated	184,914,133	Gallons	1,491,457,746	Gallon	xxxxx	
Average Minimum	4.0	MGD	xxxxx	xxxxx	6.1	MG
Average Maximum	12.7	MGD	xxxxx	xxxxx	13.5	MG
Average Daily Flow	6.2	MGD	xxxxx	xxxxx	8.2	MG

During the Work Session, Gregory also reviewed the June 2026 flow report, noting total wastewater flows of 190,391,131 gallons and an average daily flow of 6.2 MGD. He said 184,914,133 gallons were fully treated through the WWTP and 5,476,998 gallons received partial treatment and disinfection through the vortex separator during precipitation events. He reported that all discharge monitoring reports for the prior month had been submitted to DEP and that no violations occurred during the month.

He further reported the Authority's financial performance, June revenue totaled $1,299,071.52, including $220,704.03 in hauled-waste revenue. Fiscal-year-to-date collection rates were 100.09% for sewer customers and 99.58% for hauled waste, resulting in an overall collection rate of 100.01%.

As for administrative matters, Gregory reported that the Authority was still awaiting DEP approval of the collateral certificate of deposit required for the Solid Waste Management Permit. All water-service shutoffs for 2026 were completed successfully. The annual PCOR fee submission and payment of $249 were submitted to the IRS as required for self-funded insurance plans. The actuary was notified of the defined-benefit pension increases contained in the new collective bargaining agreement and they prepared Amendment No. 16, which is on the agenda for Board approval.

Gregory then provided an update on the UV System Rebuild, reporting that the equipment had been delivered and installation of the electrical components was underway. The contractor was expected to complete the remaining work in about a two-week period. Gregory also reviewed a progress-payment request of $220,500, noting that the remaining balance would be withheld until the site work and system startup were completed.

Gregory reported that the replacement hauled-waste screening unit had been delivered, with installation by the Maintenance Department planned for mid-August. He also noted that the plant continues to operate using the temporary electrical transfer switch while awaiting the permanent replacement. Submittals for the Gashouse conveyor equipment remained under review, and process equipment manufacturers were using updated operating data to provide updated proposals to GFT for potential replacement treatment processes.

He then provided an update on the Area 10 Phase 2 Project, reporting that it was complete and eligible for partial reimbursement through a $370,000 state grant. Additionally, he reported that PENNVEST change orders for the Locust Street Project were being processed, with the permanent closure expected to be completed before the NPDES permit renewal deadline. The final reimbursement request for the Incinerator Project was also being prepared by GFT.

An update was also provided on the incinerator, with the 2027 stack test tentatively scheduled for April following the installation and commissioning of the new Venturi scrubber. He also noted that the annual maintenance shutdown would be scheduled for January 2027 rather than the fall of 2026 so the shutdown would coincide with installation of the new scrubber.

Gregory reported that the NPDES permit renewal application is due September 1. Additional testing had been completed, although retesting may be required for three parameters due to laboratory detection limits.

At the Work Session, Field Operations Manager Andrew Nowak presented the proposed Board meeting schedule for August 2026 through July 2027.

Andrew then reported that restoration work related to the 96-inch CSO repair along the Branch Court was underway, with concrete work in progress and paving and landscaping to follow. The Road Crew was also repairing and raising manholes in the City of Hazleton ahead of municipal paving projects.

Regarding developer matters, he noted that the Authority received a request from UGI to reserve three EDUs for a new building in the City of Hazleton. The ROC Fee was received, and the Reservation of Capacity Agreement was under review. Andrew also reported that the engineer submitted a preliminary sketch for the Authority's annex property, with further review needed for the proposed buildings and driveway location.

During the Regular Meeting, Andrew provided additional information on the Authority's insurance renewals. Following review by management and the solicitor, property and casualty coverage of up to $100 million was recommended through HUB International/Weiss Schantz Agency for an annual premium of $103,356. Cyber liability coverage of $1 million was also recommended through Brown & Brown Insurance for an annual premium of $8,301.

Gallagher & 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 –
At the Work Session, Alton Whittle, P.E., presented the Engineer's Report on behalf of GFT Infrastructure. He first noted that the semiannual air-quality report was submitted on July 13 as required. Turning to the Locust Street Project, Alton advised that five change orders had been submitted for reimbursement. Change Orders Nos. 1 and 13 were approved, and additional GFT staff were assigned to expedite the review and submission of remaining change orders.

As for the Long-Term Control Plan, GFT continues to refine the Authority's wet-weather capture calculations using metering data, updated meter configurations, industrial-line flows, and flows exceeding the vortex separator's design capacity. The calculations are also being coordinated with municipal growth projections to identify the improvements needed to meet the Authority's 2040 compliance obligations and required CSO capture rate.

Alton then provided an update on the Act 537 Plan, noting that meetings had been held with participating municipalities and other entities and that most growth projections had been received. He added that engineering work continues on the NPDES permit renewal, including a review of sampling results and laboratory detection limits. The annual facility report was also being finalized following the required site walk-through.

At the Regular Meeting, Robert Dougherty, P.E., provided an update on the Locust Street Project, noting that work continues on the outstanding change orders. He also reported that the Area 10 Phase 2 Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement Project was complete. He said the final change order reduced the original contract by $49,250, resulting in a final contract amount of $432,461. The final invoice and required closeout documentation were also submitted and on the agenda for Board approval.

Gallagher & Formica moved to accept the Engineer's Report.
Passed: Aye-8, Nay-0, Absent-1

Solicitor's Report –
In addition to the matters discussed in executive session during the Work Session, Attorney Ustynoski requested that the Board enter an executive session during the Regular Meeting to discuss ongoing litigation.

Gallagher & Formica moved to enter executive session to discuss matters related to ongoing litigation.

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
Sherrock & Formica moved to approve payment of GFT Infrastructure, Inc. invoices and requisitions through July 3, 2026, totaling $59,389.91 as listed in the following table:

Project No.	Invoice No.	Description		Amount
AG048847.0C0	5011346	Incinerator Upgrade	$	1,466.38
AG051153.00A	5011354	Annual Service Work	$	2,712.37
AG051153.00B	5001369	Attend Authority Meetings	$	763.26
AG051153.00T	5011368	NPDES Permit Renewal	$	919.58
AG051153.042	5011342	Annual Air Compliance	$	13,171.18
AG051153.047	5011348	2024 Locust Street CSO PV Construction Phase	$	2,754.18
AG051153.049	5011370	Northpoint Campus Development	$	1,451.04
AG051153.053	5011349	Nit/Denit WWTP Process Evaluation	$	11,631.57
AG051153.054	5011341	Nit/Denit Insurance Claim Assist	$	6,059.59
AG051153.055	5011350	Act 537 Plan 2026	$	6,525.47
AG051153.058	5011366	Long Term Control Plan 2026	$	11,935.29
		Total:	$	59,389.91

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

George & Formica 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:

	Invoice Date	Description		Amount
Operating Fund	7/7/2026	GHJSA Municipal Engineer	$	701.25
Operating Fund	7/7/2026	Area 10, Phase 2	$	10,373.75
Escrow Fund	7/7/2026	Allen Ridge	$	4,433.75
		Total	$	15,508.75

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 June 26, 2026, totaling $675.00 as listed in the following table:

Project No.	Invoice No.	Project Description		Amount
03171.001.0003	01141	Local Limits Re-Evaluation	$	75.00
03171.001.0006	01142	NPDES Permit	$	150.00
03171.001.0007	01143	Chlorine Demand Study	$	450.00
		Total	$	675.00

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

George & Sherrock moved to approve payment of ARRO Consulting, Inc. invoices through July 3, 2026, totaling $1,718.50 as listed in the following table:

Project No.	Invoice No.	Project Description		Amount
11352	0121430	GHJSA Land Development Plan (Amcor Parcel)	$	1,718.50
		Total	$	1,718.50

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

George & Formica moved to authorize payment from the Operating Fund for Operating and Administrative Expenses ($758,140.27); Construction in Progress ($29,909.03); Equipment ($13,587.50); 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 June 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)

George & Sherrock moved to approve issued credits report totaling $721.92 from the month of June 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
Gallagher & Sherrock moved to authorize Board Member Rocco Formica to represent the Authority as a Voting Delegate at the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association's annual business meeting to be held during its annual conference.
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 & Grink moved to approve the transfer of $20,100.00 from the Operating Fund to the PA INVEST Collection System Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year Ended July 31, 2026 as presented by 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)

Stefanovich & Formica moved to authorize payment of Debt Service Obligations for fiscal year 2026-2027 at the amortization schedule amounts and the intervals listed in the Bond Trust Indentures and PENNVEST Loan Agreements.

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 authorize continued payment of invoices through July 31, 2026 for operating and administrative expenses in fiscal year 2025-2026 up to the approved budget amounts.
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 award the property and casualty insurance coverage for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to HUB International Greater Pennsylvania (Weiss-Schantz Agency) for a total annual premium of $103,356.00, as recommended by Authority Management and the Solicitor.
Roll Call: Eyerly-absent, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Sharkey-yes, Sherrock-yes, Stefanovich-yes, Sullivan-yes (Passed 8-0-1)

George & Formica moved to award the cyber insurance coverage for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in the amount of $1,000,000 to Brown & Brown Insurance for a total annual premium of $8,301.00, as recommended by Authority Management and the Solicitor.
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 advertisement of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Regular Monthly Meetings & Work Sessions schedule as distributed to the Board Members.
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 award the sodium hypochlorite supply contract for the period August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027, to Univar USA, Inc. of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, at a price of $2.13 per gallon delivered to the GHJSA Treatment Plant, as reviewed and recommended by the Solicitor.
Roll Call: Eyerly-absent, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Sharkey-yes, Sherrock-yes, Stefanovich-yes, Sullivan-yes (Passed 8-0-1)

George & Formica moved to approve wage increases for all Authority Management employees at the same percentages as approved for union employees in the 2026-2029 Collective Bargaining Agreement as follows: 4.5% increase on August 1, 2026, 4.0% increase on August 1, 2027, and 4.0% increase on August 1, 2028.
Roll Call: Eyerly-absent, Formica-yes, Gallagher-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Sharkey-yes, Sherrock-yes, Stefanovich-yes, Sullivan-yes (Passed 8-0-1)

Stefanovich & Formica moved to approve Change Order No. 1, reflecting a net contract reduction of $49,250.00, for the Area 10 (Phase 2) Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement Project with Wexcon, Inc., as presented and recommended by the engineer.
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 approve Requisition C275, payable to Wexcon, Inc. in the amount of $432,461.00, for Payment Estimate No. 1 (FINAL) for the Area 10 (Phase 2) Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement Project, as recommended by the Engineer. The original contract amount was $481,711.00. Subtract for Change Order #1 in the amount of ($49,250.00) for a total contract price of $432,461.00. Total payments to date, including this requisition, are $432,461.00, leaving a remaining contract balance of zero.
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 Amendment #16 to the GHJSA Employees' Pension Plan, which increases the amounts of the defined benefit pension as negotiated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) approved on June 29, 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)

Formica & Gallagher moved to approve the Kingdom Technology Services progress invoice # C1819-03 dated July 22, 2026, in the amount of $220,500.00, for the upgrade of the existing Ultraviolet Disinfection System with new controls, HMI/PLC, lamps, ballasts, a UVT meter, and ancillary equipment according to the payment terms outlined in Proposal No. 7905 R3. The payment represents 10% for delivery of core materials and 20% due at start of site work.
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 a Reservation of Sewage Capacity of three (3) EDUs, at 230 gallons per day per EDU, to UGI Utilities, Inc., for property located at North Conahan Drive and Powell Drive in the City of Hazleton, for the reservation of capacity fee of $2,786.40, as detailed in the executed Reservation of Capacity Application and Agreement (ROCA) documents. The Reservation of Capacity Fee shall be held in escrow until all or a portion is either refunded to the developer or transferred to the Authority's Operating Accounts as specified in the ROCA.
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 adjourn.
Passed: Aye-8, Nay-0, Absent-1
The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM

The next scheduled Work Session will be Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM.
The next scheduled Regular Monthly Meeting will be Monday, August 31, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority

Greg a. Olander

Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary