

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2022**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS:**

Mr. Don C. Hall, II, Chairman; Mr. Kevin Pile, Vice Chairman; Mr. Anthony Caputo, Secretary; Mr. Charles Arnone, Assistant Secretary; Mr. Richard Rambish, Treasurer; Mr. John H. Follansbee, III, Assistant Treasurer; Mr. Ed Cernic, Jr.; Mr. Marc McCall; Mr. James McDonnell; Mr. William Trevorrow; Mr. David Vitovich

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**A. Don C. Hall, II, Chairman, called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 24, 2022 to order at 3:00 p.m.**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**C. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Mr. Pile, Mr. Follansbee and Mr. McCall were absent.

**OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:**

RDM – Johnstown, LLC

Michael Kerr, Brian Hohman, Melissa Radovanic. Nancy Miller, Greg Stein, James Kukura; Victoria Kniss was present via video  
Sue Kovolinka was also in attendance

Greater Johnstown Water Authority

William Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor

Gibson Thomas

Ed Schmitt

EADS Group

Brandon Palmer

Arthur J. Gallagher

Jonathan Gleason

Recording Secretary

Lori A. Behe

#### **D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

John DeBartola inquired why these meetings were not open to the public. He questioned why he receives meeting minutes from JRA indicating a plan to consolidate water, sewer, and public works services and questioned the Board's participation with regard to Vision Together 2025. He inquired if "things were going on behind the scene."

Mr. DeBartola filed a Right to Know Request with the GJWA asking for emails outlining the discussion on the matter.

#### **E. NOTIFICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Jonathan Gleason was present via video to discuss a proposal from Gallagher Risk Management. Also present on the call to answer questions was Quincy Quintana from McKee Risk Management, the underwriter.

Mr. Gleason noted his goal was to review and make improvements to the Authority's current program. He commented that CUNA Mutual is rated A (Excellent). He reviewed the plan. Mr. Quintana highlighted a few of the program's coverages noting that the program was specifically designed for water and sewer operations. Authority members had questions and further discussion.

**Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the insurance policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cernic pending Solicitor review.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **F. MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the February 24, 2022 Committee of the Whole minutes and March 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **G. BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022**

Mr. Rambish requested approval of payment to Snyder Environmental in the amount of \$357,815.32.

**Mr. Cernic made a motion to approve the payment of the bill to Snyder Environmental in the amount of \$357,815.32. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caputo.**

**There was further discussion.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **H. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **EADS Group**

Brandon Palmer, EADs, reported that A. Liberoni was working on a punch list item in Old Conemaugh Borough and will finish paving in Hornerstown. Mr. Kerr and Mr. Palmer recently were in contact with Liberoni regarding their unsatisfactory work, which needed to be addressed immediately.

Mr. Palmer discussed plans to purchase five flow meters and a rain gauge.

### **Gibson Thomas Engineering**

Ed Schmitt, Gibson-Thomas, noted the Westmont project has been rebid. The bids will be open before the GJWA meeting on April 28, 2022.

**Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the Engineers' Reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **I. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

A matter was noted for Executive Session.

## **K. COMMENTS**

It was noted that the Authority will have the entire year to do the Source Water Protection.

**L. NEXT MEETING DATE: April 14, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

## **M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Arnone made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.**

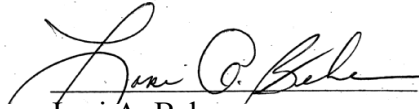
The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

## **N. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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An Executive Session was held to discuss acquisition of property.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori A. Behe", written over a horizontal line.

Lori A. Behe  
Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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MOTIONS**

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1	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.
2	NOTIFICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE	Motion to approve insurance policy for water and sewer operations. (Passed unanimously.)
2	MINUTES	Motion to approve the February 24, 2022 Committee of the Whole and March 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes. (Passed unanimously.)
2	BILLS FOR MARCH 2022	Motion to approve payment of bill to Snyder Environmental in the amount of \$357,815.32. (Passed unanimously.)
3	ENGINEERS' REPORTS	Motion to approve both Engineer's Reports. (Passed unanimously.)
4	ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.