

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Thursday, August 25, 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. David Vitovich; Sheree Speicher

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**A. Don C. Hall, II, Chairman, called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 25, 2022 to order at 3:00 p.m.**

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

**C. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Mr. McCall was absent.

**OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:**

RDM – Johnstown, LLC

Michael Kerr; Melissa Radovanic, Nancy Miller, Monica Charles  
Michael Kukura, Denny Shadron, Victoria Kniss, Sue Konvolinka,  
Rob C. (via video)

Greater Johnstown Water Authority

William Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor

Gibson Thomas

Chris Wharton

EADS Group

Brandon Palmer

Recording Secretary

Lori A. Behe

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**E. NOTIFICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence from Attorney Carbonara would be discussed under the Solicitor's Report.

**F. MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2022 and August 4, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pile.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**G. BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022**

**GJWA - PENNVEST FUNDS**

TERRA WORKS

60-22-PVSEW

Payment No. 20-PV#71442-Fairfield Avenue \$41,067.92

SNYDER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

61-22-PVSEW

Payment No. 17-PV#75374 Central Business District \$262,057.80

SNYDER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

62-22-PVSEW

Payment No. 04-PV#75382 - Miscellaneous Project \$187,146.51

THE EADS GROUP

63-22-PVSEW

Invoice #234589 - PV#71441 OCB-Admin for June 2022 \$860.10

Invoice #234590-PV#71441 OCB-Serv Connect. Coord for June 2022 \$5,075.51

Invoice #234591-PV#71441 OCB-AsBuilt Survey/GIS entry for March 2022 \$144.26

THE EADS GROUP

64-22-PVSEW

Invoice #234861-PV#71442 Fairfield- Const.Inspec. for July 2022 \$713.92

Invoice#234862-PV#71442 Fairfield-Serv Connec. Coord for July 2022 \$2,887.35

THE EADS GROUP

65-22-PVSEW

Invoice#234857-PV#75374 CBD-Basic design for July 2022 \$2,178.92

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Invoice#234858-PV#75374 CBD-Admin for July 2022	\$1,220.42
Invoice #234859-PV#75374 CBD-Construction inspection for July 2022	\$25,978.93
Invoice#234860-PV#75374 CBD-Serv Connect. Coord. for July 2022	\$2,406.12

**THE EADS GROUP**

66-22-PVSEW

Invoice#234863-PV#75382 Misc Project-Basic Design for July 2022 \$1,064.69	\$5,951.40
Invoice #234864-PV#75382 Misc Project - Admin for July 2022	\$1,011.31
Invoice #234865-PV#75382 Misc Project - Construct Inspec. for July 2022	\$18,505.90
Invoice#234866-PV#75382 Misc Project-Serv. Connect. Coord. for July 2022	\$2,581.88
Invoice#234867-PV#75382 Misc Project-Right of Ways for June/July 2022	\$45.38

**AMOUNT** **\$559,833.63**

**SEWER REVENUE FUND**

**BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

Checking Account - FNB	\$1,012,516.28	
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>(\$86,473.34)</u>	
	\$926,042.94	\$926,042.94

**RECEIPTS**

Sewer Service	\$939,135.73	
Pressure Testing Inspection	\$1,314.00	
Temporary Certificates for Deed Transfers	\$125.00	
Sewer Tap Fee	--	
Intermunicipal Agreement for Vac Truck	--	
Misc Income	--	
Fee for use of Dump Site	--	
Penn Vest disbursements to Ohio St. PV#71429	--	
PennVest disbursements to Kernville PV# 71435	--	
PennVest disbursements to OCB PV#71441	\$315.00	
PennVest disbursements to Fairfield PV#71442	--	
PennVest disbursements to CBD PV# 75374	\$380,760.90	
PennVest disbursements to Misc Proj PV#75382	<u>\$296,179.89</u>	<u>\$1,617,830.52</u>
		\$2,543,873.46

**CHECK# DISBURSEMENTS**

Direct	Principal and Interest for PennVEST loans	\$268,489.72	
Direct	Pacific Pride Fuel	\$1,209.50	
Direct	FNB Line of Credit - interest payment	\$16,000.00	
Direct	Money Trf to Westmont Boro for PennVEST P&I Payments	\$72,214.45	
	VOID CHECK #1241	(\$500.00)	
07/07/22	Check Register A	\$129,045.24	
07/26/22	Check Register B	\$163.94	
07/28/22	Check Register C	\$103,648.96	
07/12/22	Check Register D	\$315.00	
07/12/22	Check Register E	\$380,038.12	
07/07/22	Check Register F	\$295,885.98	<u>\$1,266,510.91</u>

**BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2022**

Checking Account - FNB	\$1,389,918.37	
Less: Outstanding checks	<u>(\$112,555.82)</u>	
	\$1,277,362.55	\$1,277,362.55

**SEWER CAPITAL FUND - AUGUST 2022**

**SEWER ACCOUNT - CAPITAL FUND**

First National Bank CD	08/11/2022	.32%	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$500,000.00

**BALANCE AS OF July 31, 2022**

Checking-First National Bank - Sewer Revenue	\$1,277,362.55
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**BILLS TO BE PAID**

**SEWER REVENUE FUND BILLS**

Paid after July 28, 2022 meeting - Sewer	\$1,150,727.34
To be paid at August 25, 2022 meeting - Sewer	<u>\$96,516.09</u>
TOTAL	\$1,247,243.43

**GJWA - PENNVEST FUNDS** \$559,833.63

**Mr. Pile made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.**

There was further discussion regarding the dump site fee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **H. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

William Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor, reported that 3,500 properties in the City and 500 in Westmont had come into compliance. He alerted Board members that if the GJWA did not meet the 625 gpd/edu limit per day, it should work on a corrective plan for March of 2023. Mr. Kerr commented, when the time comes, the Authority would be able to illustrate significant improvement in the reduction of flows by showing the number of houses that were pressure tested, and also that the GJWA was spending large amounts of money to address the problem.

There was further discussion regarding compliance and overflow fines.

It was noted that so far this year, \$354,513.91 had been collected in surcharge fees and \$658,000 was billed. Mr. Kerr offered further explanation. Mr. Cernic suggested a line item in the Treasurer's Report indicating the surcharge fees collected.

There was discussion regarding the flow monitoring.

Mr. Barbin referred members to correspondence received from Attorney Carbonara on behalf of Southmont Borough for further discussion. Mr. Barbin read into the record an email he sent in reply to that letter asking if Southmont would be willing to include a clause that if there were problems in the future with extraneous flows, Southmont would then agree to pursue corrective action. After further discussion, members verbally agreed on the matter.

Mr. Barbin reported that a pleasant meeting was held recently at the Saltlick Plant with Jackson East Taylor Sewer Authority (JETSA) employees, their solicitor and chairman. He noted that JETSA thinks GJWA should pay more at Saltlick for sewage but both will take time to work something fair out.

**Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the Solicitor's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **I. ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT**

No Report.

## **J. ENGINEERS' REPORTS**

**EADS Group**

Brandon Palmer referred to his written report for further discussion of the EADS Group proposal for the Drury Lane Pump Station Project.

**Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the proposal for the Drury Lane Pump Station Project using a COSTARS approved vendor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rambish.**

There was further discussion regarding the proposal.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Palmer reported the Fairfield Avenue project had been completed. He stated the JRA interceptor manholes near J Street were already in place by PennDOT so any issues with the manholes cannot be resolved by EADS. Mr. Kerr will reach out to PennDOT regarding the matter.

Mr. Palmer anticipated a final change order to clean up the dump site.

He reported that Snyder was near completion of the mainline rehab in the Central Business District.

He noted Snyder was near 50 percent completion of the miscellaneous project main line pipe rehabilitation. Work began on an open cut portion on Cooper Avenue.

Mr. Palmer stated Liberoni was to complete punch list items soon. There was further discussion regarding the matter.

**Mr. Cernic made a motion to contact the bonding company to put Liberoni on notice regarding the Old Conemaugh Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Kerr commented on the two lines that were part of the Kernville Project meeting DEP requirements. He stated Liberoni was only agreeing to repair one of the lines that did not meet the minimal slope requirements set by DEP and was disputing the other and so far had not addressed either of them.

Mr. Palmer reported that Snyder was working on punch list items for the Westmont system.

He indicated almost 61 percent total property compliance for pressure testing in the Westmont area.

**Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the EADS Group Engineer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Gibson-Thomas Engineers**

Chris Wharton provided an update on the North Fork Reservoir Dam project. He noted the drilling project was to begin Monday, August 22, 2022, but due to work on another project and the weather, the project will commence this Monday, August 29, 2022.

With regard to the valve replacement project, the part was supposed to ship September 16, 2022, with an anticipated start date of September 26, 2022. James is to commence mobilizing.

**Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Gibson-Thomas Engineers Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**K. MANAGER'S REPORT-Resource Development and Management, LLC**

Michael Kerr noted that in November of 2021, the Board opted to allow GJWA customers to send in signed contracts to defer the surcharge payment for noncompliance. Monica Charles provide an update with regard to the matter.

Ms. Charles reported 788 sewer contracts for customers deferring the monthly sewer surcharge. Of that 788, 223 or 29 percent have passed the pressure test, 565 customers or 71 percent are awaiting the contractor to complete the work. An average of ten pressure tests per month is the average with customers who have a contract. There are other properties who do not have a contract on file.

Numerous calls have been received from customers waiting for contractors to contact them to perform the work before the December 31st deadline. She noted contractors are working as fast as they can with the supply chain issue being what it is, and that again, sewer work for 71 percent of customers has not been completed. She noted there have been 1,114 passed pressure tests broken down as follows: September through December of 2020, 181 properties passed, 181 tests were performed. In 2021, 582 tests. And to date 351 passed, and out of that amount, approximately 50 are from Westmont Borough.

Mr. Arnone stated he has talked to contractors regarding the matter and that out of 1,530 applications for the lateral program, 791 have been returned, 85 active properties. The average price is \$4,409. He noted that any leftover grant monies has to be returned. The City will hold a special meeting regarding the matter and getting the money to the JRA sooner.

Mr. Arnone further stated the contractors cannot get the work done by the end of the year. He talked about some extreme situations that have been brought to his attention and suggested the \$25 fee be extended for another year.

**Mr. Cernic made a motion to extend the deferment program and to freeze the \$25 surcharge fee until December 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.**

There was further discussion.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

There was further discussion regarding Mr. Barbin's suggestion to hire a manager or somebody else to do the pressure testing repairs. Mr. Kerr suggested doing the tests on time and material using labor rates already established through the Authority, that RDM hire the additional employees and that the contract/mortgage would be between the homeowner and the Authority.

Mr. Cernic noted for the record that he is opposed to the suggestion.

Chairman Hall suggested that RDM write a proposal which would be reviewed by Authority members at the next meeting in September.

**Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Manager's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

#### **M. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kerr noted a recent meeting with two of Lower Yoder's supervisors and their solicitor and indicated they were hesitant to make any counteroffer.

#### **N. COMMENTS:**

None.

#### **O. NEXT MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.**



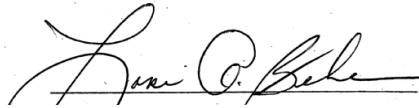
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**P. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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.