

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Thursday, October 13, 2022**  
**REGULAR 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.; Marc McCall; James McDonnell; David Vitovich, Sheree Speicher

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**A. Don C. Hall, II, Chairman, called the Greater Johnstown Water Authority Meeting of October 13, 2022 to order at 3:00 p.m.**

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

**C. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

John H. Follansbee, III and Marc McCall were absent.

**OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:**

RDM – Johnstown, LLC

Michael Kerr, Tom Brown, Melissa Radovanic, Nancy Miller  
Present via video: Brian Hohman, Victoria Kniss, Denny Shadron

Greater Johnstown Water Authority  
William Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor

Accountant  
James P. Deter, CPA

Gibson Thomas  
Ed Schmitt, Chris Wharton

EADS Group  
Brandon Palmer

Recording Secretary  
Lori A. Behe

Also present

Rob C., Sue's S21 Ultra

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Patricia Walker, 608, 610 and 612 Fronheiser Street, Johnstown, addressed Authority members with regard to her ongoing water problem that has developed with the start and finish of the sewer upgrades. She reported low water pressure as a result.

Ms. Walker discussed the terms of an easement agreement regarding the properties. She noted problems with the slant of the sidewalk. She asked that the "property be put back like it was".

Mr. Barbin explained this problem happened while the sewer contractor was on the property.

Mr. Kerr explained that the GJWA is responsible for the waterline damaged by Liberoni. Ms. Walker would be contacted to schedule a period of time to have the waterline replaced. GJWA has no other issues regarding this property. Mr. Kerr stated the steps and sidewalk are in better shape now than what preexisted.

Mr. Cernic suggested the waterline be addressed first. There was further discussion.

Mr. Hall suggested everything be done to accommodate Ms. Walker within the responsibility of the GJWA.

**E. MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

**Mr. Pile made a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.**

**The motion passed. Mr. Cernic abstained from voting on the motion due to his absence at that meeting.**

**F. TREASURER'S REPORT - REVENUE FUND TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

**WATER REVENUE FUND**

Members were referred to the following financial information for review:

**BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2022**

Checking Account - FNB	\$2,410,490.37
Checking Account - FNB Sweep Account	--

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Less Outstanding Checks	<u>(\$477,167.18)</u>	
	\$1,933,323.19	\$1,933,323.19

**RECEIPTS:**

Water Service	\$1,047,594.21	
Account Confirmation	\$3,600.00	
FNB - Interest on Sweep Account	--	
FNB - Interest on MM Account	\$234.05	
Wells Fargo - Distribution of Income	\$7,138.71	
VOID Check # 24064	\$559.12	
RDM-Caretaker Rent - September 2022	\$300.00	
Liberoni - Hydrant Meter Deposit	\$850.00	
GJWA Sewer - Interest on Mack Truck	\$1,067.96	
Conemaugh Twp. Inv. #1936 - Meter Reads	\$34.75	
People's Natural Gas -Inv.# 1933 - Repair to service on Violet Street	\$1,072.28	
RDM-October rent 2022	\$6,216.78	
RDM Sheetz-August 2022	\$10,250.12	
Lindy Paving - Inv. #1928 -Bulk Water Purchase	\$24.96	
R. Forbes-Inv. #1945-New Water Tap-498 Duwell St.	\$1,300.00	
Wells Fargo-PayReq#40-22-08CAP- reimb. for Wmt Res Waterline Project	\$113,978.79	
Equitran--Qtrly Storage Pymt-July, Aug and Sept.	<u>\$789.60</u>	<u>\$1,195,011.33</u>
		\$3,128,334.52

**DISBURSEMENTS**

DIRECT PennVEST Loan #12597	\$34,082.17	
DIRECT PennVEST Loan #12719	\$28,022.97	
DIRECT Sheetz-Wex Inc. Fleet	\$10,250.12	
08/04/22 Check Register - A	\$4,005.23	
08/11/22 Check Register - B	\$272,735.66	
08/19/22 Check Register -C	<u>\$565,232.28</u>	
		\$914,328.43

**BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

Checking Account - FNB	\$2,681,395.05	
Checking Account - FNB Sweep Account	--	
Less: Outstanding checks	<u>(\$467,388.96)</u>	
	\$2,214,006.09	<u>\$2,214,006.09</u>

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND REDEMPTION FUND-SEPT. 2022**

**GR JOHNSTOWN WATER SER 08 CAP & RED #3976**

Ameriserv Financial CD	11/03/22	.300%	\$2,176,311.69
First National Bank	04/08/23	1.200%	\$338,689.13
First National Bank	08/12/23	2.350%	\$500,000.00
First National Bank	11/17/23	.400%	\$250,000.00
First National Bank	03/01/23	.105%	\$240,000.00
Ameriserv Financial CD	10/10/22	.300%	\$250,000.00
PLGIT		2.280%	\$240,521.82
Blackrock FDS Treas TR#62		2.610%	\$678,470.70
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,673,993.34</b>

**GR JOHNSTOWN WATER 2015 NORTH FORK RESERVOIR FUND**

First National Bank	03/01/23	1.050%	\$348,475.50
First National Bank	05/05/23	1.470%	\$250,000.00
First National Bank	04/08/23	1.200%	\$463,738.50
First National Bank	04/19/23	1.200%	\$250,000.00
First National Bank	08/15/23	2.350%	\$1,300,000.00
First National Bank	11/05/22	.300%	\$500,000.00
Ameriserv Bank CD	11/18/22	.350%	\$450,000.00
First National Bank	11/17/23	.400%	\$500,000.00
PLGIT		2.280%	\$324,140.82
Blackrock FDS Treas TR#62		2.610%	\$325,834.97
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,712,189.79</b>

**GR JTWN WATER PURCHASE ACT #1915**

First National Bank	11/17/23	.400%	\$1,005,943.62
First National Bank	05/25/23	1.750%	\$438,178.33
1st Summit Bank CD	10/19/22	.400%	\$250,000.00
BlackrockFDS Treas TR#62		2.610%	\$40,067.41
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,734,189.36</b>

**ACCOUNT SUMMARY OF CAPITAL FUNDS:**

Cap Imp & Red Acct #3976	\$4,673,993.34
2015 North Fork Reservoir Fund	\$4,712,189.79
Water Purchase Account	\$1,734,189.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,120,372.49</b>

**BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

Checking -First National Bank-Water Revenue \$2,681,395.05

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

**WATER REVENUE FUND BILLS**

Paid after September 15, 2022 meeting - Water \$569,714.76  
To be paid at October 13, 2022 meeting-Water \$312,072.24  
**TOTAL \$881,787.00**

**GJWA 08 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BILLS \$76,072.29**

**GJWA 2008 CAP IMPROVEMENT FUND**

RDM JOHNSTOWN, LLC

46-22-08CAP

Invoice #8084- Labor and Equip for 322-6T-Rpr at Figg and Baywood Streets \$1,429.20

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47-22-08 CAP

Reimbursement for material purchase for Westmont Reservoir Park Waterline \$17,887.29

JAMES EXCAVATING, INC.

48-22-08CAP

Pay Estimate No. 1 - Westmont Reservoir Park Waterline WO#2021-1 \$56,755.80

**AMOUNT \$76,072.29**

**Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills.**

**The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.**

There was further discussion regarding a 2020 Miller's blacktop billing.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

William Gleason Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor, reported a letter had been sent to Ms. Walker regarding a restoration matter on her property. He and Mr. Kerr met with Mr. Palmer and went over the documentation on the issue. He stated the walk is a solid

continuous walk whereas before it was separate slabs, and premanufactured concrete steps are now poured concrete steps. It was noted that Ms. Walker's explanation of the issue was the most logical explanation.

He reported that a letter was sent to At Glen Management, the owner of the post office maintenance facility on Clinton Street, regarding permission to come onto this property to connect the sewer met with no response. Mr. Barbin contacted their counsel regarding the matter and all papers were returned signed.

Mr. Barbin noted the JETSA matter with regard to the proper sewer bill for the Saltlick Water Treatment Plant is still pending but hopes to come to a resolution of the matter. An Executive Session would be held at the end of the meeting regarding this matter.

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

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **H. ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT - James P. Deter, CPA**

Mr. Deter referred members to his September 2022 report for further discussion, which included his attendance at the monthly meeting, a reconciliation of monthly trustee reports, a Summary of Capital Expenditures, preparation of a Revenue Fund Cash Flow Analysis and Capital Improvement and Redemption Fund Cash Flow Projections, reviewed receipts and expenditures as reported and prepared a quarterly budget comparison.

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

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **I. ENGINEERS' REPORTS**

##### **Gibson-Thomas Engineering Company**

Ed Schmitt referred Authority members to his report for further discussion.

Mr. Schmitt reported testing for the pumping drawdown test for the stilling basin area at the North Fork Dam was completed, and a report from Moody and Associates is expected within 30 days, after which a total response would be provided to DEP. He noted that PennVEST was still interested in the project along with Senator Pittman, who is on the PennVEST Board.

He noted the North Fork intake valve replacement sluice gate project continues and should be completed shortly.

Mr. Schmitt reported waterlines at the Westmont Tank have been completed and awaiting a large vault, which is due in October 2022.

He will be in touch with the City to make sure there are not any issues on the site of the Kernville Pump Station. Mr. Schmitt called this project "the big item for next year."

A Capital Improvements General Draft Plan carryover work is all items that continue to be worked on, including monies set aside for the North Fork and Westmont Storage Tank. He noted that RDM controls when the Saltlick filtration membrane needs to be done. Highland Interconnection will be moving forward before the end of the year and may bump over into the spring. Tank painting permits have been started and most likely would be bumped back to 2024. Routine Capital is the same number every year. Meter upgrades are reoccurring costs.

There was further discussion regarding the change order for the Westmont Reservoir Park Waterline.

### **EADS Group**

Brandon Palmer, EADS Group, had no written report but noted there are PA Small Water and Sewer Grants available and applications are open until the middle of December for a 50/50 match. He would apply for the grant if the Authority is interested.

Mr. Hall suggested an application be submitted. Mr. Schmitt noted last year's applications have not yet been awarded creating an overlap. There was further discussion.

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

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Cernic made a motion authorizing RDM to submit an application for a PA Small Water and Sewer Grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **J. MANAGER'S REPORT – Resource Development & Management, LLC**

Michael Kerr referred Authority members to the monthly Manager's Report for October of 2022 for discussion.

He reported this would be the next to last update for the LIWAP program, but as of September 30, 2022, \$215,079 had been received assisting 610 customers and \$19,155 through the ERAP program assisting an additional 41 customers.

He noted that to date, 200 lead services had been replaced and an additional 46 lead service cut off and eliminated. The GIS cataloged over 18 percent of the service line inventory, and the new lead and copper rules will become effective in November of 2024. There was further discussion regarding the matter.

Mr. Kerr reported the annual routine flushing commenced, and further information is provided on the GJWA website.

He reported the coagulant feed at Saltlick has started and there is a substantial improvement to the water quality. He had further discussion regarding the improvements. Mr. Kerr indicated that with regard to the Saltlick, the 24-inch main that runs along the river and railroad tracks recently broke right at the river crossing for the Little Conemaugh, and that time has been taken up by the "ridiculous" requirements that the railroad has that the GJWA obtain a permit to access their property to fix the waterline, which could amount to \$15,000 or \$20,000. Mr. Kerr noted all options are being considered, including obtaining a stream crossing permit from DEP. He offered further explanation of the matter.

Mr. Kerr had discussion regarding an agreement with Range Resources, which an energy company for a carbon credit program obligating the Authority to not cut timber for a period of time in exchange for money. Noting that it takes 20,000 acres to participate in the program Mr. Kerr suggested lumping the property that MAWC owns, which is 10,000 acres and the property that the Authority owns to collectively have 20,089 acres. Mr. Kerr noted that in total there may be a \$4 or \$5 million value in this to the Authority "for essentially doing nothing". He offered additional information regarding the matter.

Mr. Barbin would review the language in the agreement for further discussion at a future meeting.

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

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **K. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There was discussion regarding whether there is a need to update the Source Water Protection Plan before 2023.



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**L. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**M. COMMENTS**

None.

**N. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

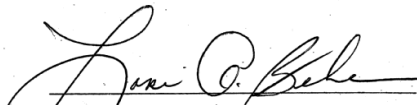
**O. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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