

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Thursday, April 14, 2022**  
**MOTIONS**

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<b>1</b>	<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</b>	<b>Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	<b>Motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2022. (Passed unanimously.)</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	<b>Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report (Passed.)</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>SOLICITOR'S REPORT</b>	<b>Motion to table approval of the amendment to the Robindale Coal Lease. (Passed unanimously.)</b>
<b>8</b>		<b>Motion to approve the Asset Purchase Agreement for the Westmont Borough Sanitary Sewer System. (No vote taken.)</b>
<b>8</b>		<b>Motion to table approval of the Asset Purchase Agreement pending further review. (Passed.)</b>

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8	SOLICITOR'S REPORT	Motion to approve a rule regarding disposition of security deposits. (Passed unanimously.)
9	ACCOUNTANTS REPORT	Motion to approve the Accountant's Report. (Passed unanimously.)
10	ENGINEERS' REPORTS	Motion to approve both the Gibson-Thomas Engineers and EADs Group Reports. (Passed unanimously.)
11	MANAGER'S REPORT	Motion to approve the Manager's Report (Passed unanimously.)
11	ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Thursday, April 14, 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; William Trevorrow; David Vitovich.

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**A. Don C. Hall, II, Chairman, called the Greater Johnstown Water Authority Meeting of April 14, 2022 to order at 3:00 p.m.**

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

**C. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

All members were present.

**OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:**

RDM – Johnstown, LLC

Michael Kerr, Melissa Radovanic, Tom Brown, Nancy Miller  
Present via video: James Kukura, Victoria Kniss and Brian Hohman

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 Via Video

Sue Konvolinka, John DeBartola

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, presented before members for discussion regarding the sale of the Westmont sewer to the GJWA and commented that the Authority "may not be fiscally conservative and may be overextending itself." He inquired why Mr. Arnone was at this meeting but could not attend a City Council meeting scheduled for last night and a public hearing scheduled for today due to it being Easter Week.

**E. NOTIFICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Caputo referred Authority members to discussion of correspondence from Gerald and Susan Stem regarding whether or not GJWA would be interested in buying a property on Old Peterson Drive for the right of way. Chairman Hall suggested the matter be discussed in Executive Session.

A second piece of correspondence was from the H.F.Lenz Company requesting that JARI, located at 245 Market Street, be excused from the pressure testing.

Mr. Barbin noted that a variance for pressure testing was approved if the pipes in question were above the level of the ground. He requested that Mr. Schmitt review the matter and make recommendation. There was further discussion.

**F. MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Mr. Pile made a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**G. TREASURER'S REPORT - BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022**

**WATER REVENUE FUND**

The following financial information was presented:

**BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

Checking Account - FNB	\$1,505,854.70	
Checking Account - FNB Sweep Account	--	
Less Outstanding Checks	<b>(\$479,787.77)</b>	
	\$1,026,066.93	\$1,026,066.93

**RECEIPTS:**

Water Service	\$1,014,915.01	
Account Confirmation	\$4,175.00	
FNB - Interest on Sweep Account	--	
FNB - Interest on MM Account	\$14.96	
Wells Fargo - Distribution of Income	\$2,679.18	
RDM-Caretaker Rent - March 2022	\$300.00	
JRA-New 1" service-2nd Ave.	2,730.00	
GJWA-Sewer - Interest on Mac Truck	\$1,149.93	
Wells Fargo-Pay Req#18-22-08CAP-1st material transfer	\$48,782.55	
JRA-JRS Unclaimed Security Deposits-escheats	\$11,794.67	
RDM April rent 2022	\$6,216.78	
RDM Sheetz-March 2022	\$8,284.73	
Foundation for PA watershed-STP project	\$2,476.60	
A Mitrus-payment for restoring water service - 197 Barron Avenue	\$545.15	
Conemaugh Twp. Meter Readings-Inv #849	<u>\$34.25</u>	<u>\$1,131,098.81</u>
		\$2,157,165.74

**DISBURSEMENTS**

DIRECT PennVEST Loan #12597	\$34,082.17	
DIRECT PennVEST Loan #12719	\$28,022.97	
DIRECT Sheetz-Wex Inc. Fleet	\$8,055.63	
03/04/22/22 Check Register - A	\$4,929.40	
03/10/22 Check Register - B	\$186,525.94	
03/17/22 Check Register -C	\$631,801.85	
023/29/11 Check Register D	\$4,153.79	
		\$897,571.75

**BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2022**

Checking Account - FNB	\$1,731,043.93	
Checking Account - FNB Sweep Account	--	
Less: Outstanding checks	<u>(\$471,449.94)</u>	
	\$1,259,593.99	<u>\$1,259,593.99</u>

**SEWER REVENUE FUND**

**BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

Checking Account - FNB	\$1,160,321.42	
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>(\$81,853.04)</u>	
	\$1,078,468.38	\$1,078,468.38

**RECEIPTS**

Sewer Service	\$613,367.40	
Pressure Testing Inspection	\$2,175.00	
Temporary Certificates for Deed Transfers	\$125.00	
Sewer Tap Fee	--	
Intermunicipal Agreement for Vac Truck	\$1,642.50	
Misc Income	--	
PennVest disbursements to Ohio St. PV#71429	--	
PennVest disbursements to Kernville PV#71435	\$8,935.06	
PennVest disbursements to OCB PV#71441	\$208,951.08	
PennVest disbursements to Fairfield PV#71442	\$117,026.96	
PennVest disbursements to CBD PV# 75374	--	<u>\$952,223.00</u>
		\$2,030,691.38

**CHECK# DISBURSEMENTS**

Direct	Principal and Interest for PennVEST loans	\$267,762.01	
Direct	Pacific Pride Fuel	\$972.02	
Direct	FNB line of credit-interest payment	\$43.75	
03/03/22	Check Register A	\$880.00	
03/10/22	Check Register B	\$134,716.90	
03/17/22	Check Register C	\$71,927.49	
03/29/22	Check Register D	\$384.00	
03/29/22	Check Register E	\$208,951.08	
03/11/22	Check Register F	\$6,061.24	
03/29/22	Check Register G	\$2,873.82	
03/17/22	Check Register H	\$117,026.96	<u>\$811,599.27</u>

**BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2022**

Checking Account - FNB	\$1,502,080.41	
Less: Outstanding checks	<u>(\$282,988.30)</u>	
	\$1,219,092.11	\$1,219,092.11

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND REDEMPTION FUND- APRIL 2022**

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

Ameriserv Financial CD	11/03/22	.30%	\$2,176,311.69
Ameriserv Financial CD	04/09/22	.30%	\$338,689.13
First National Bank	08/11/22	.32%	\$800,000.00
First National Bank	11/17/23	.40%	\$250,000.00
First National Bank	03/01/23	1.05%	\$240,000.00
Ameriserv Financial CD	11/10/22	.30%	\$250,000.00

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PLGIT	.21%	\$240,050.48
Blackrock FDS Treas TR#62	.19%	<u>\$537,388.09</u>
		\$4,832,439.39

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

First National Bank	03/01/23	1.05%	\$348,475.50
First National Bank	05/05/22	.22%	\$250,000.00
Ameriserv Bank CD	04/09/22	.30%	\$463,738.50
Slovenian Savings	04/16//22	.375%	\$250,000.00
First National Bank	08/11/22	.320%	\$1,300,000.00
First National Bank	11/05/22	.30%	\$500,000.00
Ameriserv Bank CD	11/18/22	.35%	\$450,000.00
First National Bank	11/17/23	.40%	\$500,000.00
PLGIT		.21%	\$323,505.62
Blackrock FDS Treas TR#62		.19%	<u>\$293,555.51</u>
			\$4,679,275.13

**GR JTWN WATER PURCHASE ACT #1915**

1st Summit Bank CD	05/21/22	.31%	\$438,178.33
1st Summit Bank CD	10/19/22	.40%	\$250,000.00
BlackrockFDS Treas TR#62		.19%	<u>\$39,353.49</u>
			\$727,531.82

**ACCOUNT SUMMARY OF CAPITAL FUNDS:**

Cap Imp & Red Acct #3976		\$4,832,439.39
2015 North Fork Reservoir Fund		\$4,679,275.13
Water Purchase Account		<u>\$ 727,531.82</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$10,239,246.34

**SEWER ACCOUNT - CAPITAL FUND**

First National Bank CD	08/11/22	.032%	\$500,000.00
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**BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2022**

Checking -First National Bank-Water Revenue	\$1,259,593.99
Checking - First National Bank-Sewer Revenue	<u>\$1,219,092.11</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$2,478,686.10

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

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**REVENUE FUND BILLS**

Paid after March 2022 meeting - Sewer	\$649,241.10
Paid after March 2022 meeting - Water	\$637,880.95
To be paid at April 14, 2022 meeting-Sewer	\$306,843.10
To be paid at April 14, 2022 meeting-Water	<u>\$273,600.89</u>
TOTAL	\$1,867,566.04

<b>GJWA 08 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BILLS</b>	\$51,816.38
<b>GJWA -PENNVEST FUNDS</b>	\$221,243.26

**GJWA 2008 CAP IMPROVEMENT FUND**

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20-22-08CAP

2nd material transfer for 2022	\$49,662.64
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GRAINGER

21-22-08CAP

Digital pressure gauge	\$2,153.74
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<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$51,816.38</b>
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**GJWA - PENNVEST FUNDS**

GLEASON, BARBIN AND MARKOVITZ, LLP

24-22-PVSEW

Invoice #48089 WGB-legal services for misc project PV#75382	\$7,517.92
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GLEASON, BARBIN AND MARKOVITZ, LLP

25-22-PVSEW

Invoice #48089 WGB-legal services for Old Conemaugh Borough PV#71441	\$415.00
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THE EADS GROUP

26-22-PVSEW

Invoice #233579-PV#1435-Kernville-Feb 2022 Serv Connect Coord	\$1,619.29
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THE EADS GROUP

27-22-PVSEW

Invoice #233577-PV#71441 OCB-Feb.2022 Serv Connect Coord	\$2,065.02
Invoice #233578-PV#71441 OCB-Jan/Feb 2022 As Built GIS Entry	\$710.22

A. LIBERONI, INC.

16-22-PVSEW

Payment No. 24 - PV#71441 Old Conemaugh Borough	\$152,908.42
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THE EADS GROUP

29-22-PVSEW

Invoice #233585-PV#75382 Misc Proj-Basic Serv-Feb 2022	\$11,044.60
Invoice#233586-PV#75382 Misc Proj-Admin-Feb 2022	\$5,190.69
Invoice #233587-PV#75382 Misc Proj-Serv Connect Coord	\$250.00

A. LIBERONI, INC.

30-22-PVSEW

Payment No. 23A-Ineligible paving for PV#71441 OCB	\$39,521.90
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**AMOUNT** **\$221,243.26**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

Checking Account - FNB	\$2,666,176.12	
Less: Outstanding checks	<u>(561,640.81)</u>	
	\$2,104,535.31	\$2,104,535.31

**RECEIPT:**

Water Service	\$1,131,098.81	
Sewer Service	<u>\$952,223.00</u>	<u>\$2,083,321.81</u>
		\$4,187,857.12

**CHECK # DISBURSEMENTS**

DIRECT Water-PennVEST Loans	\$62,105.14	
DIRECT Sewer-PennVEST Loans	\$267,762.01	
Water - AP Disbursements	\$835,466.61	
Sewer - AP Disbursements	\$543,837.26	<u>\$1,709,171.02</u>

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2022**

Checking Accounts - FNB	\$3,233,124.34	
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>(754,438.24)</u>	
	\$2,478,686.10	\$2,478,686.10

Mr. Kerr noted the payment to A. Liberoni in the amount of \$39,521 for ineligible paving. He explained the matter did not involve withholding payment, but rather going after their performance bond. There was further discussion. Mr. Barbin explained that the GJWA would be in violation of its obligation if payment was not made.

**Mr. McDonnell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.**

**The motion passed. Mr. Cernic opposed the motion.**

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

William Gleason Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor, referred to his report which included a summarization of the Robindale Coal matter starting in 2014. Mr. Barbin stated Robindale wanted to extend the lease agreement 8 years to 2030 with the right to extend another five years until 2035. He suggested that a few logical possibilities would include no extension or extension with rate of payment increased. There was further discussion.

**Mr. Arnone made a motion to table approval of the amendment to the Robindale Coal Lease until such time as we see positive performance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caputo.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Barbin requested a motion to approve the Asset Purchase Agreement for the Westmont Borough Sanitary Sewer System. There was further discussion regarding the matter.

**Mr. McCall made a motion to approve the Asset Purchase Agreement for the Westmont Borough Sanitary Sewer System. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.**

**Mr. Pile made a motion to table pending further review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Follansbee.**

**The motion passed. Chairman Hall, Mr. McCall, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Rambish opposed the motion.**

**Mr. Barbin requested a motion to adopt a rule regarding disposition of security deposits.** He referred members to the attached Article V concerning current rules on deposits for further discussion of suggested changes.

**Mr. Caputo made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Barbin stated a pretrial conference was held regarding the Farbin/Shady Lane Tank project. He explained the court decided that the contract language was not good enough and the language had since been changed to match what the court suggested for the future. Farbin suggested a mediation in front of Judge Kiniry.

Mr. Cernic made a motion to discuss the matter in Executive Session.

**I. ACCOUNTANTS' REPORTS - James P. Deter, CPA**

Mr. Deter referred members to his March 2022 report, which included attendance at the monthly meeting, a reconciliation of monthly trustee reports, a summary of Capital Expenditures, calculation of the annual CPI increase, preparation of a Revenue Fund Cash Flow Analysis and Capital Improvement and Redemption Fund Cash Flow Projections, reviewed receipts and expenditures for both sewer and water as noted in the Treasurer's Report and prepared a quarterly budget comparison.

Mr. Cernic suggested that revenue and expenditure numbers regarding the Westmont matter should be compared.

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

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**J. ENGINEERS' REPORT– Gibson-Thomas Engineers**

Ed Schmitt introduced Chris Wharton, a member of the Gibson-Thomas Engineers. He provided a history of Mr. Wharton's professional background and noted that he may be attending some future meetings on behalf of Mr. Schmitt. Mr. Schmitt referred Authority members to his report for further discussion.

Mr. Schmitt reported nothing new with regard to the North Fork Dam application.

He noted valve replacement personnel are due to return May 16 to rehab the existing valve. Mr. Caputo suggested a group of GJWA members visit DEP regarding the matter.

Mr. Schmitt stated information regarding opening bids on the Westmont Tank project would be available before the next meeting.

Design was completed on the Kernville Pump Station, and the project was scheduled for next year.

All requirements were met and documents had been submitted regarding the Franklin Street project.

Mr. Schmitt reported nothing new on the Dalton Run project, which he stated was predicated on the North Fork project.

Mr. Schmitt suggested that the Board reject all bids and authorize him to rebid the project.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT - EADS Group**

Brandon Palmer, EADS Group, noted the Old Conemaugh Borough project had been discussed previously.

He referred to his report for discussion of the Central Business. Mr. Palmer reported that Snyder had commenced work on the main line on Main Street. Members reviewed two videos of the project, one showing some of the leaks in the main line and the other indicates the installation of the CUES lock system, which stopped the leaks and infiltration.

**Mr. Caputo made a motion to approve both the Gibson-Thomas Engineers and EADS Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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

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

Mr. Kerr reported, to date, over \$100,000 had been received through the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).

This year's Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) report was available on the website.

Mr. Kerr stated 55 lead service lines have been renewed so far this year with a goal of 250 for the year.

Last month, 76 successful pressure testings were completed. In April, over 20 had been completed. The GJWA Sewer System was still experiencing SSO activations during heavy rains.

Walk-through inspections were conducted by the PADEP with no issues or deficiencies identified.

Senate Bill No. 597 was reintroduced by Senator Pat Stefano. Mr. Kerr stated the bill was opposed by both the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMMA) and the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA). Chairman Hall understood that if this bill was placed, it would essentially place smaller water authority systems at risk of being purchased by large publicly traded conglomerates, because they have the money to buy the systems and the smaller systems do not have the money to meet all the requirements of the bill.

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

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**N. COMMENTS**

None.

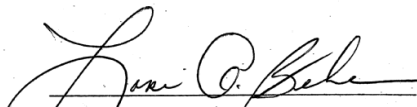
**O. NEXT MEETING DATE: APRIL 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWED**



Respectfully submitted,

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