

## GREATER POTTSVILLE AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

### REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Greater Pottsville Area Sewer Authority was held on the Third Floor City Hall, Sewer Authority Conference Room on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Charles M. Dries, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### PRESENT

Charles M. Dries	,	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman
James T. Muldowney	,	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman
Ronald C. Zimmerman	,	Treasurer
Henry J. Minnig	,	Assistant Treasurer
John G. Botto	,	Secretary
William Deangeles, Jr.	,	Assistant Secretary
Edward M. Brennan	,	Solicitor
Keith Heigel	,	Light- Heigel & Associates
Christina M. Q. Herndon	,	Authority Secretary
William Orlowsky, P.E.	,	Executive Director
Lynn Strausser	,	Pretreatment Coordinator

### GUESTS

Brian Dries	,	President - Borough of Palo Alto
Vince Riotto	,	Vice President- Borough of Palo Alto
Brenda Schuettler	,	GPASA Billing Supervisor
Jerry Richter	,	Customer

Chairman, Dr. Barry Dewitt attending by video chat.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Richter from 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Carbon reported on the status of his property damage to his home. Mr. Richter stated his basement is 90% completed.

Discussion followed.

Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan requested the Board to pay for POD in Mr. Richter's yard.

On motion of James T. Muldowney, and seconded by Ronald C. Zimmerman, the Board unanimously approve to pay for the POD in Mr. Richter's yard.

The minutes of the regular meeting for November 2025 were approved by James T. Muldowney, and seconded by Henry J. Minnig.

REQUISITION NO. 712

Payee	-	Greater Pottsville Area Sewer Authority Mid Penn Bank A/C #56-185-1
Amount	-	\$ 477,803.74
Date	-	December 17, 2025

On motion of James T. Muldowney, and seconded by Ronald C. Zimmerman, the Board unanimously approved Requisition No. 712 for December 2025.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director's report for December 2025 presented by William T. Orlowsky, P.E.:

1. Presented for the Board's information on the LSA Grant application has been submitted.
2. Presented for Board's information and update on Division Street Project the application for the permit for construction is completed and waiting on the bonds from Arthur "Pat" Aungst.
3. Presented for Board's approval of the low bidder received on December 13, 2025 for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Polydyne, Inc.

Organic Polymer Flocculent Bid

On motion of Ronald C. Zimmerman, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved Polydyne Inc. for the Organic Polymer Flocculent bid.

Jack Rich, Inc

No. 2 Fuel Oil

On motion of Henry J. Minnig, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved Jack Rich, Inc. for the No. 2 Fuel Oil bid.

PVC MiniBulk, Inc

Sodium Hypochlorite and Sodium Bisulfite.

On motion of Henry J. Minnig, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved PVC MiniBulk, Inc. for the bid Sodium Hypochlorite and Sodium Bisulfite.

Dallago Backhoe, Inc

Rental of Rubber Tire Backhoe and Dump Truck

On motion of James T. Muldowney, and seconded by John G. Botto, the Board unanimously approved Dallago Backhoe, Inc for the bid of Rental of Rubber Tire Backhoe and Dump Truck.

On motion of James T. Muldowney, and seconded by William Deangeles, the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director's Report for December 2025.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor's Report for December 2025 Board Meeting:

1. Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan presented to the Board continuing to do the liens for tax sales, real estate sales and mortgage foreclosures and satisfaction for liens and that means we are getting paid. Brenda Schuettler is a big help. We have to keep track of the liens on record and also Sheriff Sales getting the updated amounts for the liens.

2. Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan presented to the Board on Division Street we are still working on that and East Mahantongo Street, waiting to hear back from the City of Pottsville on the subdivision which should be approved at the January Council Meeting.

3. Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan presented to the Board the delinquent properties owned by Neinhart a judgement was recorded, and a lien is on the property and a lien on the company also.

3. Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan presented to the Board personnel issues were discussed with Mr. Orlowsky and Mr. Minnig and resolved.

On motion of James T. Muldowney and seconded by Ronald C. Zimmerman, the Board unanimously approved the Solicitor's Report for December 2025.

### CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Keith Heigel presented his report in written form. Refer to the attached report from Light- Heigel & Associates, Inc. for December 2025.

1. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information we are continuing to work with Mr. Orlowsky on the Division Street Project, the PennDot permit is pending. PennDot asked for an additional dimension to be placed on their application. PennDot did not exempt our fee. The permit will be issued after the holidays.

Light-Heigel & Associates request Mr. Aungst to provide Bonding, and DEP is reviewing the permit for this project.

3. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information on the Arch Collapse and the removal of the restroom.

Discussion followed.

4. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information we are working on the permit for the Water Quality Application which will include the 18" sewer line starting on Second and going to Prospect Street.

5. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information he has been working with Mr. Orlowsky on the Act 537 Plan and where we are putting the pump station and we may need an easement.

6. Mr. Heigel present for the Board's information on the manhole issue in Port Carbon, the coffer dam was going to come down as long as price is lower than \$20,000.00.

Mr. Orlowsky stated he spoke with the Fabcor contractor and the issue is the soft soil in that area is not suited for this structure also the backhoe cannot get to the bottom of the manhole because it is below the creek.

Discussion followed.

Ronald C. Zimmerman stated he spoke to Mr. Tohill, Port Carbon Engineer and Mr. Tohill said the contractor would have to put up a barrier wall to do the excavating which is dangerous.

7. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information on the underground scans Norwegian Creek are completed and next year will scan the surface.

8. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information met with the structural engineer and the operator for the catwalk.

Discussion followed

On motion of James T. Muldowney, and seconded by Charles M. Dries, the Board unanimously approved the Engineer's Report December 2025.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Allison Campion is leaving on Friday, December 26, 2025. She landed a job as a marketing person for Alfred Benesch. We wish her the best and she was very pleasant and easy to work with and she will be successful wherever she goes. She is a good person.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session began at 5:50 pm and reconvened at 6:41 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. on the motion of James T. Muldowney, seconded by John G. Botto.

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JOHN G. BOTTO, SECRETARY