

GREATER POTTSVILLE AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 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, November 19, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Barry Dewitt, III, Chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT

Dr. Barry Dewitt	,	Chairman
Charles M. Dries	,	1 st Vice Chairman
James T. Muldowney	,	2 nd 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
Jean Towle	,	Executive Director, Pottsville Library
Brenda Schuettler	,	GPASA Billing Supervisor
James Quinn	,	Office Manager
Christian Gardner	,	Employee Benefits Consultant for McGriff Insurance

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The minutes of the regular meeting for October 29, 2025 were approved by John G. Botto, and seconded by James T. Muldowney.

REQUISITION NO. 711

Payee	-	Greater Pottsville Area Sewer Authority Mid Penn Bank A/C #56-185-1
Amount	-	\$ 427,188.30
Date	-	November 19, 2025

On motion of Charles M. Dries, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved Requisition No. 711 for November 19, 2025.

Christian Gardner, Employee Benefits Consultant for McGriff Insurance stated he has worked at McGriff for a year and a half and my job is to educate you and make sure you offer the most competitive package while maintaining affordability.

Mr. Gardner presented the benefit package to the Board and discussed the information.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

1. Presented for the Board's information on the Resolution of Statewide for the LSA Grant Lynn Strausser has been in contact with M & L Associates sending them updated information, by the end of the week M & L Associates may have everything done. The deadline is at the end of the month, and we will be submitting all the documents by the end of this week.

Mr. Orlowsky thanked Light-Heigel Associates for pulling information together. Also Mr. Orlowsky has been working with the drafter and the engineers to tighten up some of the designs.

2. Presented for Board's information and update on Division Street Project the application for the permit for construction is completed and by the end of this week it will be submitted.

3. Presented for the Board's information on the Mahantongo Arch Replacement Project, Mr. Orlowsky has been working with Keith Heigel and staff, we are tightening up the presentation and also requests made by Karen from M & L Associates have been completed.

Mr. Orlowsky stated that now it is time to start pursuing a D.E.P. construction permit for this work because in order to use the LSA Grant money we have a tight schedule, that schedule basically is submit in December, D.E.P. for the permit, advertise for the bidders January or February 2026 then we hope to receive our permit, grant and then a notice to proceed to our bidder and hopefully the project begins in early spring of 2026 and completed by the end of November 2026.

Lynn Strausser stated there is a resolution that Chris Herndon completed. The Resolution for LSA Grant is as stated the Greater Pottsville Area Sewer Authority will pay in excess of \$500,000.00 but not less than 25% of the LSA Grant.

This was table last meeting October 29, 2025 and Chairman, Dr. Barry Dewitt asked Mr. Orlowsky to read the new verbiage. Mr. Orlowsky stated the Resoultion No. 4-2025 The Greater Pottsville Area Sewer Authority will pay in excess of \$500,000.00 but not less than 25% of the LSA Grant.

Chairman, Dr. Barry Dewitt stated under recommendation of the grant writing company there should be a motion to accept that change.

On motion of James T. Muldowney, and seconded by Ronald C. Zimmerman, the Board unanimously approved to accept that change.

4. Presented for Board's information advertisement for the 2026 Bids for Chemicals and No. 2 Fuel were published in the Pottsville Republican and The Coal Region Canary and also posted on the website Penn Bid. The bids were Chlorine, Sodium Bisulfite, Fuel Oil and Polymer.

Discussion followed.

5. Presented for the Board's update on the motorized gates for the West End Pump Station and the Main Plant we received three quotes.

Discussion followed.

The lowest bidder was Long Run Fence for \$17,800.00 each location.

On motion of William Deangeles, and seconded by John G. Botto, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of the motorized gates from Long Run Fence.

On motion of Charles M. Dries, and seconded by Henry J. Minnig, the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director's Report for November 2025.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor's Report for November 2025 Board Meeting:

1. Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan presented to the Board continuing to do the liens and satisfaction for liens that are paid. Brenda Schuettler is a big help we have Sheriff Sales and the getting the updated amounts for the liens.

2. Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan presented to the Board on Comcast Easement. He is working with Mr. Orlowsky fixing minor things and that will allow Comcast to run the internet lines to both Plants.

3. Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan presented to the Board working with Mr. Orlowsky on the Mahantongo Street Project looking the subdivision approval when they split the building in half and constructed the handicap ramp.

3. Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan presented to the Board there is labor issues to discuss in the Executive Session.

On motion of James T. Muldowney and seconded by Henry J. Minnig, the Board unanimously approved the Solicitor's Report for November 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 November 2025.

1. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information we are continuing to work with Mr. Orlowsky on the Division Street Project received comments back from PennDot and we resubmitting back to PennDot and their decision will correlate with D.E.P.'s decision.

Mr. Heigel asked the Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan if there will be any issues with the restrooms from the City of Pottsville.

Discussion followed.

2. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information on the Air Quality Permit Part 2 there is a list on my report.

3. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information on the Arch Collapse we have been coordinating with Karen from M & L Associates exhibits, cost opinions and tided that up and submitted to Lynn Strausser and Mr. Orlowsky.

4. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information on the Act 537 Update/ Correction Action Plan we received the Cultural Resource Clearance.

5. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information on the separation project phasing.

6. Mr. Heigel presented for the Board's information he has been working with Brenda Schuettler, Billing Supervisor she will be providing information on the number of laterals so we can get the cost opinions in line for the Act 537 Plan.

7. Mr. Heigel present for the Board's information on the manhole issue in Port Carbon, the coffer dam was going to come down around Thanksgiving but the contractor is still missing.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman, Dr. Barry Dewitt asked John G. Botto to present an update on the advertising on the fences at the West End Pump Station.

Mr. John G. Botto stated that Lynn Strausser is a big help with the advertising for the fences. There will be four (4) new companies that will advertise and these businesses contacted us. A total of revenue for these advertisements is \$20,000.00 of non-customer generated revenue. John G. Botto thanked Lynn Strausser again for her assistance.

Mr. Orlowsky stated the Authority received a Notice of Violation for Air Quality Permit lapsed in March 2025. The paperwork should be submitted at least six (6) months prior.

Discussion followed.

James Laux, Plant Manager, is working on the Air Quality Permit and it will be submitted as soon as possible.

Mr. Orlowsky also stated he visited the Main Plant and met with Timothy Schultz, Chief Operator, and Mr. Schultz stated there is a chlorine gas odor here at the Plant.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Orlowsky stated chlorine gas is in liquid form and where ever there is a break and the liquid is exposed to the atmosphere it turns into a gas.

Mr. Orlowsky showed photos of the room where the chlorine gas is leaking.

Discussion followed.

On motion of Charles M. Dries, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved to take a short term solution and take emergency measures .

Chairman, Dr. Barry Dewitt stated there should be a motion to hire Light-Heigel & Associates to construct a plan to repair the room.

On motion of James T. Muldowney, and seconded by Henry J. Minnig, the Board unanimously approve to hire Light-Heigel & Associates to repair the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session began at 5:57 pm and reconvened at 6:47 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. on the motion of James T. Muldowney, seconded by John G. Botto.

JOHN G. BOTTO, SECRETARY