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Marty Higgins Promoted to Solids Handling Technician

We are delighted to announce that, as of February 26, Marty Higgins has been promoted to Solids Handling Technician. Marty has been operating our Belt Filter Press for the past three years, significantly improving our dewatering operations. His dedication and expertise have played a key role in optimizing our process, leading to increased efficiency and cost savings.

The Belt Filter Press is essential to our dewatering process, squeezing thickened sludge between two belt screens as it moves through staggered rollers. This removes water (filtrate), producing a final dewatered product known as “cake.” Typical solids percentages range from 14 percent to 20 percent, but Marty has

achieved an impressive 26 percent.

Marty’s promotion marks the Authority’s first step in further reducing sludge hauling costs—our largest operational expense. Over the past year, we have cut our sludge hauling budget by 27 percent, thanks in large part to his commitment to mastering the system.

As our next step, we are engaging a consultant specializing in solids handling to assess and enhance our process. Currently, we produce a Class C cake, but our goal is to achieve Class B, which is more cost-effective to dispose of.

Please join us in congratulating Marty on his well-earned promotion and his outstanding contributions to our operations!

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MEETINGS

April 22

May 27

June 24

July 22

August 26

September 23

**Meetings are held in
the Borough Hall:
400 Fayette Street
Conshohocken**

Meeting time 6:30 pm

BCA Participates in Thaddeus Stevens Job Fair

The Authority reserved a table at a Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology Job Fair for the college’s Transportation classes. Transportation classes are Automotive, Diesel and Collision Repair. Seeing that we will be needing maintenance mechanics within the next few years, we focused our search on people with mechanical skills.

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology is a two-year trade school in Lancaster County that offers a wide variety of trade classes. In addition to the Transportation students, the college

offers programs for Electrical and Wastewater. We will look for job fairs for these areas as well.

At first students wondered what wastewater had to do with their classes, which led us right into our pitch. Once they learned how many motors, pumps, blowers and vehicles we have at the plant they became interested. As soon as they saw our list of how beneficial the wastewater industry can be some became very interested.

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We asked every student “What are the three main things you are looking for in a career?” There were some good and some obvious answers.

In the end, we received 18 resumes. Some are first-year students who we targeted for our Summer Internship. The others were second-year students due to graduate in May. The Authority provided fliers to hand out describing our open position, internship and what we have to offer.

To follow up, I will be inviting them to an open house at the plant during their Spring Break so they can see for themselves exactly what it would be like to work or intern here.

We were very well received by the school and were asked back for an upcoming job fair.



BCA to host EPWPCOA Meeting

The Borough of Conshohocken Authority is honored to host the Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators Association’s (EPWPCOA) quarterly meeting on May 16.

This event will bring together approximately 125 water and wastewater operators for an informative and engaging experience. EPWPCOA is recognized as the premier organization for water and wastewater professionals in eastern Pennsylvania. For over 80 years, EPWPCOA has been dedicated to innovation, education, and the preservation of our waterways by providing continuing education opportunities for operators to maintain their DEP licenses.

Event highlights:

- Facility tours and demonstrations – Attendees will have the opportunity to tour our wastewater treatment plant and explore key areas of interest, including our Rotating Biological Contactors (RBCs) and our advanced Odor Control System—technologies that are rare in Pennsylvania.
- Vendor and contractor exhibition – Industry vendors and contractors will showcase their latest products and services in an outdoor exhibit area. As guests tour the facility, they will have the chance to interact with exhibitors and learn about cutting-edge solutions in the field.



- Educational session and business meeting – Following the tours, we will gather for the quarterly business meeting and an educational session designed to enhance industry knowledge and best practices.

- Lunch and networking – The meeting will conclude with a sponsored luncheon, providing an excellent opportunity for networking and professional development.

This event is fully funded by the vendors and contractors we collaborate with throughout the year. Their support ensures a valuable experience for all attendees.

Stay tuned for our next newsletter, where we will provide a full recap of the meeting! We look forward to welcoming our fellow water and wastewater professionals for an enriching day of learning, networking, and collaboration.



Authority Offers Summer Internship

The Borough of Conshohocken Authority is offering a paid summer internship to a candidate interested in entering the wastewater or environmental engineering fields. The program is tentatively scheduled to start on Monday, May 12, and conclude on Friday, July 25.

Scheduling can be adjusted to accommodate school commitments, vacations, and other obligations. The intern would spend time in each of our three departments learning wastewater methods and processes. This includes plant maintenance, pipe inspections and lab work. This position involves physical labor. For more information or to apply for this internship opportunity, please contact the Authority’s Operations Manager, Edward Mongan at emongan@conshohockensa.com.