

BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY
REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2012
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
1108 FREAS AVENUE
BERWICK, PA 18603

The monthly scheduled and advertised meeting of the Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority (BAJSA) was called to order by Chairman William Fairchild at 6:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was presented.

Roll call was taken and members in attendance were as follows: Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris, Secretary Louis Biacchi, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Asst. Secretary William Fairchild, Asst. Secretary W. Bruce Michael, Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, 2nd Asst. Treasurer Joseph Siecko and Pres Pro Tem George Welliver.

Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters, Solicitor Anthony McDonald and Erin Threet from HRG. Present from the public were Allan Fish from the BAJSA Treatment Plant, George Hughey from HFHCM, Jason Wert from Mecuria Energy and Jeri Alley and Pete Talanca from the Borough of Berwick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the meeting minutes of January 11, 2012. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

HRG

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the NPDES permit contract in the amount of \$6,200.00. 2nd Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jeri Alley from the Borough of Berwick was present from the public to discuss the Park Place Village project that was recently completed.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve that BAJSA pay half of the Park Place Village costs, less the cost of the trench box. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. Chairman William Fairchild gave each BAJSA board member a chance to voice their opinions on the motion.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to table the motion to pay half of the Park Place Village costs until BAJSA can review the list of items of possible contention. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor, with the exception of Louis Biacchi and the motion passed.

George Hughey from Habitat for Humanity was present from the public regarding the property at 901 and 903 West Front Street in Berwick that he is disputing sewer charges and lien fees on.

Motion made by George Welliver to decline the request to take off charges to the properties at 901 and 903 West Front Street for Habitat for Humanity. 2nd by Nelson Learn. Open for discussion W. Bruce Michael is requesting to see the principal, interest charges and fees for these accounts before making a final decision.

Motion made by Joseph Siecko to table the motion to decline the request to take off charges to the properties at 901 and 903 West Front Street until the next regular scheduled meeting where the account histories to these accounts can be reviewed by the BAJSA board. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor, with the exception of Louis Biacchi, and the motion passed.

Jason Wert from Mecuria Energy was present from the public to discuss the Nutrient Trading program with the BAJSA board.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to enter into agreement contingent upon new wording agreeable with the Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$376,899.08. 2nd by George Welliver. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
B. Michael	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	Yes
L. Biacchi	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	Yes
J. Morris	-	Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS **MANAGER**

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky had no reporting, other than what is already on the scheduled agenda.

ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the status of projects listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the pump station projects which flooded one foot above with Storm Lee for Mifflinville Township.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to have Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky solicit 3 quotes for the project of the Mifflinville Township pump stations that were flooded , and have ready for the next regularly scheduled meeting. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to have Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky solicit phone quotes for the Briar Creek Township pump stations that were flooded. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to award bid to Don E. Bower in the amount of \$9,950.00 for the repairs along CSO's at Oak, Ida and Iron Streets. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve Change Order #6 for liquidated damages to Doli Construction at the Oak Street Continuation project in the deduct amount of \$17,000.00. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve Change Order #7 to eliminate paving on Ninth Street and install sidewalks for the Doli Construction, project Oak Street Continuation in the deduct amount of \$14,023.20. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Change Order #8 for all encompassing change orders for Doli Construction, project Oak Street Continuation in the amount of \$64,926.00. 2nd by W. Bruce Michael. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the award of Pennvest for North of Ida Street in the amount of \$5,337,749.00 2nd by W. Bruce Michael. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to put North of Ida Street project out for bid. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Change Order #1 for James T. O'Hara for the East of Market Street project in the amount of decrease of \$121,765.00, that O'Hara will not sign. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Change Order #2 for James T. O'Hara for the East of Market Street project in the amount of \$0.00, for the relocation of a manhole. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to approve Change Order #3 for James T. O'Hara for the East of Market Street project in the amount of decrease of \$6,586.50. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Change Order #4 for James T. O'Hara for the East of Market Street project in the amount of deduct of \$1,121.00. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Pay Application #8 in the amount of \$99,704.57 to Doli Construction for the Oak Street Continuation project. 2nd by W. Bruce Michael. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$548,767.26 to James T. O'Hara for the East of Market Street project. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to accept the extension of the H2O for the Chairman to sign off on. 2nd by W. Bruce Michael. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to postpone the request to exonerate the penalties and interest for the property at 128-130 West Front Street in Berwick, owned by Leroy Kromer, until Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky pulls the customer history until the next regularly scheduled meeting. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to agree to put out for bid to replace lights and install sensors, at the conclusion of an audit conducted by Smart Watt Energy Audit, that will be a cost savings at the WWTP. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to hold off a minimum of one year to start any other storm water/sewer separation projects to see what amount of savings BAJSA has incurred with the current projects completed already or in completion. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to move into executive session regarding legal matters. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to move back into regular order of business. 2nd by W. Bruce Michael. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to adjourn. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 6:00 pm.